

CEEJAC

QUARTERLY MEETING

Monday, September 16, 2024



AGENDA

- **Welcome**
- **Presentations to the Council**
 - **State's Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)**
 - **Climate & Equity Grant Program**
- **Subcommittee Updates**
- **Announcements**
- **Public Comment Period**

WELCOME

From DEEP Staff

ROLL CALL

Environmental Justice Communities

Dr. Mark Mitchell

Hartford, CEEJAC Co-Chair

Sharod Blizzard

Waterbury, Clean Water Action

Sheila Barney

Stamford, South End NRZ

Maisa Tisdale

Bridgeport, Mary & Eliza Freeman Center for History and
Community

Terry Adams

Stamford, Board of Representatives District 3

Rahiem Eleazer

Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation

Xochitl Garcia

New Haven

ROLL CALL

CT-based Environmental Advocacy Organizations

Yaw Darko

Connecticut Land Conservation Council

Alex Rodriguez

Save the Sound

Tenaya Taylor

Nonprofit Accountability Group

Large and Small Business and Industry

Adrienne Farrar Houel

Greater Bridgeport Community Enterprises

Theresa Hopkins Staten

Eversource Energy

ROLL CALL

Municipalities or Councils of Government

Cierra Patrick

City of Groton

Maritza Bond

City of New Haven

Anthony Afriyie

Town of Stratford

State Agency Representatives

Manisha Juthani

Commissioner, Department of Public Health

Hannah Beath

Director of Climate and Health, Department of Public Health

Devin Brown

Environmental Justice Program Manager, Department of Public Health

ROLL CALL

State Agency Representatives

Paul O. Robertson

Deputy Commissioner, Department of Economic and Community Development

Brandon L McGee

Deputy Commissioner, Department of Housing

Karen Kitsis

Deputy Commissioner, Department of Transportation

GROUND RULES

1. Listen respectfully, without interrupting
2. Listen actively and with an ear to understanding others' views
3. Only have one conversation at a time
4. Be mindful to give others and opportunity to speak
5. Focus on the task at hand rather than the position
6. Avoid off-topic conversations
7. Criticize ideas, not individuals
8. Commit to learning, not debating
9. Avoid blame, speculation, and inflammatory language
10. Avoid assumptions about any member of the workgroup

PRESENTATIONS

TO THE COUNCIL

The background is a collage of three images: a wind turbine against a sunset sky, a black bear in a forest, and a park with picnic tables and trees. A dark grey diagonal band is overlaid on the bottom half of the collage.

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Comprehensive Climate Action Plan

CT Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection
Office of Climate Planning
CEEJAC Meeting September 16, 2024

One planning grant, three deliverables over 4 years



Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)

- Due **March 1 or April 1, 2024**
- Near-term, implementation-ready, **priority greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures**
- **Prerequisite** for implementation grant



Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)

- Due in **2025** (later for tribes and territories)
- **All sectors / significant GHG sources and sinks**
- **Near- and long-term GHG emission reduction goals and strategies**



Status Report

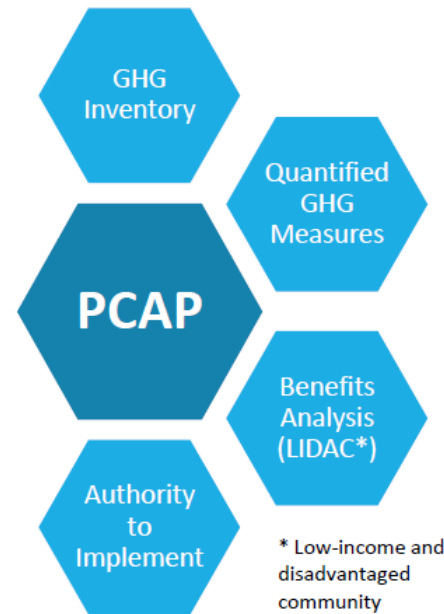
- Due in **2027** (N/A for tribes or territories)
- **Updated analyses and plans**
- **Progress and next steps** for key metrics

PRIORITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN REQUIREMENTS



**Priority
Climate Action
Plan**

**Required
Elements**



Identified near-term action items to prepare for implementation grants

Could focus on specific sector(s) or sources, not economy-wide

Limited set of requirements that set foundations for informed decisions

Encouraged building on previous climate planning efforts



EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Planning Grant First Deliverable: *A Priority Climate Action Plan*

Fourteen near-term, implementation-ready climate action measures aligned with Connecticut's Governor's Council on Climate Change recommendations and sector-specific climate plans to inform applications for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Phase 2 Implementation Grant

1. ELECTRIFY SCHOOL BUSES
2. TRANSIT BUS ELECTRIFICATION
3. ESTABLISH ELECTRIC VEHICLE INCENTIVES
4. DEPLOY ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS STATEWIDE
5. REDUCE IDLING FROM CONNECTICUT DOT CRASH UNIT TRUCKS
6. EXPAND SHARED RIDE PROGRAM
7. SUPPORT ADOPTION OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL HEAT PUMPS
8. EXPAND FUNDING FOR RESIDENTIAL ENERGY PREPARATION SERVICES (REPS)
9. EXPAND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS
10. NETWORKED GEOTHERMAL SYSTEMS
11. ENERGY STORAGE AND DEMAND RESPONSE
12. HYDROGEN FOR PORT OPERATIONS AND STORAGE
13. FOOD SCRAP DIVERSION
14. PLANT TREES IN URBAN AREAS

LIDAC ADVISORY GROUP – PCAP AND IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

- **Kristin Barendregt-Ludwig**, Program Manager for the Yale Center for Environmental Justice
- **Aziz Dehkan**, CT Climate and Jobs
- **Adrienne Farrar Houël**, founder, President and CEO of Greater Bridgeport Community Enterprises, Inc.
- **Mark Mitchell**, Professor Emeritus of Climate Change, Energy, and Environmental Health Equity at George Mason University
- **Alex Rodriguez**, Environmental Justice Specialist at Save the Sound
- **Brenda Watson**, Executive Director of the North Hartford Partnership

