



**Making dreams**  
**real – TOGETHER**



**Dream.Org closes prison doors and open doors of opportunity into the green economy.**

**We bring people together to tackle America's most challenging issues. We find bold solutions in uncommon places, with unlikely allies. And then we put those solutions to work.**





## Nisha Note

As our nation faces deep challenges of polarization and social inequities, Dream.Org continues to offer hope through unity.

By coming together across divides, we can overcome systems that perpetuate inequality and work towards the promise of "We the People."

We've seen this strategy work through the 25+ bills that permanently shrink the prison system, the 30+ entrepreneurs with innovative climate and justice tech solutions and the \$18B allocated to climate investments.

None of our progress is possible without your support. We thank you for helping us create a just future for all.

# By the Numbers: How Your Gift Made a Difference

30,000  
HOME FROM  
PRISON

Broken families are made whole; through Dream.Org advocacy, the CARES Act brought home an additional 13,000.

650  
SCHOLARSHIPS

Black and LatinX talent upskilled in climate and tech careers, creating better economic conditions for their families.

\$18B  
IN  
CLIMATE  
FUNDING

Dream.Org advocated for 40% of all climate funds to be allocated to underserved communities.

30  
BLACK & BROWN  
& SYSTEMS IMPACTED  
INNOVATORS

Barriers to financial and social capital are removed for underserved entrepreneurs through Dream.Org's accelerator program.

200  
COMMUNITY ORGS  
RECEIVED TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE

Underserved communities are able to compete for federal funding to support local climate projects.

# Dream.Org Green For All



# Supporting Our Long-Term Goals



Over the 10-year term of the Inflation Reduction Act, **Dream.Org will engage in integrated policy, advocacy, coalition building, technical assistance, and programming** to achieve the following goals:

- 40% of climate investments associated with the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, go to disadvantaged communities and/or populations.
- 15% of climate contracts associated with the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund's infrastructure spending are awarded to minority-owned businesses – a 5-7% improvement over current rates.
- Federal funds are leveraged to secure private investment, to implement transformative community-scale projects in at least 25 of the most disadvantaged communities across the country.

# A new era for climate finance

As a proud participating partner on the Coalition for Green Capital's (CGC) National Clean Investment Fund proposal, Dream.Org is thrilled that CGC received a

**\$5 BILLION AWARD**  
**TO CREATE A NATIONAL GREEN BANK**

**Dream.Org played a key role by co-chairing the Community Investments Working Group and incorporating Justice40\* principles throughout CGC's proposal.**

We successfully helped increase access to green financing that can alleviate the disproportionate health impacts Black and Brown communities suffer, while creating lucrative jobs and reducing energy costs.

*\*Justice40 Initiatives states that at least 40% of climate investments must go to disadvantaged communities.*



# Transforming Communities (TC)

Dream.Org continues to develop a robust pipeline of climate infrastructure projects to benefit underserved communities.

We connect leaders and experts to explore innovative funding opportunities through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

**Assists federal agencies in developing applications & policies that benefit disadvantaged communities**

**Provides technical assistance to help local organizations apply for federal IRA funding**

**Builds local coalitions of community, public and private partners to implement green infrastructure projects**

**Fosters critical discussions that pursue climate justice solutions at the local level**

*\*Climate Justice centers social, racial and environmental issues in climate solutions.*





# Building a pipeline of diverse entrepreneurs

**Dream.Org identifies, connects, and empowers the best and brightest climate tech and sustainability founders through its Dream Entrepreneurs Network (DEN).**

Through custom-tailored programming and community-building activities, Dream.Org entrepreneurs learn how to access public funding, compete for government contracts, become investor ready, and scale their solutions!

# Dream Entrepreneurs Network

**With your support, Dream.Org is:**



Developing a technology to automate workflows and processes connecting founders to resources, training and networks, to strengthen our ability to scale existing support services to meet the urgency and demand.



Curating opportunities for investors to connect with investment-ready, investment-worthy businesses and new market project partnerships.



Adding new climate founders to the network, with a goal of 50 members by the end of 2024.

# Climate Innovation

In 2023, we launched the Dream.Org Climate Tech LaunchPad, an accelerator program designed to help remove barriers to capital for Black and LatinX climate technology entrepreneurs. Technology solutions include the environment, transportation, food systems, circular economy, and carbon tech sectors.

After the success of Dream.Org's Inaugural LaunchPad, we:

**Launched an offering of contracted services to existing members**

to accelerate success in drawing down federal funding, includes grant writing, project management and project technical assistance/readiness.

In collaboration with Dream.Org's Transformative Communities team, **identified community projects in underserved communities** and matched DEN members with prospective projects.

**Provide training**, such as investor readiness and milestone development, with our program partner Village Capital.

**Started planning the 2nd Annual Climate Tech Launchpad Cohort**

to provide an additional 10+ underrepresented founders with investor readiness and milestone development training.

# Dream.Org Justice





# Days of Empathy



In 2024, Dream.Org is proud to have organized 16 Day of Empathy events across the U.S.!

**Day of Empathy is an annual Dream.Org event that unites people across partisan lines to champion second chances and dignity for those impacted by the criminal legal system.**

This year's events featured:

- **1,116 attendees** across the country
- **150+ legislative visits** with over representatives across all party lines
- Advocacy for bills ranging from Home Confinement with Electronic Monitoring (AZ), Clean Slate Act (KY), Expungement (MS), Confidential Informant Reform Bill (MO) and many more.

*“Being a part of a National effort to create change within the criminal justice systems in both our states and across the nation is purposeful beyond measure.” – Dream.Org Empathy Network Leader*

# Dream Justice Cohort

This year marks the fourth year of our cohort. Last June, 25 new justice-impacted leaders embarked on a 6-month training provide to develop the skills and tools they need to change the criminal justice system. This includes how to be an effective organizer as well as campaign, advocacy, and media skills.





**Let's make dreams  
real, together!**

Contact us to learn more.

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