

Green New Deal Oversight Board Contributions

OVERVIEW OF THE GREEN NEW DEAL OVERSIGHT BOARD

The City of Seattle's Green New Deal Oversight Board (GNDOB) was established by City Council (Ordinance 125926) to provide proposals for the design of new policies, programs, and projects and for changes to existing City environmental initiatives to the Mayor, City Council, and City departments to advance a Green New Deal for Seattle. The GNDOB is composed of 19 appointed members who are passionate about advancing climate justice and an equitable transition to renewable energy by centering the expertise of Black, Indigenous, People of Color, immigrants, refugees, people with low incomes, youth, elders, people with pre-existing health conditions and disabilities, and workers harmed first and worst by climate change.

The GNDOB's work is in service to the **goals of Seattle's Green New Deal**, which are to:

- Reduce pollution and increase clean energy use
- Build an equitable green economy and workforce
- Foster safe, healthy, and resilient communities

HOW THE GREEN NEW DEAL OVERSIGHT BOARD FUNCTIONS

- **Provides recommendations and input** on the City's climate and environmental policies, plans, and programs and identifies opportunities for bold climate solutions that also advance race and social justice. Examples include comment letters on how to apply the goals of the Green New Deal to the Seattle Energy Code update, the climate element of the forthcoming comprehensive plan, and the transportation levy proposal.
- **Informs the City budget process** by providing budget recommendations to the Mayor and City Council for how to continue investing in solutions that advance climate and environmental justice.
- **Serves as a conduit** to amplify climate, economic and social equity priorities from key climate constituencies including low-income individuals, Black, Indigenous and communities of color, labor unions, etc.

- **The Board meets** every 3rd Monday of the month from 5-7pm. Visit the Board's website (<https://seattle.gov/green-new-deal-oversight-board>) for more information about the Board's current priorities.

BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS TO REDUCE POLLUTION & INCREASE CLEAN ENERGY USE

- Worked to integrate equity and climate justice principles into BEPS via the Accelerator Program, which supports under resourced buildings to transition to clean energy.
- The GNDOB's budget recommendations led to deeper investments in the Clean Heat program which aims to reduce barriers for families to transition from oil heat to clean energy.
- Grant for AC in libraries: the Columbia, Fremont, Queen Anne, University, and West Seattle branches

BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS TO BUILD AN EQUITABLE GREEN ECONOMY & WORKFORCE

The GND Oversight Board's budget recommendations led to investments in workforce development such as:

- Creation of a Strategic Advisor position at OSE focused on workforce development
- Collaboration across City Departments and external partners to create 7 clean energy and construction training programs through Seattle's Green New Deal. 58% of program participants are from Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities. 29% of participants are women. 58% come from economically distressed zip codes.

BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOSTER SAFE, HEALTHY, & RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

- The GNDOB, OSE, MLK Labor, Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle, and the People's Economy lab are partnering to host climate justice-focused community assemblies which help to connect community and City priorities. These community assemblies are designed to bring community members and workers on the frontlines of the climate crisis together to identify opportunities for innovative climate solutions.
- The GNDOB's budget recommendations led to funding for the City's Resilience Hubs strategy-meant to support community members before, during, and after emergencies in trusted community spaces.
- The GNDOB's budget recommendations led to deeper investments in the Environmental Justice Fund meant to fund community strategies for climate and environmental in communities who are worst by the climate crisis but have the fewest resources to cope and adapt.

Appendix

Environmental Justice Fund - Distribution of Grantees by Council District in 2023

DISTRICT 1

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grantees

- \$40,000 - Chinese Information and Service Center (CISC)
- \$70,000 - Duwamish Valley Sustainability Association
- \$90,000 - Restaurant 2 Garden
- \$30,000 - Villa Comunitaria
- \$90,000 - Windz of Change Alliance

DISTRICT 2

5

grantees

- \$40,000 - Chinese Information and Service Center (CISC)
- \$44,042 - Golden Brick Events in partnership with Young Women Empowered
- \$90,000 - Restaurant 2 Garden
- \$40,000 - Serve Ethiopians WA
- \$90,000 - The Common Acre

DISTRICT 3

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grantees

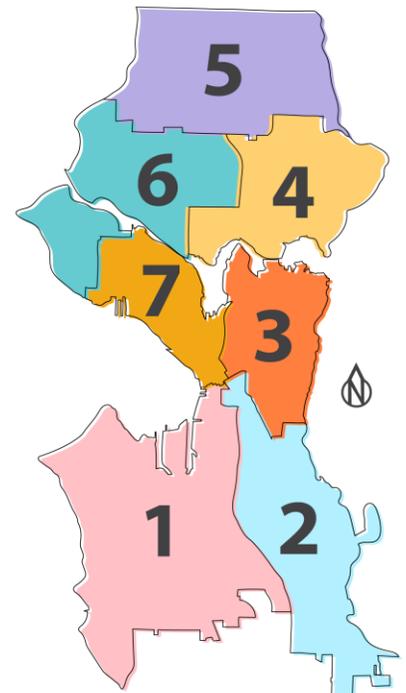
- \$75,000 - Beacon Food Forest
- \$50,958 - Casa Latina
- \$34,100 - Seattle's LGBTQ+ Center

CITYWIDE

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grantees

- \$60,000 - Aspire Global Ambition Society
- \$38,380 - Braided Seeds
- \$40,000 - Community Health Worker Coalition for Migrants and Refugees
- \$90,000 - Raíces Verdes
- \$27,521 - Transportation Choices Coalition
- \$90,000 - Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle



Total Investments: \$1,000,000