IMPLEMENTATION GRANT AWARDS IN CONNECTICUT

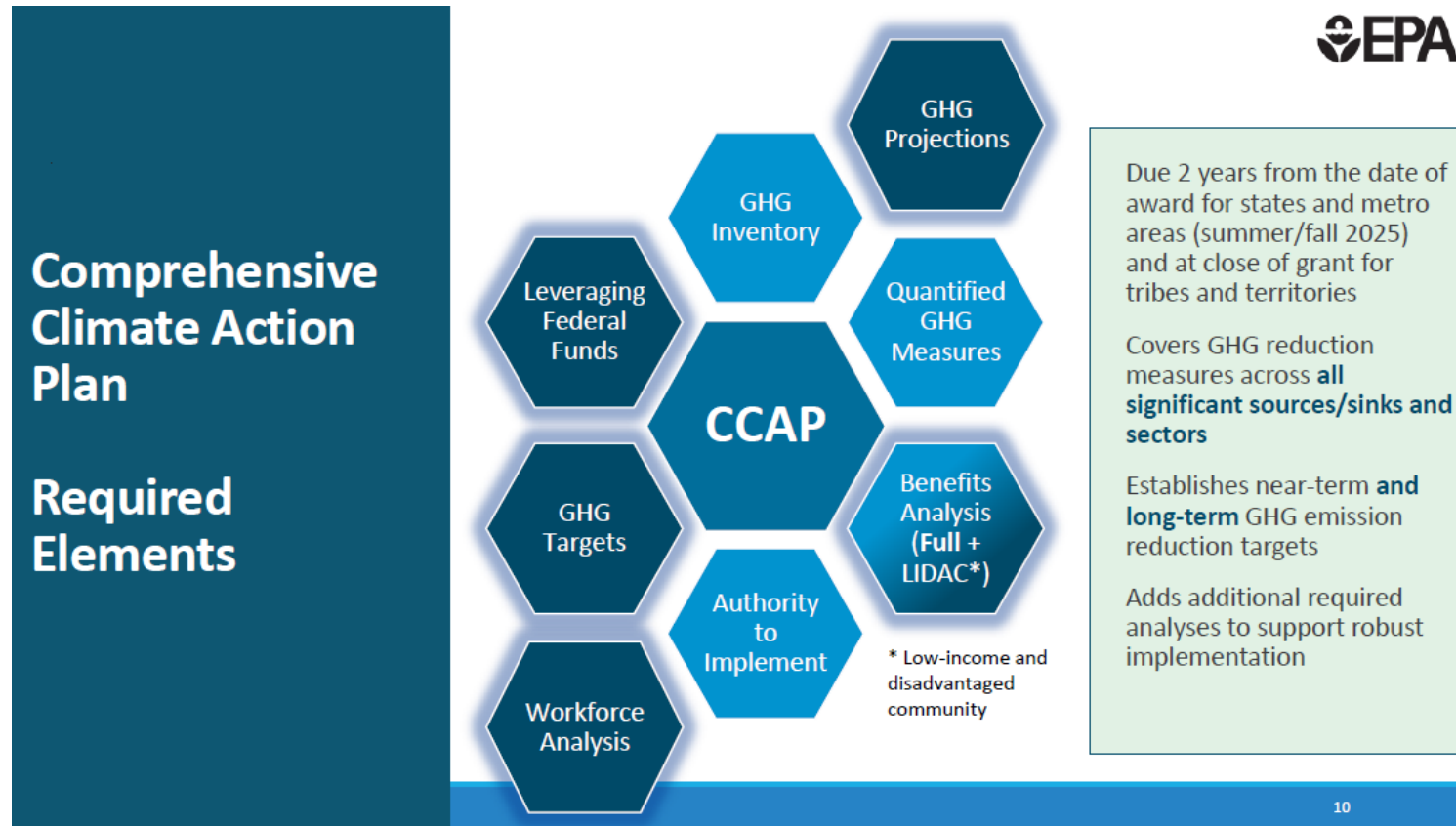
- **New England Heat Pump Accelerator – \$450,000,000 (up to \$100M for CT)**
 - Coalition led by CT with NH, ME, MA, and RI
 - Leverage the power of a multi-state market to rapidly increase the adoption of cold-climate air-source heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, and ground source heat pumps in single-family and multifamily residential buildings across the region.

- **Clean Corridor Coalition – \$250,000,000 (~\$56M for CT)**
 - Deploy electric vehicle charging infrastructure for commercial zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles on the Interstate-95 freight corridor and adjacent roadways.
 - Coalition led by NJ with CT DEEP, DE, and MD

IMPLEMENTATION GRANT AWARDS IN CONNECTICUT

- **Union Station Area Thermal Energy Network – \$9,471,615**
 - Coalition led by City of New Haven, New Haven Parking Authority, Housing Authority of New Haven
- **Mashantucket Pequot Climate Pollution Reduction Electric Vehicle Implementation Project - \$1,578,256**
 - fund EV charging stations at government buildings, transition the government fleet to electric, and offer residential rebates to replace traditional gas-powered vehicles.

COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN REQUIREMENTS



Must know the “measures” (or strategies) to be able to do: quantification, projections, benefits analysis, authority to implement, and leverage federal funding

CCAP REQUIREMENTS

Requirement	Explanation
Greenhouse Gas Inventory	Historic emissions and sinks by source and sink category following commonly accepted protocols for all sectors. Where we have been
Greenhouse Gas Targets	May be on a net or gross GHG emissions basis and should be consistent to reduce emissions 50% below 2005 levels by 2030 and to reach net-zero emissions by 2050. The inclusion of sector-based emission reduction targets is also strongly recommended, especially for the highest priority sectors expected to be targeted by emission reduction measures. Where do we want to go
Greenhouse Gas Projections	Near-term (e.g., 2030-2035) and long-term (e.g., 2050) projections of GHG emissions. GHG emissions (and sinks, if feasible) in the absence of plan measures (business-as-usual) and under a scenario where the plan is fully implemented economy-wide (required) and sector (strongly recommended). How do we get there



