The Problem:
The climate crisis threatens the environment and the well-being of current and future generations. Unless action to reduce carbon emissions accelerates significantly, the impact of this crisis will worsen.

The Solution:
Leverage newly available federal programs and private investments to deploy clean energy projects that maintain vital community services.

In Brief:
Last summer, the largest increase in public funding for climate projects was signed into law. A current challenge is to ensure urgent access to this fund by leveraging it to deploy climate solutions and projects. As one of only a few foundations that has direct experience with funding on-the-ground projects, we can be at the forefront of the philanthropic support that is necessary to achieve useful deployment of government dollars. We can especially show this support in disadvantaged communities, particularly in clean energy projects that can support maintenance and resilience of key community services. With our knowledge of project implementation and leveraging additional investment, this is an important niche for us to occupy.
Strategically, LLF seeks to support non-profits that use clean energy to maintain resilience in key community services such as health clinics, food programs, etc. LLF supports non-profit intermediary organizations that can build capacity and encourage financing of clean energy projects. LLF also leverages newly available federal programs beginning with direct payments for community organizations that do clean energy project work.

**Strategy and Approach**

- **Leverage**: newly available federal programs beginning with direct payments for community organizations that do clean energy project work.
- **Support**: non-profit intermediary organizations that can build capacity and encourage financing of clean energy projects.
- **Focus**: on non-profits that use clean energy to maintain resilience in key community services e.g. health clinics, food programs, etc.

**Share**: results from LLF grant-funded projects and programs with key audiences to demonstrate and inspire others.

**Diversify**: the LLF climate grant portfolio to incorporate grants and PRIs that can match our goals for climate solutions.

**Outcome and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)**

- Environmental, health, and economic benefits arising directly and indirectly from specific LLF grants.
- Environmental, health, and economic benefits projected to emerge at scale from LLF’s overall climate program.
- Increase in the dollar value of clean energy projects resulting from LLF grant-funded projects.
- Communications and media coverage associated with LLF grants.