



# Rising Sun Center for Opportunity

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# Mission

Building career pathways for  
economic equity and climate  
resilience

# Vision

A just and sustainable future  
for all people and our planet



# Opportunity Build

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- Since 2009
- 80 people trained/year
  - 55% women
  - 45% reentry
- Pre-apprenticeship for the union building & construction trades since 2014 (Multi-Craft Core Curriculum)
- Average starting wage: \$24 -\$49



# Climate Careers

- Since 2000
- ~75 youth employed/year, ages 15-24
- 2,000-3,000 households/year
- Employment social enterprise
- First green job @ \$18-\$20.00/ hr





# Expertise

## •Triple Focus

- Workforce, climate, and equity

## •Our Communities

- Youth, women, people of color, people with insufficient income, and individuals in re-entry

## •Whole -Person Approach

- Integrated services based on individual strengths and needs

## •Participatory Design

- Based on input from individuals, communities, partners, and employers

## •High -Road Pathways

- Careers and pathways that offer family - sustaining wages and benefits and that support a climate -resilient economy

## •Industries

- Building and construction, energy efficiency, residential building decarbonization

# Funding Streams

- Annual snapshot, +\$6 million
- No one grant and or contract represents more than 23% of our annual income
- Annually we submit around 46 funding applications, with a 67% success rate
- We currently average a 91% grant renewal rate

Foundation grants/  
Individual Giving

**\$1,500,000**

**\$4,700,000**

Government grants/  
Earned income

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