Investing in an Equitable Future

Meet the Local Partners

Community Leaders Coalition (CLC)

CLC is a coalition of agencies and community leaders that train and mobilize community members to collectively advocate for the needs of vulnerable populations throughout Napa County. When American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) investments were made to support local recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, CLC organized their partners and residents to ensure Napa's ARPA allocation was used to address their community's unmet needs, including mental health, homelessness, child care, and food access. Building on their budget advocacy experience, CLC, in partnership with one of their core coalition members On the Move, will launch "On The Verge: Building Latine Power," a leadership development cohort where they will work with 15 Latine residents to build their leadership and grassroots organizing capacity to influence public budgeting and investment processes.

Imperial Valley Justice & Equity (IV Equity)

Originally formed as a volunteer mutual aid and advocacy group in the early months of the pandemic, IV Equity mobilizes their predominantly immigrant, farmworker community across a range of issues including healthcare access and extreme heat resilience. The Imperial Valley is a binational region spanning the border between the U.S. and Mexico with its own unique environmental and sociopolitical dynamics. In 2022, IV Equity engaged in public education on SB 125, a bill that established an excise tax on lithium extraction in the region. A year later, IV Equity played a critical role in public education on SB 797, a bill that established an oversight committee for the excise tax. Demand for lithium has grown exponentially since it fuels batteries and electric vehicles, and IV Equity aims to direct investment to working-class communities in the Imperial Valley who will bear the brunt of the impacts caused by lithium extraction and industrialization in the region.

The Kennedy Commission

A collaborative, community-based non-profit organization that works to create the systemic change required to increase affordable housing opportunities and housing stability through advocacy and policy processes. The Kennedy Commission aims to increase policies that facilitate equitable investment for lower income families in marginalized communities of Orange County (OC) by working with resident leaders, stakeholders, decision makers, and collaborative partner organizations. In 2024, the Commission led a housing equity campaign to ensure that all OC cities created new affordable opportunities for low-income families. As part of that effort, the Commission partnered with the Orange County Communities Organized for Responsible Development (OCCORD) and the Orange County Congregation Community Organization (OCCCO) to mobilize residents and help secure an inclusionary housing ordinance in the city of Anaheim, helping increase access to affordable housing for low-income, working families who struggle to remain.

Investing in an Equitable Future is a five-year partnership between Prevention Institute, the Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative, and Fresno Building Healthy Communities strengthening grassroots momentum for equitable public funding and infrastructure investments that reflect community priorities.