

2020 Climbing Advocacy Report

SHOWCASING THE IMPACT OF YOUR GENEROSITY

*Taimur Ahmad bouldering near Bishop, California.
Ancestral lands of Numu (Northern Paiute)
Eastern Mono/Monache | Newe (Western Shoshone)
Photo by James Q. Martin*



Protect America's Climbing

OUR MISSION

Protect America's Climbing

We are a passionate and diverse community of climbing advocates who love our climbing landscapes and the experiences they offer—and we are willing and committed to fight for them. Not just for access, but for the integrity of these amazing places.

Today, 1 in 5 climbing areas in the United States is threatened—whether it's private land lost to development, ongoing threats to our public lands, or climber impacts degrading the environment, the list of threats is long and constantly evolving. At Access Fund, we help climbers come together to protect these places and the outdoor experiences they love.

OUR CAUSES

- Protect Public Lands
- Buy Threatened Climbing
- Restore Climbing Areas
- Access Private Lands
- Replace Aging Bolts
- Support Local Advocacy
- Mentor Responsible Climbers



*Linville Gorge Wilderness Area, North Carolina.
Ancestral Lands of Tsalaguweti (Cherokee, East)
and Satsoyaha (Yuchi).
Photo by Bryan Miller.*

Letter From the Director

Adversity. As climbers, we seek it out. We take pride in our ability to overcome unknown and unpredictable obstacles. And when we're getting blasted in the face, we put our heads down and keep moving. Our summits are sweeter when we've had to dig a little deeper to reach them.

For Access Fund, 2020 served as the crux pitch of our first 30 years. That's right—Access Fund is celebrating our 30th birthday in 2021!

It's a time for us to celebrate three decades of success and to honor all those advocates and unsung heroes who have made lasting contributions to the climbing community. And it's time for us to restack the rope, tighten our laces, and cast off on the next pitch.

2020 taught us many lessons, but here at Access Fund we were inspired to see so many people embrace climbing like never before. We desperately needed that connection to the outdoors for our spiritual and mental health. And we also needed the inspiration that comes from being with the people who matter the most to us. With joy comes resilience.

None of this would be possible without access to the mountains and crags, boulder fields and icy waterfalls that we all cherish as climbers. At Access Fund, we stayed on route despite the challenges of 2020, and we continued to inspire and represent climbers every day in our work to protect the places we love for current and future generations.

Because of your support, we accomplished some great things:

- We helped to secure \$2.8 billion/year in funding for public lands with the passage of the Great American Outdoors Act;
- We protected more than 85,000 acres of public land near Moab, Utah, from oil and gas leasing;
- We helped the Gunks Climbers Coalition buy a new cliffline;
- We carried out stewardship projects at more than 30 climbing areas around the country while adhering to COVID protocols; and
- We convened the first-ever international climbing advocacy conference with more than 600 registrants from more than 36 countries around the world.

These are just a handful of the victories from 2020 that you'll read about in the pages to follow. And as this Annual Report goes to press, we are making significant progress on epic long-term campaigns to protect Bears Ears National Monument in Utah and Oak Flat in Arizona.

Fueled by 30 years of success protecting climbing across the country, and tested by the ups and downs of 2020, we are gearing up for the next 30 years. As our community grows, we are going to inspire more climbers to promote sustainable access and to care for the climbing environment. We are working every day to deepen our partnerships with land managers as we share responsibility for managing our precious resources. We will continue to strengthen our connections and relationships in local communities from coast to coast.

Our experiences last year underscored the importance of our mission. We are so thankful that our community feels the same way. Thank you for your continued support.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Chris Winter
Executive Director



Chris Winter climbing the classic Edge of Time in Estes Park, Colorado. Ancestral lands of Arapaho, Cheyenne, Nuu-agha-tʼv̥v̥-p̥ (Ute). Photo by James Q. Martin.

THE CLIMBING ADVOCACY MOVEMENT

A Thriving Network of Climbing Advocates

Even in the face of unprecedented challenges in 2020, the climbing advocacy movement is thriving. From coast to coast, advocates found new and creative ways to come together and fight for climbing—not just for access, but for the integrity of the amazing landscapes we love. Our movement is bigger than ever, and we are growing stronger every day.



25,000 Active Members



138 Local Climbing Organizations



7 Access Fund Regional Offices



3 Traveling Access Fund-Jeep Conservation Teams



Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) in Climbing

Access Fund is actively working to dismantle structures that facilitate systemic racism, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of bigotry and discrimination in the climbing community, and to replace them with ones that create healing and justice. Taking the lead from the numerous grassroots affinity groups led by black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) in our community, we continued to integrate JEDI principles into our policy and advocacy work, created educational content on diversity, equity, and inclusion for climbers, improved our workplace by striving for greater internal equity, and supported Local Climbing Organizations as they dove into their own JEDI work. While we still have a tremendous amount to learn and do, we are seeing the tangible benefits of our commitment to JEDI: Many Access Fund staff have conceived of and implemented their own JEDI projects within the last year, showing a true organization-wide belief in the power and importance of this work. As a member of the In Solidarity Project's Outdoor CEO Diversity Pledge, we continue to report our JEDI work to date.