CCAP REQUIREMENTS

Requirement	Explanation
Quantified Reduction Measures	<p>A CCAP must include a full suite of implementation measures that have been identified to meet the GHG reduction targets. The plan must include measures addressing the main GHG emission sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• electricity generation and/or use,• transportation,• commercial and residential buildings,• industry,• agriculture,• natural and working lands, and• waste and materials management. <p>The selection of GHG reduction measures should be based on GHG emissions information and focus on achieving the most significant GHG reductions possible, while considering other relevant planning goals. GHG reduction measures may include both measures that reduce GHG emissions and/or measures that enhance carbon sinks.</p>



CCAP REQUIREMENTS

Requirement	Explanation
Benefits Analysis (General)	Quantified estimates of co-pollutant reductions and other benefits associated with GHG reduction measures. Track, minimize, and mitigate, to the extent possible, any potential disbenefits resulting from implementation of GHG reduction measures.
Benefits Analysis (LIDAC)	<p>A benefits analysis for low-income and disadvantaged communities assesses benefits of GHG reduction measures within such communities.</p> <p>Examples of community benefits from GHG reduction measures include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• co-pollutant emission reductions (e.g., criteria air pollutants and air toxics),• increased climate resilience,• improved access to services and amenities,• jobs created and workforce development, and• decreased energy costs from energy efficiency improvements.
Workforce Planning Analysis	Analysis of anticipated workforce shortages that could prevent achieving the goals described and identify potential solutions and partners that are equipped to help address those challenges.



CCAP REQUIREMENTS

Requirement	Explanation
Public Engagement	<p>Conduct meaningful engagement with affected communities in the development of the CCAP, especially with low income and disadvantaged communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify interested and/or affected groups (especially low-income and disadvantaged communities, consistent with federal government guidance),• seek continuous input, and methods of communicating key decisions and overall progress,• providing education, and sharing information with interested parties both during and following CCAP development. <p>Engage early and frequently with low-income and disadvantaged communities to inform the required elements of the CCAP, especially the low-income and disadvantaged communities benefits analysis</p>



CCAP REQUIREMENTS

Requirement	Explanation
Authority to Implement	Existing statutory or regulatory authority to implement measures, or whether such authority still must be obtained (and how authority would be obtained).
Leveraging Federal Funds	Identify other funding programs are available to the recipient or have been secured by the recipient from federal, state, local and private sources that could be leveraged.



Capacity Building Through Effective Meaningful Engagement

A TOOL FOR LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS



EPA 440B23001

THE SPECTRUM OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Increasing Impact on Decision Making



The Spectrum can help you identify what type of engagement you are planning and whether it is possible and desirable to use a more inclusive form of engagement. Note that a single effort can appropriately use multiple types of engagement (e.g., inform the public about an opportunity to volunteer for a committee that collaboratively engages to answer specific questions).

IAP2 SPECTRUM OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION²

International Association for Public Participation's (IAP2) Spectrum of Public Participation was designed to assist organizations in establishing and communicating clear expectations regarding the intent of projects. The Spectrum is organized around the principle that the level of public participation is directly tied to the level of potential public influence on the decision or action being considered.

INCREASING IMPACT ON THE DECISION

	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
GOAL	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision making in the hands of the public.
PROMISE	We will keep the public informed.	We will keep the public informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with the public to ensure that its concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will look to the public for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate its advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what the public decides.

