



Resilient Connecticut Summit November 13th, 2025



Session Agenda

- Introduction Mary Buchanan, CIRCA; Rebecca French, DEEP
- North Hartford Partnership Presentation
- Connecticut Roundtable on Climate & Jobs and PT Partners Presentation









CIRCA / DEEP Climate & Equity Grant Program

Recommendation #1 from the Governor's Council on Climate Change Phase I Report (2021): "Develop and identify funding for a community engagement strategy to inform the 2021 GC3 planning process and implementation, including support in the form of grants for partnering community-based, non-governmental organizations to design the community engagement process, receive training, and co-develop recommendations to ensure meaningful input and equitable approaches to mitigation and adaptation."

- CIRCA and DEEP created the Climate & Equity Grant Program.
- Aim: Fund projects that increase the capacity of vulnerable communities to mitigate, plan for, and respond to climate change impacts.



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Climate & Equity Grant Program Projects, Rounds 1 & 2



Grantee	Project
Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed (Mystic River Watershed)	Community outreach and Living Atlas GIS project
Center for Latino Progress (Hartford)	Air monitoring and BiCi project
Clean Water Fund (Waterbury)	Community outreach for energy efficiency resources
Colt Park Foundation (Hartford)	Tree planting
Connecticut Roundtable on Climate & Jobs (Bridgeport)	Development of climate resilience curriculum
Make the Road CT (Hartford, Bridgeport)	Training on climate intersections with other focus areas
New Haven Leon Sister City Project (New Haven)	High school youth engagement
Nonprofit Accountability Group (Hartford)	Community organizing for environmental justice
North Hartford Partnership (Hartford)	Composting
Pollinator Pathway (Norwalk)	Tree and shrub planting
Radical Advocates for Cross-Cultural Education (Waterbury)	Air pollution monitoring and youth education