OUR 2020 WORK AT A GLANCE

- 700+ staff hours invested in JEDI work
- 20+ Local Climbing Organizations supported in their JEDI journey
- 12 staff-conceived JEDI projects
- 20% of Access Fund staff are BIPOC individuals, up from 0% in 2018
- 14,576 climbers engaged in JEDI content

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

Texas Climbers Embrace Mentorship in Route Development

After securing access to Inks Ranch, a privately owned ranch in Texas with huge potential for climbing, Access Fund put out an open call for route developers, and a group of seasoned Texas first-ascensionists responded. There was only one glaring issue—the crew did not reflect the diversity of the climbing community in Texas. There are many factors that have made climbers feel unable to get involved in route development, including lack of access to land, financial barriers, and a lack of mentorship. The solution? Access Fund hosted a series of mentorship events that paired seasoned veterans with 15 psyched newcomers from communities traditionally underrepresented in new routing. These events were designed to help dismantle structures that create inequity and replace them with ones that foster diversity. Over several weekends, mentors coached on how to find quality lines, assess rock quality, and place fixed hardware when necessary. Mentees got hands-on experience cleaning routes, bolting, and going for first ascents. Over the course of the events, the mentor-mentee teams put up dozens of routes, including traditionally protected splitters, bolted face climbs, and gnarly offwidths.

Matt Markell joins Bree Jameson, who beaming after her first ascent of Gotta Start Somewhere, in Inks Ranch, Texas. Ancestral lands of the Comanche. Photo by Brian Tickle.



THE BIG PICTURE

Protecting America's Climbing Areas

In 2020, Access Fund and our powerful network of local climbing organizations had boots on the ground, preserving access to 218 climbing areas across the country and opening eight* new or previously closed areas to climbing. **bolded below*

Denali National Park, AK • Valdez, AK • Moss Rock Preserve, AL • Little River Canyon, AL • Jamestown, AL • Buffalo River, AR • Horseshoe Canyon Ranch, AR • Lincoln Lake, AR • Mt. Magazine S.P., AR • Pilot's Knob, AR • White Rock Mountain, AR • Baboquivari Peak, AZ • Navajo Nation, AZ • Homestead, AZ • Jacks Canyon, AZ • Oak Creek Canyon-Waterfall, AZ • Oak Flat, AZ • Tonto National Forest, AZ • Alabama Hills, CA • Big Rock, CA • Bishop, CA • Buttermilks, CA • Castle Rock State Park, CA • Black Wall, CA • Coldstream Canyon, CA • Eastern Sierra, CA • Grotto, CA • Handley Rock, CA • Inyo National Forest, CA • Tree National Park, CA • Lover's Park, CA • Mission Trails Park, River Gorge, CA • Pine Creek, Boulders, CA • Sierra National Forest, CA • Sequoia National Forest, CA • Tahoe, CA • Tollhouse Rock, CA • Squarenail, CA • Volcanic Tablelands, CA • Yosemite National Park, CA • Eldorado National Forest, CA • California State Parks, CA • Pine Creek Canyon, CA • Boulder Canyon, CO • Upper Dream Canyon, CO • Cascade Canyon, CO • Clear Creek Canyon, CO • **Dennys, CO** • Thumb Open Space, CO • Penitente Canyon-Rock Garden, CO • Riggs' Hill, CO • Shelf Road, CO • Cathedral Spires, CO • Bucksnot Slab, CO • Unawep Canyon, CO • Orenaug Park, CT • Deans Ravine, CT • Currahee Mountain, GA • Tallulah Gorge, GA • Holy Boulders, IL • Lehigh Park, IL • Pictured Rocks, IA • Black Cliffs, ID • City of Rocks, ID • Castle Rocks State Park, ID • The Fins, ID • Massacre Rocks, ID • Salmon-Challis National Forest, ID • Table Rock, ID •

218 CLIMBING AREAS PROTECTED

8 CLIMBING AREAS OPENED

• Echo Cliffs, CA • Gold Wall, CA • Holcomb Valley Pinnacles, Jailhouse Rock, CA • Joshua Leap, CA • Malibu Creek State CA • Mt. Woodson, CA • Owens CA • Point Dume, CA • Santee

