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## **Climate Justice & Care for Creation Grants FY23 Total \$92,500**

**CLEO Institute** Miami, FL

### **Advancing Climate & Intergenerational Justice in Florida with GenCLEO, \$27,500**

CLEO Institute is the only women-led nonprofit, nonpartisan organization in Florida dedicated exclusively to climate education, advocacy, and engagement. CLEO Institute works with students, youth, their teachers, and their families to bring long-term equitable solutions to climate change. The GenCLEO Youth Empowerment Movement Program focuses on helping youth advocate for their future through climate action, public speaking, media and communication training paired with civic leadership and empowerment skills for both college and high school students. This grant supports programming at CLEO Institute, including youth education and advocacy work, as well as a sponsorship for their Earth Day 5K event in Miami.

**Direct Action and Research Training (DART Center),** Miami, FL

### **Care for Creation, \$50,000**

The Direct Action and Research Training (DART) Center was incorporated in 1982 to support the development of strong congregation-based Justice Ministry Organizations. Since its founding, the DART Center has grown to 31 affiliates in ten states; the largest concentration of organizations is in Florida (14 affiliates). This grant will allow DART to support 14 affiliates, including nine in Florida, to focus on community-identified Care for Creation priorities such as flooding and poisoned land and water, developing action campaigns with more than 12,000 people calling for action on these issues. The project will also build capacity locally and across the system, training 700+ leaders, including clergy, to advocate and organize.

**Struggle for Miami's Affordable and Sustainable Housing (SMASH),** Miami, FL

### **Liberty City Goes Solar Powered!, \$15,000**

SMASH is a community land trust that is building power and demanding housing justice as a basic human right for all people in Miami, and works to develop a power building ecosystem using five strategies: tenant organizing, popular education, research and development of new construction technologies, promoting and adopting Community Land Trusts, and advocating and organizing for policy and systems change. This grant will allow SMASH to support three climate resiliency goals: installing solar panel units to the affordable housing community land trust

development in Liberty City, developing a neighborhood facilitated climate change initiative that educates and supports adoption of climate related solutions such as affordable solar panel installation to their homes, and retrofitting SMASH's property to be a Community Emergency Operations Center to provide surrounding neighbors with access to free solar powered energy during storm outages.