

Helping Funders Multiply Their Impact

Communities across the country lack the **funding, staff bandwidth, and technical expertise** needed to plan and implement effective climate resilience strategies. CSCI was created to close this gap with a model that brings **grant dollars and expert support** to communities that would otherwise go without.



Program Timeline

CSCI Officially Launched

October 2022



Annual Grant Program Launched

November 2023



First Community Cohort Began

August 2024



Adaptation Practitioners Registry Opened

July 2024



New Steps to Resilience Training Launched

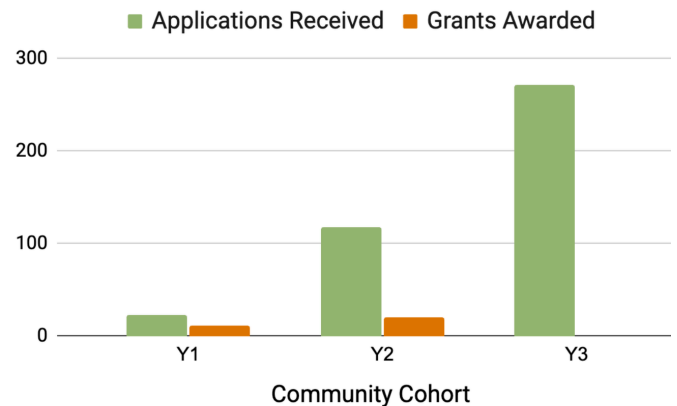
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Partnering with CSCI allows funders to:

- Unlock high-impact resilience projects
- Prioritize the voices of frontline and under-resourced communities
- Multiply the impact of federal and philanthropic investment
- Strengthen a national pipeline of resilience practitioners

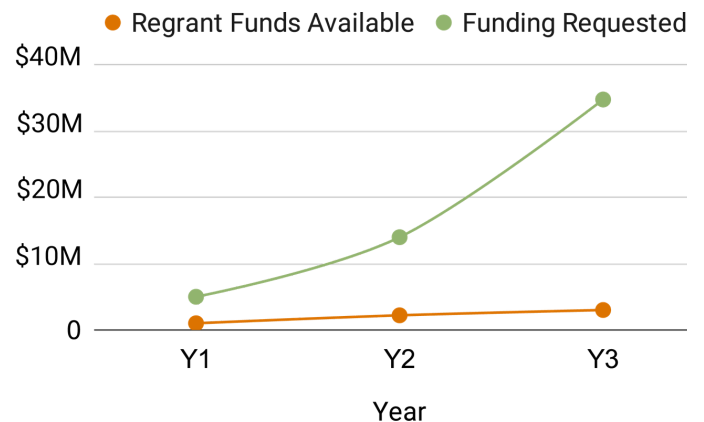
Rising Demand

Interest in CSCI has accelerated each year. Applications have **doubled annually** since launch, signaling urgent need for both **financial support and wraparound services**.



Current Gap

CSCI's ability to support communities is constrained only by **available regranting dollars**. Each year, total funding requested exceeds what CSCI can award, leaving many high-need communities unfunded.



A High-Impact Opportunity

By partnering with CSCI, funders help communities prepare, not just react. Together, we can scale **equitable, nature-based resilience**, strengthen the climate adaptation workforce, and ensure the communities most at risk receive the support they need to thrive.

Your Investment in Action

In a moment of growing climate risk and diminishing federal support, private investment can help communities across the nation prepare—not just react. Together, we can scale equitable, nature-based resilience where it is needed most.



By funding a partnership designed to remove administrative barriers and add capacity for smaller community-based organizations, we are able to do what we do best.”



-Chief Devon Parfait Grand Caillou/Dulac Band of BiloxiChitimacha-Choctaw Indians of Louisiana



Grants support the efforts of communities on the front lines of the climate crisis



Registry of Adaptation Practitioners, a searchable database of organizations able to assist communities



Training in the *Steps to Resilience* and support for workforce development



Help Desk to provide practitioners with expert guidance and advice



Cohort Support, training and peer-to-peer learning opportunities from CSCI's growing network of funded partners



Learning and innovation, including robust monitoring and evaluation to accelerate and improve practice

CSCI is managed by a group of partners, working closely together with the NOAA Climate Program Office and with support from The Coca-Cola Foundation and the Walton Family Foundation



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