Miller Fork Recreational Preserve, KY • Pendergrass Murray Recreational Preserve, KY • Bald Rock Recreational Preserve, KY • The Rock Domain, KY • Daniel Boone National Forest, KY • Farley Ledges, MA • Hanging Mountain, MA • Harpers Ferry, MD • **Black Pond, ME** • Great Ledges, ME • Tumbledown Dick Mountain, ME • Parks Pond Bluff, ME • Ironwood, MI • Marquette, MI • Silver Mountain, MI • Duluth Quarry, MN • Manitou Canyon, MN • Sandstone, MN • Winona-Sugarloaf, MN • Mark Twain National Forest, MO • Bitterroot National Forest, MT • Mill Creek, MT • Rattler Gulch, MT • Stone Hill, MT • Asheboro, NC • Buckeye Knob, NC • Blowing Rock, NC • Moores Wall, NC • **Round Top Boulders, NC** • The Gulch Boulders, NC • Nantahala Pisgah National Forest, NC • Green River Game Lands, NC • Band M Ledge, NH • Cathedral Ledge, NH • Whitehorse Ledge, NH • Huntington Ravine, NH • Pawtuckaway, NH • Rumney, NH • Rattlesnake Crag, NH • Delaware Water Gap, NJ • Horsethief Mesa, NM • Carson National Forest, NM • Cibola National Forest, NM • Kit Canyon, NM • Rio Grande Gorge, NM • Red Rock Canyon, NV • Pinnacle Boulders, NY • Potash, NY • Shawangunks, NY • **Millbrook-Ant Lion, NY** • Thacher State Park, NY • Ice Pond, NY • Callahans, OR • Central Cascades Wilderness, OR • Frenchs Dome, OR • Honeycombs, OR • Klinger Spring, OR • Petes Pile, OR • Leslie Gulch, OR • Madrone Wall, OR • Skinner Butte, OR • Smith Rock, OR • Trout Creek, OR • Deschutes National Forest, OR • Viento State Park, OR • Birdsboro, PA • Boxcar Rocks, PA • Colls Cove, PA • Donation Rocks, PA • Governor Stable, PA • Stover Rocks, PA • Tilbury Knob, PA • Obed, TN • Clear Creek, TN • Dogwood Boulders, TN • Hells Kitchen, TN • **Rocky Fork State Park, TN** • Denny Cove, TN • Foster Falls, TN • Monterey Crag, TN • Continental Ranch, TX • Greenbelt, TX • Hueco Tanks, TX • **Inks Ranch, TX • Medicine Wall, TX • Monster Rock, TX** • Reimers Ranch, TX • Indian Creek, UT • Bears Ears National Monument, UT • Gate Buttress, UT • Hellgate Cliffs, UT • Moab, UT • Zion National Park, UT • Manti-La Sal National Forest, UT • Bens Branch Cliff, VA • Breaks Interstate Park, VA • Guest River Gorge, VA • Bolton Dome, VT • Banks Lake, WA • Beacon Rock, WA • Cushman/McCleary Crags, WA • Darrington, WA • Enchantments, WA • Equinox, WA • Farside, WA • Mt. Washington Crags, WA • Gold Bar Boulders, WA • Horsethief Butte, WA • Alphabet Rock, WA • Icicle Canyon, WA • Index Town Walls, WA • Larrabee State Park, WA • Little Si, WA • Mazama, WA • Metaline Falls, WA • Morning Star NRCA, WA • Mt Erie, WA • Newhalem, WA • North Cascades National Park, WA • Elwha, WA • Olympic National Park, WA • Ozone-Farside, WA • Sun Lakes, WA • Tieton Canyon, WA • Tyler Peak Crags, WA • Vantage, WA • Washington Pass, WA • Devils Lake, WI • Grandad's Bluff, WI • Hillbilly Hollow, WI • New River Gorge, WV • Summersville Lake, WV • Monongahela National Forest, WV • Bighorn National Forest, WY • Piney Creek Canyon, WY • Ten Sleep, WY • Rodeo Wall, WY • Wild Iris, WY • Wind River Range, WY • Teton Canyon, WY

OUR CAUSES

Protect Public Lands

Nearly 60% of climbing areas in the U.S. are located on federally managed public lands, which faced unprecedented threats in 2020—from raging wildfires and other impacts of climate change to irresponsible energy extraction and relentless attacks on environmental protections. Access Fund has the largest climbing policy team in America, representing the collective voice and interests of climbers to protect public lands. Working with lawmakers in Washington, DC, and land managers across the country, we made significant advances in 2020, moving the needle to protect public lands and the exceptional climbing experiences they provide.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

