



Decarbon8-US

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE

Decarbon8-US Impact Fund



Decarbon8-US is a philanthropic impact fund enabling **anyone** at **any amount** to invest in climate innovations building towards a thriving planet.

WHAT IS AN IMPACT FUND?

Decarbon8-US, an impact fund, uses donations and grants to invest in early stage companies whose technologies accelerate the transition to environmentally sustainable solutions.

Entrepreneurs apply in the spring and a team of selected investors, fellows, and experts choose 2-4 companies to receive funding in the fall. Each year Decarbon8-US has a different theme around decarbonization.

All contributions are tax-deductible and made to our 501(c)(3) partner Realize Impact, who administers Decarbon8.

DECARBON8-US PORTFOLIO

Decarbon8-US has invested \$2M+ into cleantech companies and attracted \$8.4M+ in co-investment.

2025: Software & AI



2024: Renewable Energy



2023: Built Environment



2022: Agriculture



2021: Transportation



2020: Decarbonization



THIS YEAR'S THEME IS CLIMATE RESILIENCE

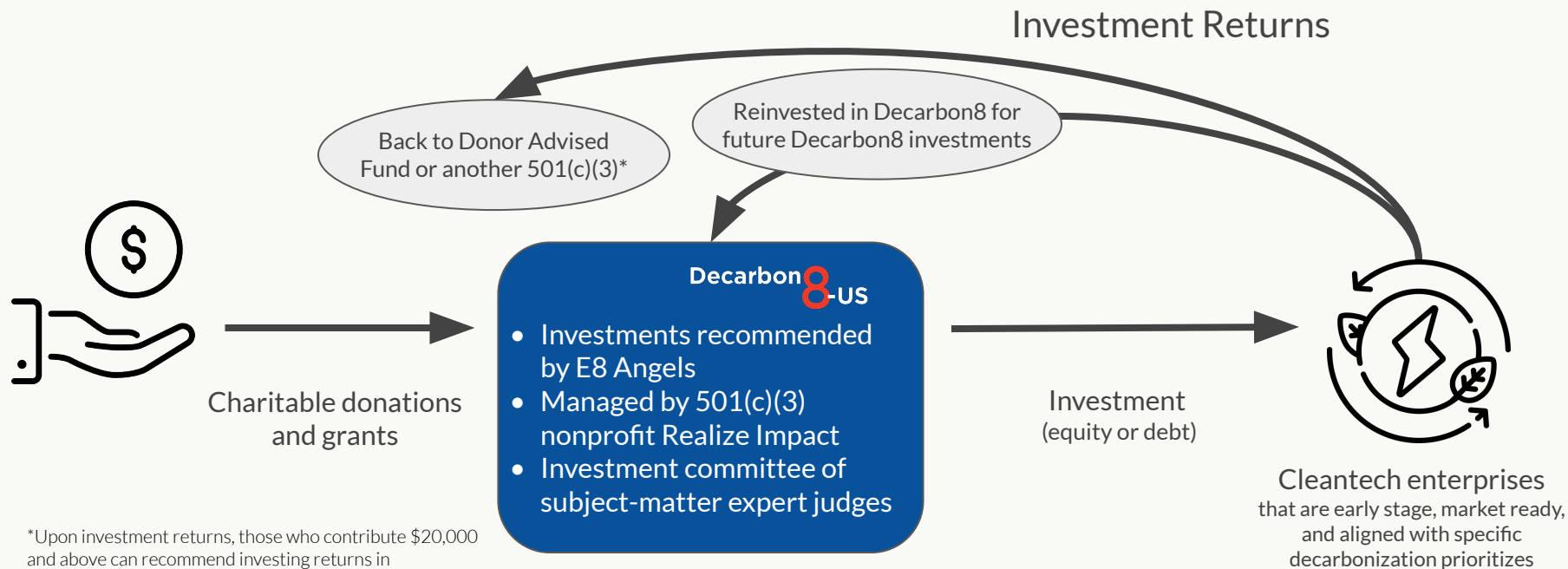
Our 2026 Decarbon8-US Fund is focused on Climate Resilience: Grid, Water, & Food.

