

CO2 Foundation 2023 Annual Report

Summary

Introduction

In 2023, the CO2 Foundation continued its fledgling grantmaking program by administering grants made during the first round of funding and putting out a second-round funding opportunity. Karen Wolfgang completed her first full year as Executive Director, and the Foundation released \$300,000 in grant funds.

Grantmaking

The Foundation's second funding opportunity was titled **Extreme weather and what to do about it**. This year's call for proposals was open 7/24/23-10/15/23, as compared to last year's 1/10/22-3/31/22, and as a result remained in progress at the end of the year. The funds committed and released in 2023 went toward both new and continuing grantees; during the second funding opportunity, the Foundation received 37 LOIs, requested 14 full proposals, and made 10 new grants, in addition to funding 5 returning grantees. The following are summaries of each of the grants the Foundation released this year.



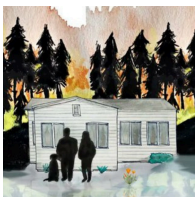
Supporting climate change content in public media (Feb 24, 2023) - Grantee: GBH | Category: Journalism

Lending support to GBH Planet Future Fund to produce programs that illuminate practical, equitable and sustainable solutions to the current climate crisis.



National Adaptation Forum extreme weather track (Mar 7, 2023) - Grantee: EcoAdapt | Category: Conferences

The CO2 Foundation was pleased to offer support for an extreme weather track on the robust program of the Fifth National Adaptation Forum.



Extremes in 3D series focuses first on fire (Mar 8, 2023) - Grantee: Knee Deep Times | Category: Journalism

This project has a practical and locally-relevant focus, and welcomes new audiences and journalists to extreme weather coverage.



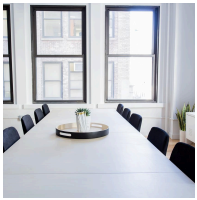
Refining our goals, supporting partners' evolving plans (Jul 5, 2023)
 - *Grantee: Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) | Categories: Conferences + Scholarship*

Working closely with Climate Resilience Program Director Dr. Chas Jones, CO2 Foundation pivoted funding toward other Foundation-aligned projects.



World Scientists Warning to receive round two support (Jul 19, 2023)
 - *Grantee: Conservation Biology | Categories: Scholarship + Journalism*

The 2023 update of this report will follow on the heels of the 2022 version, the first project funded by CO2 Foundation.



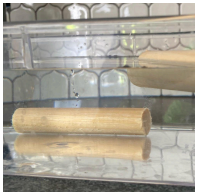
Learning from our experience in partnership (Aug 4, 2023) -
Grantee: Preventable Surprises | Category: Conferences

Report-back on dialogue on how severe weather events can catalyze accelerated climate action and incubate practical responses by the financial sector.



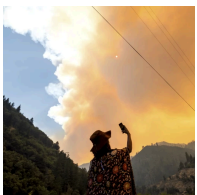
Ocean-based weather event attribution model progressing well (Aug 11, 2023) -
Grantee: Climate Central | Categories: Scholarship + Journalism

With funding from the CO2 Foundation, Climate Central proposed to develop a demonstration system for ocean-based extreme events.



Funding an early-stage biomass-sinking experiment (Sep 18, 2023) -
Grantee: Hasten Regeneration | Category: Scholarship

Early-stage research on sinking biomass, a pathway by which carbon dioxide removal (CDR) could be compatible with sustainable development.



Film features 2021 extreme weather experiences (Sep 20, 2023) -
Grantee: The Here Now Project | Category: Journalism

A unique visual diary of the impact climate-amplified extreme weather is already having on ordinary people around the globe.



Completing unprecedented rangeland management analysis (Dec 19, 2023) -
Grantee: Point Blue Conservation Science | Category: Scholarship

Best-practice soil stewardship has the potential to be a key solution for addressing climate change and its stressors.

Conclusion

As it's released, more information about the most recent grantees, their projects, and future funding opportunities can be found at on the Foundation's website (<https://co2foundation.org/news/>).