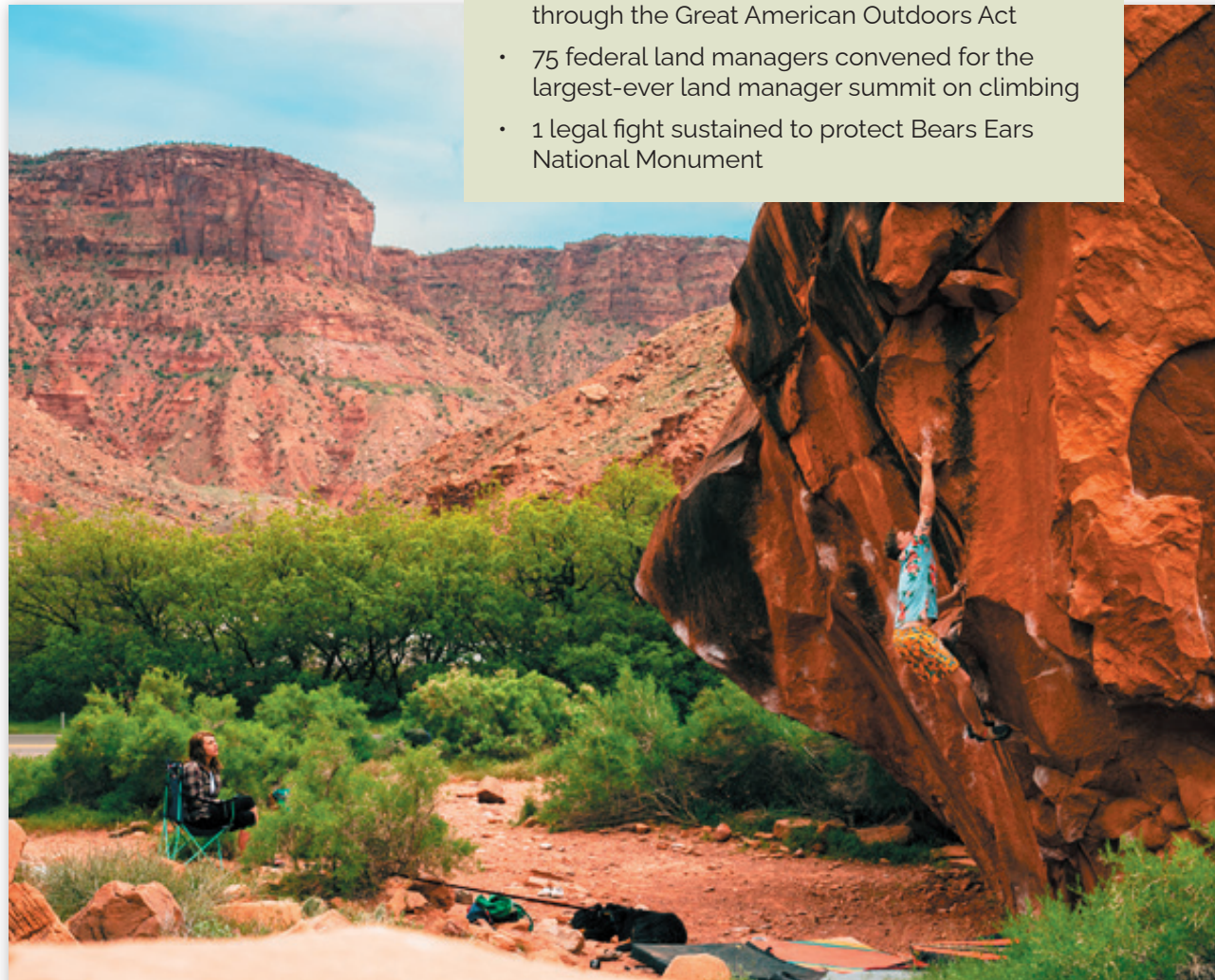
More Than 85,000 Acres Around Moab Saved from Oil & Gas Leasing

In the spring of 2020, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced plans to auction off more than 85,000 acres of recreation-rich land around Moab, Utah, for oil and gas leasing, jeopardizing iconic Moab climbing areas, cultural resources, and one of the most successful outdoor recreation economies in the country. Access Fund rallied the climbing community, and more than 5,000 climbers from around the country joined business owners, conservation advocates, and the local government to pressure the BLM to cancel its auction. After several weeks of sustained and coordinated advocacy, the BLM announced that it would reverse course, canceling the auction. Access Fund is now pressuring Congress to reform the antiquated mineral leasing system for America's public lands, which gives the BLM broad discretion to determine when, where, and how to lease public lands.

*Bouldering near Moab, Utah.
Ancestral lands of Nuu-ahga-tvvu-pu (Ute).
Photo by Jeff Skalla.*

OUR 2020 WORK AT A GLANCE

- 533 hours advocating for climbers with lawmakers on Capitol Hill
- 25 key pieces of federal and state legislation advanced
- 30 forest plans include hard-won protections for climbing
- \$2.8 billion a year to be invested in public lands through the Great American Outdoors Act
- 75 federal land managers convened for the largest-ever land manager summit on climbing
- 1 legal fight sustained to protect Bears Ears National Monument



OUR CAUSES

Restore Climbing Areas

America's climbing areas have provided a critical refuge for outdoor recreation during the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, 2020 was an especially difficult year for many of our climbing landscapes, with some locations seeing up to a 300% increase in visitors and a drastic increase in environmental impacts from overcrowding—trash piling up, eroded and widening trails, crushed and dying plant life, and human waste becoming an even bigger problem. Our three Access Fund-Jeep Conservation Teams were able to operate safely in the field and continue long-term sustainability work, but many grassroots volunteer events were canceled this year, which compounded an already growing problem. The need to restore these areas will be even greater in the years to come, as we endeavor to build sustainable climbing areas that can withstand the impacts of our growing sport.