² International Association for Public Participation (IAP2). The Spectrum of Public Participation. IAP2

STRATEGY VS. MEASURE



Strategy = A quantified method to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that can be broken down into "measures" which are policies, programs, etc that can be implemented



Measure = An implementation action (policy, program, etc) that can be taken to achieve, in part or in whole, a strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

STRATEGIES USED FOR PROJECTIONS APPROACH

Strategies quantified in **2018 Report Recommendations: *Building a Low Carbon Future for Connecticut*** (buildings, electric, and transportation)

Electric
Achieve at least 66% zero-carbon energy generation by 2030, and 84% by 2050

Transportation
Increase light-duty ZEV penetration to 20% by 2030 (500K EVs), and 95% by 2050 (2.6M EVs)

Buildings
Increase deployment of renewable thermal technologies in commercial buildings 9% by 2030, and 20% by 2050

Buildings
Increase deployment of renewable thermal technologies in residential buildings 11% by 2030, and 26% by 2050

Electric
Commit at least 50 MW of demand reduction per year to the ISO-New England forward capacity market

Transportation
Increase heavy-duty ZEV penetration 30% by 2030, and 80% by 2050

Transportation
Maintain increasing fuel economy and low-zero emissions standards

Transportation
Advance initiatives that eliminate the rate of annual VMT growth by 2030

CCAP requires these sectors as well

Waste

Natural and Working Lands

Industry

Agriculture

TERMS AND ACRONYMS

CCAP “Strategy”

05 *Install zero-carbon emission space heating and cooling and water heating systems in 400,000 residential properties and in 20,000 commercial properties*

New Jersey’s commitment to installing zero-carbon emission space heating and cooling systems in residential and commercial properties can have a substantial impact on this sector’s greenhouse gas emissions. Specifically, installing these systems would result in cumulative reductions of 9.5 MMT CO₂e in 2030 and 63.8 MMT CO₂e in 2050. To aid in these efforts and reach the State’s goals, New Jersey will pursue the 15 enabling actions outlined below, ranging from demonstration projects and siting and mapping tools to building codes and training grants.

Table 3.2.2. Priority Measure 5 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Estimates for residential and commercial buildings.

	Near Term by 2030	Long Term by 2050
	Cumulative Reduction	Cumulative Reduction
Estimated GHG reductions (MMT CO ₂ e, GWP ₁₀₀)	9.5	63.8

*NJ PCAP identified “priority measures” with “enabling actions” vs. CT PCAP measures looked more like NJ PCAP enabling actions

CCAP “Measures”

Adopt the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code for Residential Buildings and ASHRAE 90.1-2022 for commercial buildings

One major instrument to increase building electrification and energy efficiency across the State is the timely adoption of building energy codes, such as the IECC and ASHRAE 90.1. Building energy codes serve as key climate mitigation tools, working to reduce building-level energy use, energy related costs and greenhouse gas emissions (Schwarz et al., 2020). They establish minimum standards for energy efficiency across various aspects of building design and technologies, encompassing the building envelope, HVAC systems, lighting, and water heating. New Jersey can continue to show leadership in building codes by adopting the 2024 IECC for residential new construction and ASHRAE 90.1-2022 for commercial new construction as the next base codes for the State. These model codes will provide a significant boost towards improved efficiency of the built environment. According to estimates from the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), the 2024 IECC alone could reduce energy use intensity, energy costs, and emissions, each by an average of 8% compared to the 2021 IECC (PNNL, n.d.).

Explore the adoption of a stretch code to maximize energy efficiency in new construction

A stretch code is a non-mandatory alternative compliance path that is more aggressive than the base code, allowing self-identified communities to accelerate greenhouse gas reductions and energy efficiency from new construction. Building upon the work of the Clean Buildings Work Group and the New Jersey Energy Code Collaborative, New Jersey will seek funding to explore the adoption of an optional Statewide stretch code and consider pairing the rollout with incentives to encourage municipal and builder adoption.

Implement the Appliance Standards Law and develop the Appliance Standards Recommendations Report

The NJDEP is actively implementing the Appliance Standards Law (P.L. 2021 c. 464) and will develop an Appliance Standards Recommendation Report by January 18, 2025. The report will include an evaluation of other products that can be included in future standards, as well as the potential for updated, and more stringent standards for existing regulated sources.