Climate change is already reshaping where and how people can live, grow food, and access basic resources. As extreme heat, drought, flooding, and storms intensify, protecting access to energy, water, and food is becoming as essential to climate action as reducing emissions.

Solutions could focus on:

- **Grid resilience** — keeping energy systems running under stress and enabling more decentralized power
- **Water security** — securing supply through efficiency, monitoring, and distributed treatment
- **Food security** — enabling climate-adaptive production, distributed inputs, and alternative nutrition sources for a volatile climate

HOW DOES DECARBON8 WORK?



*Upon investment returns, those who contribute \$20,000 and above can recommend investing returns in Decarbon8 or allocating part, or all, of the returns to another donor advised fund or public charity.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE?

Decarbon8 accepts tax deductible donations and recoverable grants. You can contribute via multiple ways, at any amount.

Administrative Expenses

- One-time 6% fee on all contributions.
- 4% of all returns (principal and gains) retained by E8 and Realize Impact to support fund operations (sourcing, outreach, due diligence, account management, reporting).
- Returns reinvested into the Fund charged a reduced 3% reinvestment fee (instead of the standard 6% origination fee).
- Contributions net of any bank or credit card fees.

Via Credit Card/ Online

Through the donate button at e8angels.com/decarbon8-us

* credit card fees will be deducted from the investment amount

Via Check

Payable to “Realize Impact” with “D8” in the memo line mailed to: Realize Impact – Decarbon8-US, 271 Winslow Way E, #10234 Bainbridge Island, WA 98110-0106

Via Wire

Umpqua Bank 249 Winslow Way, East Bainbridge Island, WA 98110; Routing: 125108272 Account: 7001202668

Via Transfer of Securities, Donor Advised Fund, or Private Foundation Grants

Please contact us at director@e8angels.com

WHAT HAPPENS TO RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS?

Returns on Contributions

- **Up to \$20,000:** Tax-deductible donation, and the returns are automatically reinvested in future rounds to grow impact.
- **\$20,000 and above:** Option to reinvest returns into Decarbon8 or grant them back to your donor-advised fund or a public charity.

Contribution forms will confirm your return preference. For recoverable grant agreements, contact Realize Impact at invest@realizeimpact.org.

JOIN US AND CONTRIBUTE NOW TO HELP SCALE SOLUTIONS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.



For those new to philanthropic impact investing, we are happy to share additional resources including our legal brief from Adler & Colvin.

Please contact director@e8angels.com for more information.

EXPERIENCED INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

We support transformative solutions, which often involve complex technology. We engage experts in the thematic field to support us in identifying the most promising innovations.

Sector expertise: Partners from the University of Washington, Washington State University, national laboratories, and industry partners are engaged in the evaluation process.

Investor expertise: A committed group of subject matter experts and veteran cleantech angel investors will score, screen and review applications, choose companies to move forward in the process, conduct due diligence, and recommend companies for investment.

Ecosystem partners: Decarbon8-US leverages a host of leading cleantech organizations with complementary missions and expertise including the CleanTech Alliance, Microsoft, the Clean Energy Institute and others.



E8 leads investment screening, due diligence and selection, and marketing for the Fund. Since 2006, E8, has facilitated >\$75M in investment in 190+ companies. Through investment pitches, collective due diligence and learning opportunities, the E8 community unites interest, passion and expertise to increase investment and impact in the cleantech sector.



Realize Impact administers Decarbon8, supporting operations, investments and monitoring. Realize Impact is a 501(c)(3) public charity focused on making impact investing easier. In 2020, RI launched a new philanthropic investment program to fill the gap for donors and donor advised funds (DAFs), working with E8, the Seattle Foundation and others.