

2016 Rosin Fund Announcement

The Scherman Foundation is pleased to support its fourth round of Katharine S. and Axel G. Rosin Fund grants, totaling \$1,040,000 over three years, to three innovative and high-impact projects in the Environment area. The Foundation also made an additional \$100,000 matching grant to a current Rosin-funded project. Grants were made to the following projects:

- **Oregon Environmental Council**, \$375,000 over three years

Founded in 1968, the Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) is the state's premier multi-issue environmental organization, using policy and scientific research, organizing, public education, and advocacy to address issues of climate, fresh water, wilderness protection, recycling, and toxics.

The Rosin Fund grant supports its *Legalizing Sustainability: Advancing Eco-Friendly and Affordable Water and Sanitation Infrastructure* Project in collaboration with Recode and International Living Future Institute, which will work to change the statutory, administrative, and policy frameworks in Washington, Oregon, and California in order to encourage decentralized wastewater solutions that save water and energy while increasing community-level resiliency. The Project will also facilitate several pilot projects that demonstrate solutions and educate decision-makers.

- **Solar One**, \$365,000 over three years

Solar One founded Stuyvesant Cove Park in 2004, turning its two-acre site on the banks of the East River between 18th and 23rd streets into a vibrant cultural hub and environmental educational center, including an off-the-grid, solar-powered classroom and recreational building. Solar One's current *Here Comes Solar* program works to promote PV solar for low and moderate income (LMI) communities. It has worked closely with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to aggregate solar demand in LMI communities, thereby reducing the cost of customer acquisition, permitting, and installation by 20% in 2015 alone.

The Rosin Fund grant supports *Shared Community Solar*, which will use virtual net metering and new rooftop canopies to facilitate the financing, demand/customer aggregation, and installation of rooftop PV solar arrays on low and moderate income (LMI) housing developments in New York City.

- **Western Resource Advocates**, \$300,000 over three years

Western Resource Advocates (WRA) works in the Interior West—Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming—to protect the area's land, water, and air. The Energy Program works to restrain the growth of carbon intensive electrical production and to encourage energy efficiency and the use of renewables.

The Rosin Fund grant supports *Water Efficiency Standards for Next-Generation Public-Private Retrofit Programs in the West*, which will work with governmental and private interests in New Mexico, Nevada, and Colorado to create best practices for each state's water conservation performance contract program, and to implement two pilot projects.

- **Charles River Watershed Association**, \$100,000, one-year matching grant
An additional matching grant of \$100,000 for a fourth project year of its *Smart Sewering: Infrastructure for a Livable Future*, an innovative approach to fundamentally changing urban wastewater infrastructure that will harness the potential of wastewater to generate energy, free capacity in existing sewers to protect cities from flooding, foster smart growth, and reduce pollution to rivers.