

Community Climate Action Grant

Application

Grant Timeline

Grant posted: Feb. 3, 2020

Deadline for application: March 3, 2020

Review of applications completed: March 15, 2020

Grant funds awarded: March 30, 2020

Funds available: July 1, 2020

All grant funds must be used by: June 30, 2021

Purpose

The purpose of this funding is to inspire and promote public involvement in the implementation of the [Iowa City Climate Action and Adaptation Plan](#). Community input and involvement are crucial to reduce local greenhouse emissions in order to reach community-wide carbon reduction goals. This grant program aims to enhance local climate action through work performed by community-based organizations. This year the grant will fund projects that specifically promote or implement one or more of the 35 actions within the Plan.

Available Funding

The maximum amount of funding an organization can request is \$5,000. The amount of \$50,000 will be awarded now and will be available from July 1 to June 30, 2020.

Requirements

The organization or group must be principally and physically located in Iowa City. This year partnering with other organizations is not required. For-profit agencies may apply if they partner with a non-profit agency partner in the project. Any applicant or partnering group located outside of Iowa City must demonstrate that the population or area served will primarily be people or places within Iowa City.

The goal of the grant project must align with the goals listed in Iowa City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

Funding will go to projects that are:

- Ready to be implemented and can be completed within 12 months or less
- Focused, planned, and reasonable in scope

- Innovative and impactful, directly related to the City's Climate Action Plan objectives
- Sustainable past the project period and/or replicable in the future
- Impactful and measurable (kWhs, therms, number of people reached, etc.)
- Locally focused and beneficial to a diversity of residents of Iowa City

Additional information is available in Accelerating Iowa City's Climate Actions, which outlines additional City Climate initiatives that align with the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

For projects involving energy efficiency in a specific building, preference will be given to applicants that can provide in their applications at least 12 months data for that building, which is uploaded in [Energy Star Portfolio Manager](#). This will act as a method to benchmark energy use to show the impact of the project. The process of adding your energy bills is fairly simple and the [Portfolio Manager Quick Start Guide](#) provides additional information on how to get started.

Grant funds cannot be used for operational costs such as rent or salaries. A maximum of 20% of funds may go towards administrative costs.