



We are delighted to announce an incredible opportunity to develop and deploy highly visible and replicable projects, which demonstrate innovation in local climate action that is community led, data driven, and lasting.

Made possible through funding from Google.org, ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability USA, Inc. (ICLEI USA) is accepting **expressions of interest** from nonprofit and civil society organizations or consortiums of organizations that have a plan to accelerate the implementation of a city climate action plan while addressing inequality.

Each of the two awardees or consortiums will receive \$1,000,000 to fund activities identified by the awardee and ICLEI USA and supported by local government leadership.

Applicants will propose activities that, support, leverage, or align with:

- A city-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory and related [science-based target](#)
- Political will to advance climate action, climate equity, and just energy transitions
- A climate action plan that includes goals related to at least one of the following: sustainable mobility, buildings, solar energy development, air quality management, or urban tree canopy
- The city’s ability to qualify for or implement public or private funding to multiply the impact of the Google.org award (e.g. federal or foundation grants)
- A city that has not received a donation or grant funding or been the beneficiary of funding of \$1,000,000 or more in the past 2 years (via American Cities Climate Challenge or other climate or energy related program)

ICLEI USA will review expressions of interest and invite full proposals from applicants meeting the above criteria. ICLEI USA will provide technical assistance during the proposal development and project deployment phases, and will support communication efforts to share results and lessons learned from selected projects.

Timeline

April 11, 2022	Expressions of interest due
May 11, 2022	Invitations to apply announced at the ICLEI World Congress
July 15, 2022	Full Proposals Due
September 16, 2022	Awards announced
December 16, 2022	Complete due diligence and execute contracts
January 15, 2024	Activities completed and funds spent





Expressions of Interest

Applicant Organization Name:

Applicant contact: (name, title, email, phone number)

Name of city, state in which applicant's proposed activities will take place:

Describe underserved communities in this city:

("underserved communities" refers to populations sharing a particular characteristic, as well as geographic communities, that have been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic, social, and civic life, including people of color, low income, rural, tribal, indigenous, and other populations that may be disproportionately impacted by environmental harms and risks.)

List 1 - 3 activities your organization proposes to undertake to support the city's climate action plan

How do these actions reduce local GHG emissions and make the community more resilient to shocks and stresses while reducing inequality?

Which community assets (municipal budget and infrastructure; natural assets; people, businesses, institutions, and cultural attributes) are underutilized and how will your proposed project better leverage them for lasting collective impact?





FAQ

Q: Does the city need to be an ICLEI member to apply?

A: No, but the city must meet the prerequisite requirements: GHG inventory, Science-based target, and high-impact action summary, all of which are available to ICLEI members. Contact us if you have questions.

Q: Can the funds be granted to the city for regranting to non-profits?

A: No, funds must flow directly from ICLEI USA to a nonprofit or civil society organization

Q: We would like to support a contiguous group of cities (e.g. the Denver region). Is this acceptable?

A: Yes, but you will need the expressed support of the highest-level elected official from each city if you are invited to submit a full proposal.

