

Rosin Fund 2018 Announcement

The Scherman Foundation is pleased to support its sixth round of Katharine S. and Axel G. Rosin Fund grants, totaling \$889,000 over three years, to three innovative and high-impact projects in the Environment area. Grants were made to the following projects:

Clean Coalition, \$264,000 over two years

Clean Coalition, whose motto is “Making Clean Local Energy Accessible Now,” utilizes policy and regulatory advocacy, technological research, planning, economic modeling, and communications strategies to implement local, renewable electrical power systems, relying primarily on solar and storage.

The Rosin Fund grant supports its *North Bay Community Resilience Initiative*, which is focused on several Sonoma County working-class suburbs which were devastated in the climate-driven wildfires of last October. There is both the local determination and a clear need to build back these communities in a way that addresses the need for climate mitigation and adaptation, while lowering costs and increasing local resilience.

Urban Green Council, \$250,000 over two years

The Urban Green Council (UGC) is the local affiliate of the U.S. Green Building Council, mobilizing architects, builders, government agencies, city planners, environmental designers, and others to transform the city’s buildings to create a sustainable future. It provides economic and design analysis, policy development, and professional education to spur market changes, new policies and regulations, and pilot projects.

The Rosin Fund grant supports the *Advancing Electrification: Tackling Carbon in Multifamily Buildings* Project, which will test its thesis that widespread use of heat pumps in large multifamily residential buildings is technologically and economically feasible as well as environmentally beneficial.

WaterNow Alliance, \$375,000 over three years

WaterNow was founded in 2015 by leaders in water policy, law, business, and government to promote climate resilient water solutions by engaging local decision-makers and connecting them to new ideas, resources, and one another. It works on policy, technological research, and coalition-building, and showcases replicable and scalable community-based strategies.

The Rosin Fund grant supports the *Catalyzing Leaders Campaign: Revolutionizing Utility Investment in Sustainable Water Infrastructure* Project, which is based on the dual premise that massive investment in Distributed Infrastructure (DI) is critical to maintaining clean water, but that an intensive educational process will be required to change behavior and drive overwhelmingly conservative local water utilities to capitalize DI projects.