



ICLEI USA Membership

The largest and longest-running
network of local governments taking
action on sustainability and resilience

Our mission is to unite U.S. local governments, Tribal nations and regional affiliates into an inclusive coalition that turns sustainability and resilience ambition into real-world action. Through hands-on support, practical tools, and opportunities to learn and collaborate with peers across the country and around the world, we help every community build the capacity to deliver lasting impact.

WITH ICLEI USA, YOU'RE PART OF A NETWORK THAT IS STRONGER BECAUSE YOU'RE IN IT.

What You Get By Joining



Peer Exchange and Networking Opportunities



Tailored group learning: Facilitated, recurring calls for communities like yours. We offer affinity groups for counties, regional governments, Tribal nations, rural communities, elected officials, and topic-specific issues.



“Safe space” calls: Non-recorded, Chatham House calls bring members together in candid conversations to address key challenges and emerging topics, such as data centers and funding gaps.



ICLEI USA Commons: Our [online member-engagement platform](#) offers a curated library of sustainability and resilience templates and resources, a forum for peer-to-peer exchange, and a suite of live and self-paced courses.



Member Meetups: Rotating in-person gatherings bring members together in their area, often alongside major regional or national events.



International collaboration: Global groups – including [CityFood](#), [Circulars](#), [CitiesWithNature](#), [the Malmö Commitment](#), [Daring Cities](#), and [the EcoMobility Alliance](#) – unite leading cities around high-impact programs.





Technical Tools and Program Access

- **[ClearPath 2.0](#)**: The definitive climate planning and implementation platform for the U.S., used by hundreds of local governments to streamline the entire climate action process, for both government operations and community-wide, through smarter data, dynamic emissions modeling, cross-departmental collaboration, and public dashboards.
 - [Platform Overview](#)
 - [Explore videos](#)
- **Technical Cohorts, Workshops, and Webinars**: Our structured technical assistance programs guide communities toward tangible results in sustainability planning, project finance, model policies, and more.
- **Project Preparation, Budgeting, and Financing**: Navigate the complex landscape of market-building, [climate-aligned budgeting](#), public-private partnerships, and project finance with insights from [ICLEI USA's Municipal Investment Fund](#).
- **Asynchronous Learning**: Access to learn-at-your-own-pace technical training courses, including greenhouse gas inventories, climate action planning, climate risk and vulnerability assessments, and more.
- **Standards, Frameworks, and Reporting**: We develop and refine the industry-standard protocols on emissions accounting for local governments.



Policy, Communications, & Local Diplomacy Support

- **Leadership Cohorts**: Peer learning groups dedicated to mayors, council members, county and Tribal leaders to tackle common challenges with co-designed policies.
- **Advocacy on the Global Stage**: Our [Local Diplomacy Unit](#) connects U.S. cities to their counterparts around the world. ICLEI is the official “voice of cities and regions” at the major international gatherings, including United Nations climate and biodiversity conferences, Climate Weeks, and other major events.
- **Strategic Guidance**: Learn to communicate sustainability and resilience effectively and build public trust. We offer training and direct support on storytelling, media, and community engagement.

Whole-of-Government Impact:

What Makes the ICLEI USA Network Unique

We serve as your third-party expert and thought partner to embed sustainability and resilience in the fabric of your department or government-wide.

Institutionalize → For Elected Officials & Executives: We help you drive progress by institutionalizing sustainability and resilience work through robust policy based on best practices and innovation. Connect to a network of hundreds of local leaders, and move beyond individual election cycles by embedding data-driven policy into your community's legislative framework.

Operationalize → For Practitioners & Department Heads: We support you in building the internal capacity needed to break down silos and operationalize sustainability and resilience plans. Our team will help you integrate climate considerations into everyday workflows, budgets, and departmental strategies.

Support for ALL Departments

This work can no longer be the sole responsibility of a single office or staff person; at ICLEI USA we offer expertise to staff across the entire organizational chart.



**City
Manager/
Executive
Offices**

Strategic guidance on weaving sustainability throughout departmental operations and policy, creating a collaborative and cohesive vision for departmental leadership and elected officials.

**Finance &
Procurement**

Guidance on project financing solutions and public-private partnerships, sustainable purchasing, and climate-aligned budgeting. Access to project investors and technical assistance opportunities from partner organizations.

**Public
Works**

Technical support and best practice guidance for fleet electrification, waste reduction, and community resilience.

**Parks &
Recreation**

Support for implementing nature-based solutions, biodiversity efforts, and carbon sequestration.

**Planning &
Housing**

Policy and best practice guidance for land use, transit-oriented development, and energy efficiency.

**Economic
Development**

Expert help for circular economy transitions, supporting local businesses in the clean energy transition, and promoting local green job creation.

**Commun-
ications**

Message your efforts in a way that builds public trust and community-wide engagement. Tell your story and cement your community's reputation as a global leader.

[View our technical assistance menu](#) for more information about our technical assistance services provided through membership.

Accessing Member Benefits



Membership Advisor

We assign an ICLEI USA staff advisor to support every member, so that you have a dedicated individual ready to align your community's goals with ICLEI USA member benefits. Your advisor is a thought partner who will ensure your membership complements your efforts and builds your organization's capacity.



Stay In Touch and Informed

[Subscribe to our twice-monthly newsletter](#), get a dedicated "Month Ahead" email from your membership advisor, and join a quarterly all-member briefing webinar.

Membership Dues

Local Governments & Tribal Nations

Population



Regional Affiliates

Regional affiliates, such as COGs, MPOs, or nonprofits serving multiple local governments, pay a base dues rate of \$3,500 annually. Regions are granted access to a "board" in ClearPath 2.0. You can purchase additional boards for individual jurisdictions. Access to boards associated with current ICLEI USA members are available at no charge.