

Request for Applications: DC Climate Commitment Grant RFA-FY25-GBCB-853

Pre-application Meeting

September 26, 2024

*Urban Sustainability Administration
Department of Energy and Environment*



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**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
AND
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)**

**DC Climate Commitment Grant
RFA-FY25-GBCB-853**

Publication Date: 09-13-2024

Application Deadline: 10-30-2024 at 11:59 p.m.

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Welcome

- Introductions
- You are welcome to introduce yourself in the chat, which is visible to all.
 - If you are interested in collaborating with another entity on an aspect of the RFA, indicate so in your chat intro.
- Have a question about the RFA? We'll be taking questions at the end of the presentation. Please submit your questions in the chat!
 - You may also email your questions to ClimateCommitmentRFA2024@dc.gov at any time
 - All questions received and answers will be posted on the RFA website: <https://doee.dc.gov/node/1743281>

Important Dates

- Virtual pre-application meeting:
September 26th 2024
- Questions about this RFA must be received
by October 23rd
- Application Deadline is **October 30, 2024**, at
11:59 PM EST

Background

- The District is a leader in climate action with a target of achieving carbon neutrality in its **own operations by 2040**, and **citywide by 2045**.
 - These targets are from the District's Climate Commitment Amendment Act of 2022. Text available:
<https://code.dccouncil.gov/us/dc/council/laws/24-176>
- The District's Carbon Free DC strategy outlines the high-level transition ahead to meet the 2045 target.
- **Next Step**: detailed, implementable plan to achieve the **2040** target

Request for Applications – Project Overview

- DOEE seeks an eligible entity to propose an innovative approach and action items for the District to achieve carbon neutrality by 2040, in accordance with D.C. Law 24-176, the Climate Commitment Amendment Act of 2022.
- As part of the grant, the grantee will:
 - **1. Refine the existing public operations inventory**, ensuring data completeness to the maximum extent feasible, and interpolate, extrapolate, or model as needed to fill data gaps.
 - **2. Develop a Consumption-Based Emissions Inventory (CBEI) for the District of Columbia**, using the best available data and research in a manner that is comparable to other U.S.-based cities. Ensure data completeness to the maximum extent feasible, and interpolate, extrapolate, or model as needed to fill data gaps.

Request for Applications – Project Overview Continued

- **3. Prepare the draft action plan using (1) and (2) as inputs** and submit it to DOEE for review prior to finalization to meet the District’s responsibilities under D.C. Law 24-176, Climate Commitment Amendment Act of 2022, Section 109d(a)(2)(A). The action plan will require a technical model to determine which policies and practices will need to be implemented and when, in order for the District to meet neutrality by 2040.
- **4. Propose priority actions** and first implementation steps based on the action plan (3), if funding and time permit.

Eligibility, Funding, Project Period

■ Eligibility:

- Nonprofit organizations
 - Faith-based organizations
 - Universities
 - Private enterprises
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- Government agencies are **not** eligible to apply

■ Funding:

- \$220,000
- May be adjusted depending on performance and availability of funds

■ Project Period:

- The project period runs from the date of the grant award through January 31, 2026.

Scoring Criteria

	Scoring Criteria	Points
1	Provides a convincing plan and timeline for developing an action plan for carbon neutrality in public operations by 2040.	20
2	Provides a convincing plan for conducting a public operations inventory and CBEI	15
3	Demonstrated experience creating carbon neutrality strategies and associated models that achieve their targets.	15
4	Demonstrated experience creating operations-based inventories for governments, universities, or other similar large-scale entities.	15
5	Demonstrated experience designing and leading a CBEI in a manner that is applicable and comparable to similarly sized US-based cities.	15
6	Demonstrated understanding of climate change, including drivers, impacts, and mitigation strategies and their ties to racial equity and community benefits.	10
7	Provides a detailed, clear, and reasonable budget and narrative that justifies requested funds	10


Application Documents

ONLINE

<https://doee.dc.gov/release/request-applications-dc-climate-commitment-grant>

EMAIL

Send a request to ClimateCommitmentRFA2024@dc.gov with “Request copy of RFA” in the subject line