Pilot community/campus/neighborhood scale district geothermal system decarbonization demonstration projects

NJDEP, in partnership with NJBPU, will seek to pilot community, campus and/or neighborhood scale district geothermal systems throughout the State (NJBPU, 2023b). These systems present an opportunity for city blocks, or even discrete communities and campuses with multiple buildings to transition wholesale away from fossil fueled heating systems, achieving economies of scale for decarbonization.

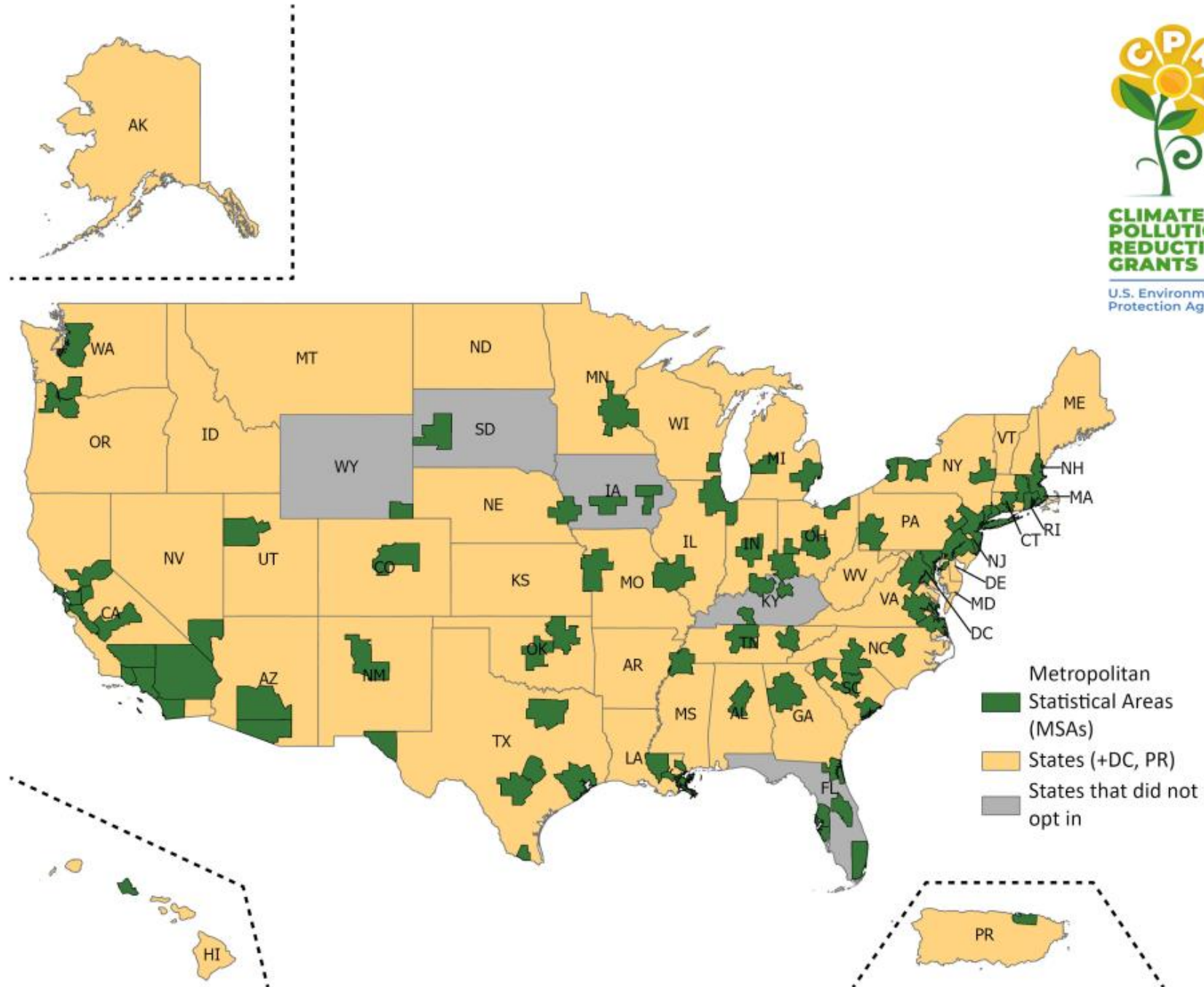
Explore the adoption of a Clean Heat Standard