OUR 2020 WORK AT A GLANCE

- 3 Access Fund-Jeep Conservation Teams on the road restoring climbing areas
- 96 climbing areas improved
- 1,937 people volunteered to improve climbing areas
- 11,622 hours of volunteer time harnessed to restore climbing areas
- 1,030 feet of unsustainable social trail closed
- 1,200 feet of sustainable trail constructed



PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

Conservation Teams Restore Popular Cathedral Ledge Approach

The Access Fund-Jeep Conservation Teams completed a massive, three-month effort to stabilize the approach trail and staging areas at the popular Thin Air Face at Cathedral Ledge in New Hampshire's Mount Washington Valley. Wooden structures installed 15 years ago to support the approach trail were deteriorating, with many hanging on by a thread. The Conservation Team removed the rotting timbers and replaced them with native stone structures, and also hardened the trail from top to bottom to reduce erosion along the entire slope. Crews harvested large granite blocks from a nearby talus slope, splitting them into manageable sizes and hoisting them into the air using a cable highline system to safely move the blocks across the worksite. A beautiful set of granite stairs now guides climbers to the base of the cliff. This project was made possible with support from the White Mountain Trail Collective and the National Forest Foundation. Similar work is slated at the Echo Roof area of Whitehorse Ledge in 2021.

*Mount Washington Valley, New Hampshire.
Ancestral lands of Wabanaki Confederacy, Abenaki/Abénaquis, and Pequawket.
Photo by Cait Bourgault.*

OUR CAUSES

Buy Threatened Climbing

Some of our most iconic climbing areas—from the Red River Gorge to Jailhouse Rock—are located on private land. And when a privately owned climbing area is put up for sale, we must act quickly to ensure that access is not lost forever. Access Fund provides local climbing communities with the horsepower to swiftly protect threatened climbing areas, as well as purchase brand new climbing areas for public access. We provide loans, grants, and acquisition expertise to place threatened land in climber-friendly hands.



OUR 2020 WORK AT A GLANCE

- 7 climbing areas acquired and protected forever
- \$380,321 loaned out to acquire threatened climbing areas
- \$551,986 revolved back into the loan program to protect future climbing areas

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

Climbers Buy New Cliff at The Gunks

Gunks Climbers Coalition (GCC) and Access Fund purchased a new section of cliffline in the Shawangunk Mountains of New York. The acquisition adds a new backcountry climbing area to the Gunks, offering a uniquely remote experience that boasts traditional climbing, top roping, overhangs, vertical faces, and even a little crack climbing, ranging from 5.5 to 5.13. The newly acquired property includes 1,000 feet of the Millbrook Mountain cliff line, including the historic Ant Lion Crag. Although there was some historic evidence of climbing on the cliff dating back to the 1970s, the area has never been officially opened to climbing or route development. This cliff line is the 29th climbing area in the nation to be secured and conserved through Access Fund's Climbing Conservation Loan Program since its inception in 2009.