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Department of Energy & Environment website. It includes the department logo, a search bar, and a menu with items: Environmental Services, Energy in the District, Resources, Laws & Regulations, and About DOEE. Below the navigation is a green header for the 'Request for Applications - DC Climate Commitment Grant'. The main content area contains the following text:

Friday, September 13, 2024
DOEE seeks eligible entities to develop a roadmap of policy and program recommendations for how net-zero emissions can be achieved by 2040 in accordance with [D.C. Law 24-176, the Climate Commitment Amendment Act of 2022](#), and how implementation of that roadmap can be a tool to advance equity for District residents, especially communities disproportionately affected by climate change. The amount available for the project is \$220,000.

A person may obtain a copy of this RFA by any of the following means:

- Download** from the Attachments below.
- Email** a request to ClimateCommitmentRFA2024@dc.gov with “Request copy of RFA-FY25-GBCB-853” in the subject line.

The **deadline for application submissions is October 30, 2024**. The online application must be time-stamped by 11:59 p.m. on the date the application is due.

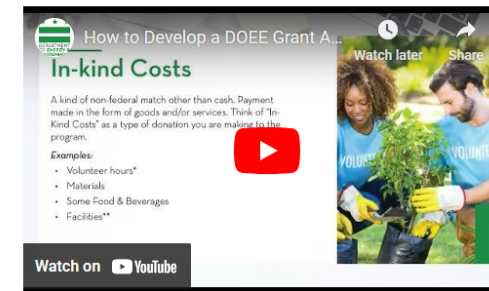
Application Resources

For support developing DOEE grant applications, visit the DOEE Grants Trainings available at:

doee.dc.gov/node/1590721

Session 3: Let's Talk Budget!

In this third of four trainings, viewers will understand the different categories and the level of detail that should go into a budget justification narrative.



Supporting Documents:

- [Example Budget Table](#)
- [Work plan template](#)

Session 4: Putting All the Pieces Together

In this final training of the 4-part training series, viewers will learn about putting together the project description. Viewers will also learn about the post award requirements and what to do if you're not awarded.



Additional Information

- DOEE expects to notify each Applicant in writing of its award status within six to twelve weeks after the application due date.
- For support developing a DOEE grant application, see the DOEE Grants Trainings series available at: doee.dc.gov/node/1590721.
- DOEE will create an email list to send updates and information regarding the RFA.
- You can be added to the email list by emailing ClimateCommitmentRFA2024@dc.gov with the subject line: “RFA - Add me to the email list.”

If you encounter any problems with the Grants Management System, please contact doee.grants@dc.gov

Questions?

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- Answers will be posted on the RFA website: <https://doee.dc.gov/release/request-applications-dc-climate-commitment-grant>

Thank you!

Questions and Answers for Request for Applications RFA-FY25-GBCB-853 DC Climate Commitment Grant RFA

Q1: It sounds like the District is looking for a community-wide consumption-based emissions inventory (CBEI), looking at consumption-based emissions from all households in the District. Most other US cities that have prepared CBEIs have done so at the community scale. However, for sector-based emissions, this project is only looking for a municipal operations inventory. Can you confirm that the CBEI should be at the community scale, not focused on municipal operations?

A1: Correct, the CBEI should be done at the community level and cover the District as a whole.

Q2: The existing government operations inventory does not include Scope 3 emissions from procurement (purchased goods and services, or consumption). Should the refined inventory also consider Scope 3 emissions from procurement?

A2: The grantee should look to other jurisdictions and established inventory protocols for most

For additional information regarding this RFA, write to: ClimateComm

Submit an application through the [Grants Application Portal](#).

Attachment(s):

[DC CC RFA_853.pdf](#)

[Appendix 1 - General Terms Conditions \(rev. 07.27.2023\).pdf](#)

[Appendix 2 - Promises Certifications, Assertions & Assurances \(rev.](#)

[Appendix 6 - Insurance Requirements_DC CC-RE091224.pdf](#)

[Questions & Answers](#)

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