Through EO 317 (2023), the NJBPU was directed to consider a Clean Heat Standard (CHS) regulation, which would target emission reductions directly from heating energy utilities by requiring them to replace oil, natural gas, and propane with clean heat over time. An energy utility can purchase credits or implement clean heat, with the expectation of heating



CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS

U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency





Questions?

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TERMS AND ACRONYMS



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CCAP= Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, a requirement of the CPRG



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Photo Credit: Pollinator Pathway



CLIMATE AND EQUITY GRANT PROGRAM

**CEEJAC Quarterly Meeting,
September 16th, 2024**

Mary Buchanan, Ph.D.,
CIRCA Community Resilience Planner

UConn



Purpose of the Climate & Equity Grant Program

- To fund projects that increase the capacity of vulnerable communities to mitigate, plan for, and respond to climate change impacts.



- Originated from GC3 recommendations report
- DEEP/CIRCA partnership
- Pilot round funded 6 projects, this is now the 2nd round

Pilot Round Grantees and Climate Funder Justice Pledge Results

Pilot Round Grantees

- **Colt Park Foundation (Hartford):** \$6,000
- **New Haven Leon Sister City Project (New Haven):** \$8,960
- **Pollinator Pathway (Norwalk):** \$10,000
- **Clean Water Fund (Waterbury):** \$50,000
- **Center for Latino Progress (Hartford):** \$50,000
- **Nonprofit Accountability Group (Hartford):** \$50,000

Of the total funding awarded...

- **\$156,000 (89.2%):** "Over 50% of my organization's Board (or equivalent) is comprised of BIPOC members"
- **\$58,960 (33.7%)** "Over 50% of my organization's senior staff (or equivalent) is comprised of BIPOC members"
- **\$168,960 (96.6%):** "My organization's mission statement, guiding principles, strategy, or other foundational texts explicitly commit to building power within BIPOC communities"
- **\$50,000 (28.6%):** All three of the above
- **\$158,960 (90.9%):** At least two of the above
- **\$174,960 (100%):** At least one of the above

<https://www.climate.donorsofcolor.org/>

Eligibility

Community-based organizations (CBO), tribal organizations, and tribal governments are eligible to apply to this grant program.

Funding Amounts

Track 1 (Small Grants): \$2,000 - \$9,999

Track 2 (Large Grants): \$10,000 - \$50,000

CIRCA expects to award \$200,000 total.

There is no match required.

Optional Participation Add-on

The ***optional participation add-on*** is an extra amount of funding that applicants can choose to add onto their project budget to support their organization's participation in state planning meetings (GC3, CEEJAC, etc.). Applicants who choose the optional participation add-on will receive a bonus +2 points on their application evaluation rubric.

Applicants may choose (on top of the project award):

- \$2,500 (5 meetings) add-on ***or***
- \$5,000 (10 meetings) add-on

What Types of Projects Can Be Funded?

Planning, capacity-building, or education projects that advance community-scale climate adaptation and/or climate mitigation efforts.

Examples of Eligible Costs

- Staff time / salary
- Materials / supplies
- Food for community events
- Travel expenses
- Participation incentives for community engagement
- Stipends to partnering CBOs
- Indirect admin costs (up to 10% of total grant request)

Examples of Eligible Projects

- Develop climate action/resilience plan
- Participate in training for climate planning, mitigation, or adaptation
- Community outreach, education, and awareness campaigns
- Outreach to connect community members to existing resources for climate adaptation and/or mitigation
- Develop a proposal to seek additional funds, such as a state or federal grant.