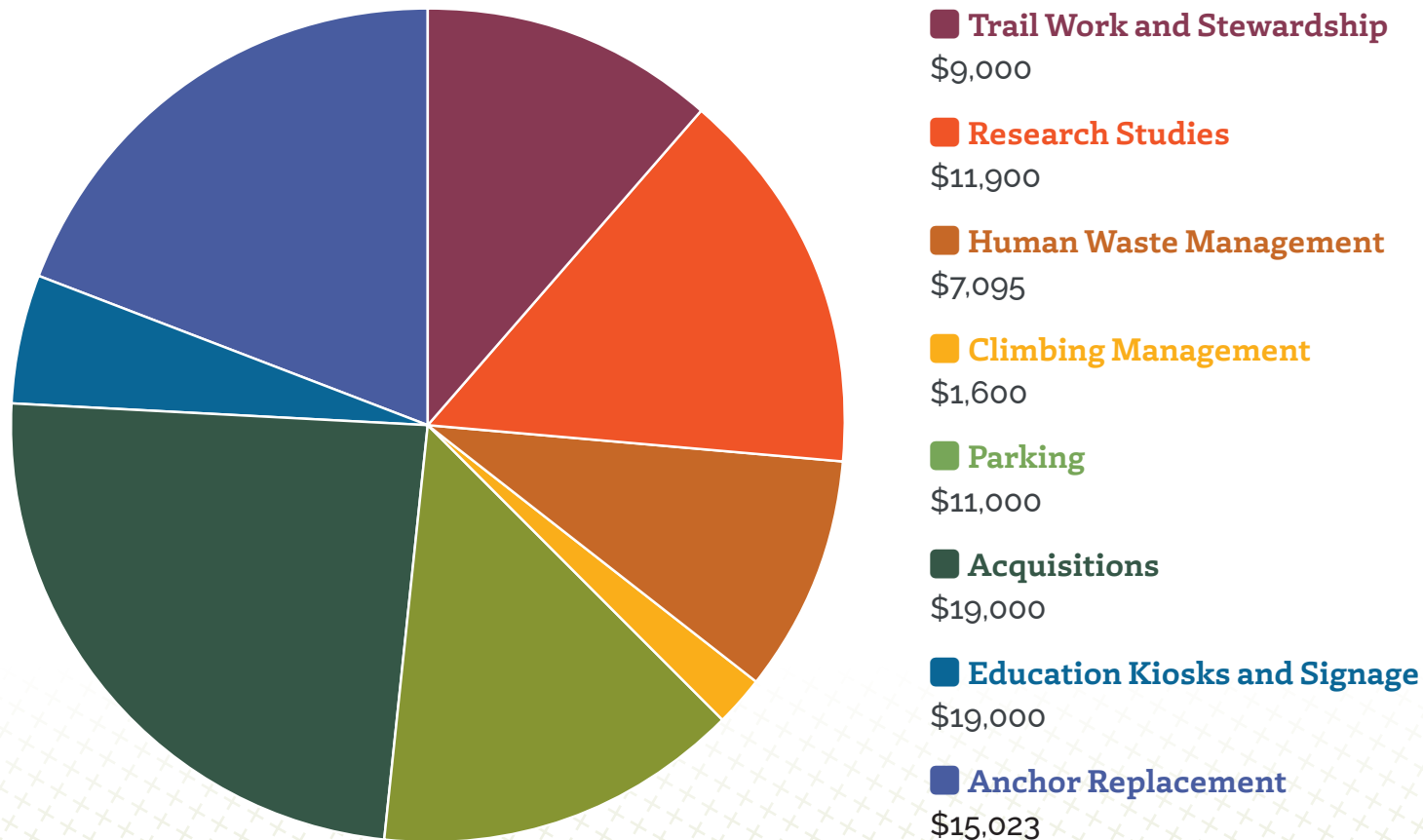
*Shawangunk Mountains, New York.
Ancestral lands of Munsee Lenape.
Photo by Chris Vultaggio.*

OUR CAUSES

Support Local Advocacy

When an access issue occurs in your backyard, who will be there to help? The first and best line of defense is almost always the local climbers who are familiar with the area and the issues. That's why a critical piece of Access Fund's work is inspiring and organizing local climbers to join together and be effective advocates for climbing access and conservation. 2020 was a landmark year for local climbing advocacy: A powerful movement is gaining momentum, driven by advocates who go to the mat every day to protect their climbing areas.

2020 Climbing Conservation Grants



Access Fund-Jeep Conservation Teams at work with the Forest Service at Fun Rock, in Mazama, Washington. Ancestral Lands of Nlaka'pamx Tmix[™] (Nlaka'pamux) Syilx tmix[™] (Okanagan) Methow.
Photo by James Q. Martin.



OUR 2020 WORK AT A GLANCE

- 138 thriving local climbing organizations (LCOs) across the country
- 2,165 staff hours invested to strengthen local advocates
- 45 LCOs served by Access Fund's joint member program
- 4 new LCOs welcomed into the network
- \$57,358 in grants awarded to local advocacy and conservation projects



PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

Access Fund's First-Ever International Advocacy Conference

Each year, Access Fund hosts a climbing advocacy conference to bring advocates from around the country together to share and learn best practices in protecting climbing areas. This year, we hosted the event virtually and broadened the scope, inviting international advocates to join the conversation, offering participants a truly global perspective on climbing advocacy. The event brought together more than 700 attendees from 36 countries to learn from more than a dozen sessions on climbing conservation and advocacy topics like public lands, sustainability, trails and infrastructure, rebolting, mobilizing and engaging the climbing community, fundraising, climbing's economic impact, diversity and inclusion, and much more. The global reach of this event emphasized that there's much to gain from listening to climbing advocates from around the world and applying the lessons learned to protect our home crags.

OUR CAUSES

Replace Aging Bolts

Bolts have been a critical component of the climbing safety system for more than 80 years, but a huge number of bolts placed during the 80s and 90s are reaching their end of life, and the stories of bolt failures are increasing. In the last 20 years, there have been significant advancements in bolt technology and placement techniques, yet a startling number of old, substandard bolts remain. At Access Fund, we help local communities replace aging bolts using sustainable materials and practices to ensure that new bolts are safe and have the longest life span possible, which helps to reduce impacts to the rock.



