

# CLEAN ENERGY EQUITY SHOWCASE



## Working for a Just Energy Transition

**STATUS:**  
Nonprofit

**SIZE:**  
5 FTE; 3 FTE

**YEAR FOUNDED:**  
1966

**HEADQUARTERS:**  
Brooklyn, NY

### WHY OUR WORK MATTERS:

Frontline communities experience the brunt of climate change. We work at the local, regional and national scales to achieve a Just Transition.

### WHAT WE DO:

We work across the community organizing, planning, advocacy and policy fields to address environmental justice burdens. In Brooklyn, we work to address systemic inequities in community planning that result in environmental justice and climate justice burdens. We're currently piloting NY's first community-owned solar cooperative.

### WHO WE SERVE:

Our work supports Sunset Park in Brooklyn, a predominantly immigrant, low-income community of color with an industrial working waterfront bordering the East River. Sunset Park is an environmental justice community with New York City's largest Significant Maritime and Industrial Area (SMIA).

### HOW WE PARTNER WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR:

Partnerships and programs mainly revolve around philanthropy, nonprofit and public sectors. For example, we partnered with a local private property owner to develop community-solar on their roof.

### OUR ASK OF THE VERGE COMMUNITY

- Financing structures to support the development of community-owned solar infrastructure in Sunset Park.
- Capacity to influence the development of the circular economy in Sunset Park's industrial waterfront and maritime port.
- Support for local workforce development to take advantage of climate legislation and investments in renewable energy and green development to address environmental and climate justice concerns.



All information self-reported and provided by the honoree.