

Climate Emergency Fund

Year 1 (Sep 2021 - Aug 2022) Summary Report

Background

The \$1.5 million [Climate Emergency Fund \(CEF\)](#) has created significant opportunities for 7 recipient student-led and/or student-focused units and organizations to broaden and deepen their impact on climate action. A total of 104 student jobs have been created, with \$424,329 of the funds directly compensating student work in the first year (September 2021 - August 2022).

1) Transdisciplinary Collaborative PhD Pilot for Climate Emergency (\$323,500)

A new and innovative graduate [transdisciplinary research program](#) that tackles climate with a collaborative and diverse PhD student cohort, directly working with MetroVan on regional decarbonization projects for 12 months. [Story](#)

2) UBC Climate Hub (\$362,100)

CEF has provided funds for the 2 core staff (\$108,000) and 35 student staff annually (\$75,000) plus program funding (\$7000) to the student-led, staff-supported organization. In collaboration with over 40 community partners: 4 Climate Justice Research Collaborative projects conducted by 15 undergraduate students mentored by 4 GAAs; 22 graduate students and postdocs paid to deliver 33 guest lectures to 1,700 students through [Climate Teaching Connector](#); trained 10 undergraduate students to host over 40 [Youth Climate Ambassadors Project](#) workshops engaging 900 primary and high school students and teachers; hosted 12 climate mental health & wellbeing workshops reaching over 700 students/staff/faculty, producing 12 resources; and hosted 4 Climate Cafes. [2021-22 Annual Report](#)

3) Sustainability Hub (\$281,143)

CEF has accelerated and expanded core programs and used all CEF funds to pay student staff: 10 [Climate Education Grants](#) for RAs to assist faculty in Year 1 (\$49,369) and 8 in Year 2 (\$41,211 out of \$60,000 available) to integrate climate into curricula affecting 775 students in Year 1 and an estimated 1,650 in Year 2; 1 UBC UC3 Fellow (\$7,905) who developed a [Climate Justice Toolkit](#); climate communications student support; a [Climate Action at UBC-V student orientation course](#) co-developed with C+CP; a student-developed [Mindful Consumption Guide](#); expansion of the [Sustainability Ambassadors](#) with 6 new student leads; 10 additional [Sustainability Scholars](#) graduate students (\$64,054 in 2022) working on projects to advance climate action, and hiring 1 student admin support (\$3,630). [Climate Emergency Progress Report 2021-22](#)

4) Centre for Community Engaged Learning (\$201,762)

Building on CCEL's Social Impact Lab, the [Climate Action Mobilizer Project \(CAM\)](#) is a youth-led and community-engaged approach to collective action on the climate emergency. The project enables UBC students to co-create innovative climate solutions in collaboration with communities to make real, on-the-ground change. To date, the CEF has invested \$66,150 in student staff salaries to support CAM in leading 16 workshops and major convening events engaging 700+ participants in an 8-month period. In Year 1, 15 students were hired to engage 4 communities to support the development and implementation of 14 climate action projects. 12 new students have been hired for Year 2. [Story](#)



5) Campus & Community Planning (\$162,435)

(SEEDS: \$119,000 + Sustainability Engagement: \$43,435): CEF has been used to scale and expand C&CP's work to advance the University's climate emergency priorities through both SEEDS and the C&CP community engagement team. [SEEDS](#) has spent \$65,825 to date, to engage 300 students in related applied research projects, hire 5 staff, including a 0.6 FTE project coordinator and 4 students (2 program staff and 2 research assistants); and co-develop 4 interdisciplinary knowledge exchange events (100 total in attendance). The Sustainability Engagement team engaged 2 Work Learn student staff (\$22,618 to date) to increase climate emergency response participation and mobilization. The total combined amount spent by C&CP for CETF Year 1 is \$88,443.

6) Public Scholars Initiative (\$143,500)

CEF has been used to heighten the [program's](#) impact by supporting 6 existing Scholars through a Climate Emergency Fund Competition, 10 incoming scholars in a new Climate Emergency Cohort (including 2 UBC-O students), and 3 existing Scholars as part of renewal funding. The scholars will be showcasing their work at a large public event at Van Dusen Garden on October 27, 2022 (\$3083 to date). Overall, \$141,943 has been spent to date. [Story](#)

7) Climate Justice UBC (\$24,460)

CEF is supporting the student group's activities on AMS RBC divestment, community reinvestment, student voting access, and climate emergency work, engaging over 5,000 students in the past year, through workshops, petitions, rallies, etc. They have grown their social media to 1,700 followers and have launched their [website](#).

TOTAL Year 1 (Sep 2021 - Aug 2022) Hires and Funds Spent

Recipient	# Program Staff	\$ Spent	# Students	\$ Spent	Other Spending	TOTAL Spent
1	0	\$0	9	\$36,429	\$0	\$36,429*
2	2	\$108,000	35	\$75,000	\$7,000	\$190,000
3	0	\$0	20	\$63,162	\$0	\$63,162
4	0	\$0	15	\$66,150	\$0	\$66,150
5	1	\$43,715	6	\$44,728	\$0	\$88,443
6	0	\$0	19	\$138,860	\$3,083	\$141,943
7	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0**
TOTAL	3	\$151,715	104	\$424,329	\$10,083	\$576,044

* Majority of spending will be for Sep 2022 - Aug 2023 cohort (\$225,000)

** All expenses in Sep - Dec 2022