OUR 2020 WORK AT A GLANCE

- \$15,022 granted to replace 1,014 bad bolts
- 220 bolt replacement tools in the hands of volunteers
- 42 advocates convened to share innovations in sustainable bolt replacement

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

Piloting a Professional Bolting Program

With help from an Access Fund Anchor Replacement Fund grant, Salt Lake Climbers Alliance (SLCA) is piloting a first-of-its-kind professional rebolting program that will not only elevate rebolting efforts in Utah but establish a model that could be adopted by other LCOs around the country. Paid, expert bolt replacers are forming “work at height” protocols and best practices that are insurable and meet rigorous Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards. In addition to the Access Fund grant, SLCA has also raised \$50,000 through local fundraising efforts and has begun putting crews in the field to replace anchors.

*Uinta Mountains, Utah.
Ancestral lands of Núu-ágha-tuvv-plateau (Ute).
Photo by Timothy Behuniak.*

OUR CAUSES

Access to Private Land

Risk. Liability. Lawsuits. The fear associated with these three words prevents many landowners from opening their property to climbing. But the perception of risk associated with climbing is largely overstated and misunderstood, and the actual risk can be managed when climbers and landowners work together. At Access Fund, we partner with private landowners on strategies to mitigate both real and perceived risks of climbing, giving them the confidence and protections they need to open their land to public access.

OUR 2020 WORK AT A GLANCE

- 9 access agreements secured
- 351 hours supporting private landowners
- 68 private landowners guided with risk management strategies

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

New San Luis Valley Sport Climbing Area Secured

San Luis Valley Climbers Alliance (SLVCA) and Access Fund worked with private landowners to secure permanent access to Dennys, the go-to crag for steep sport climbing in Colorado's San Luis Valley. In 2015, local climbers established a relationship with private landowners who have a massive cliff on their rural homestead, and gained permission to climb there. When the landowners began thinking about selling the property last year, they worked with SLVCA and Access Fund to find a solution that would protect climbing access. A recreation easement now grants permanent climbing, trail, and parking access, even if the property is sold, and provides liability protection for the current and future landowners. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of these landowners who worked to leave a legacy of recreation access on their beautiful property.

*San Luis Valley, Colorado.
Ancestral lands of Jicarilla Apache and Núu-~~agha-tuvu~~-p~~u~~ (Ute).
Photo by Gabriella Baumeister.*



OUR CAUSES

Mentor Responsible Climbers

We envision a world where climbers are also stewards of the land. As climbers, we have a personal stake in the health and integrity of our outdoor landscapes—without them, we have no place to climb. But just loving our climbing areas is not enough. That's why a large part of Access Fund's mission is to help climbers understand the sensitivities of each unique climbing environment and provide the knowledge and tools to help them reduce their impacts. Access Fund encourages all climbers to learn and sign The Climber's Pact, a commitment to making a few minor adjustments to our climbing practice that will protect our outdoor landscapes and the climbing experience we love.

THE CLIMBER'S PACT

- Be considerate of other users.
- Park and camp in designated areas.
- Dispose of human waste properly.
- Stay on trails whenever possible.
- Place gear and pads on durable surfaces.
- Respect wildlife, sensitive plants, soils, and cultural resources.
- Clean up chalk and tick marks.
- Minimize group size and noise.
- Pack out all trash, crash pads, and gear.
- Learn the local ethics for the places you climb.
- Respect regulations and closures.
- Use, install, and replace bolts and fixed anchors responsibly.
- Be an upstander, not a bystander.



Bethany Lebewitz (right), Access Fund board member / CEO & Founder of Brown Girls Climb, and Brittany Leavitt (left), Regional Development Coordinator for Brown Girls Climb, share a day at the crags in Estes Park, Colorado. Ancestral lands of Arapaho, Cheyenne, Núu-ágha-təvna-pé (Ute). Photo by James Q. Martin.

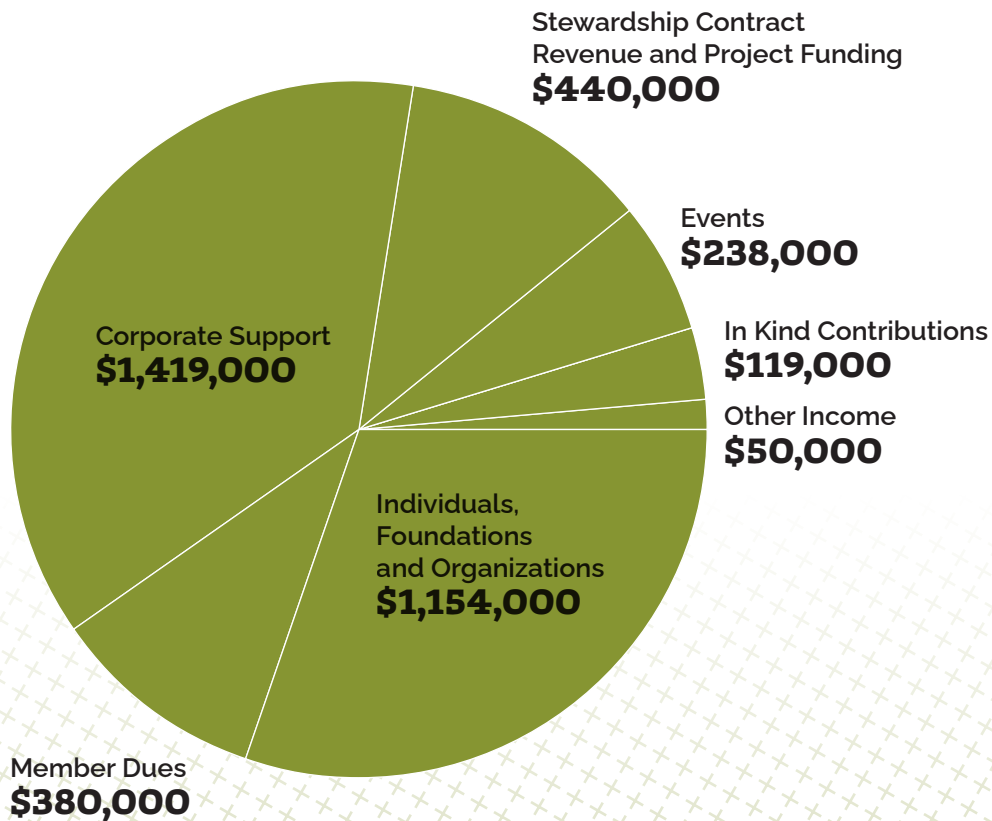
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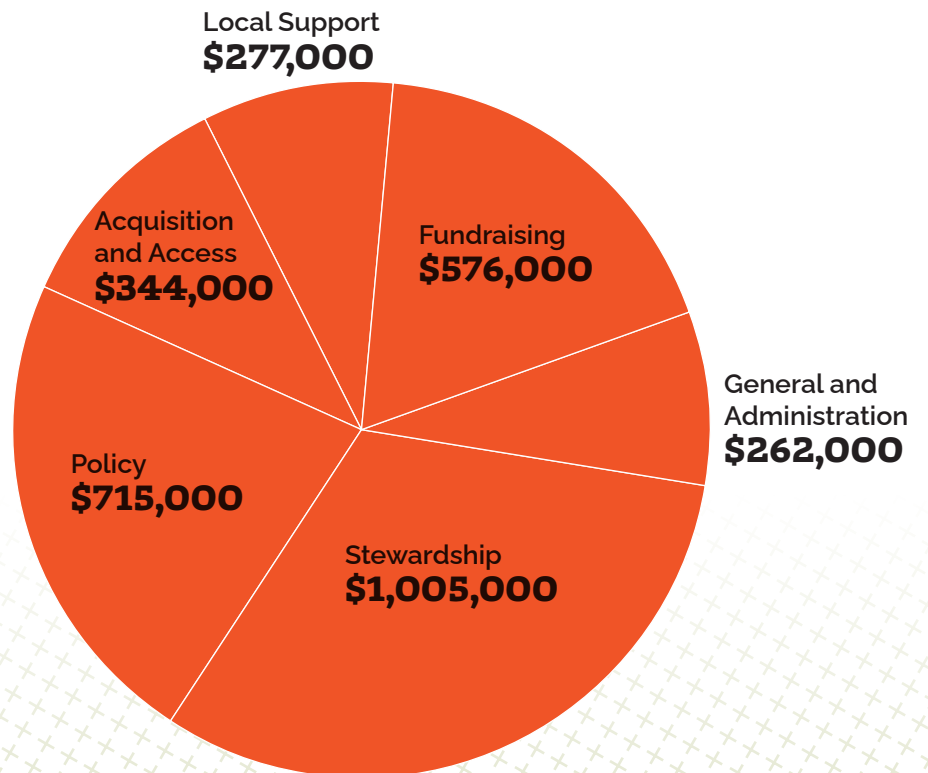
- 74% spent on mission-related programs
- \$1,005,000 spent on Stewarding Climbing Areas
- \$ 715,000 spent on policy initiatives

Aaron Mike bouldering at Oak Flat, Arizona, Ancestral lands of Apache, Akimel Oodham (Upper Pima) and Hohokam. Photo by James, Q. Martin.

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Neha Khurana climbing the Ultimate Finger Crack in Oak Creek Canyon, Arizona. Ancestral lands of Ndeē/Nnēē: (Western Apache), Hopitutskwa, Pueblos and Hohokam. Photo by James Q. Martin.

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