Helpful Resources and How to Apply

Grant Program Webpage:

<https://circa.uconn.edu/environmental-justice/climate-and-equity-grant-program/>

- Full Request for Applications
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Explanations and Examples
- Work Plan Template
- Budget Template (optional)
- Online application form

Deadline: Sept 30th

Connecticut Institute for Resilience & Climate Adaptation (CIRCA)

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Climate and Equity Grant Program

Overview of Climate and Equity Grant Program – Now Open for 2024

[Español](#)

In collaboration with CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), the Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation (CIRCA) requests grant proposals for projects that increase the capacity of vulnerable communities to mitigate, plan for, and respond to climate change impacts. This funding supports the recommendations of the Governor's Council on Climate Change (GCC3).

This grant program is open to community-based organizations, tribal governments, and tribal organizations. Funds can be used for planning, capacity-building, or education projects that advance community-scale climate adaptation and/or climate mitigation efforts. Applications close **September 30th, 2024**.

A webinar about this grant program will be held on August 13th, 2024 from 12 pm - 1 pm, with a recording available afterward. [Register for the webinar here.](#)

Full Request for Applications and Helpful Documents

To read or download the full Request for Applications, which contains more detailed information on program goals, eligible project activities, application evaluations, and more, please click the button below.

Questions? Check out our FAQ document below:

Working on your application and want to know more about what we're looking for in each section of the application? Below you can find an explainer document walking you through the application, a work plan template, and a budget template.

Still have questions? Please contact CIRCA Community Resilience Planner, Mary Buchanan at mary.buchanan@uconn.edu

Ready to Apply?

Click the button below to access the online application form. The application can be viewed ahead of time and saved to work on later. After you submit your application, you should see a confirmation message. If you do not see this message or if you have other questions, please contact mary.buchanan@uconn.edu

Climate and Equity 2022 Grantees

Timeline

- **Upcoming Office Hours:** September 19th, 11 am - 12 pm and 6 pm - 7 pm
- **Applications due:** September 30th, 2024
- **Grantees notified:** Early November 2024
- **Project Period:** January - December 2025

SUBCOMMITTEE

UPDATES

Water Subcommittee

Summary of Activities -

Focus on Mitigating Urban Water Pollution

- Integrated Water Management Planning Presentation – January 2024
- Water Subcommittee Member Meet & Greet – March 2024
- Urban Water Initiative (UWI) Presentation – April 2024

Questions to Explore

We've identified that watershed conservation and management requires a suite of partners to be engaged.

- **So how do we move from planning to implementation?**
- **How can we better connect organizations to municipalities to conservation districts to COGs?**
- **How do we keep people engaged?**

We're hoping to convene education programs to highlight districts and active projects that are going on, such as Watershed 101. **What would you like to hear about?**

Land Subcommittee

Summary of Activities -

- **Coastal Habitat Restoration and Land Acquisition – Aug 2024**
- **Brownfields & Remediation – Sept 2024**

Summary of Events

- Working with DEEP's Land Acquisition and Management's team on Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition (OSWA) Program
 - Statutory changes
 - Application & Evaluation changes

Recommendations

- Provided guidance on the Scoring Criteria for OSWA applicants
 - Creation of a resource guide
 - Adding multi-modal forms of outreach
 - Accounting for future greenway connectivity – especially important in urban areas
 - Focus benefits on surrounding area of greenspace

Air & Transportation

Upcoming Meetings -

- **Air Quality: Planning and Monitoring with Communities**
 - **November 2024**

Questions for Council

Will be co-hosting a meeting in early November with EPA Region 1 Air Division and DEEP to discuss state and federal air quality goals and how, we as a state, can achieve these goals.

- ✦ Provide education around air pollutants, monitoring, and tools.
- ✦ Provide an overview around federal and state requirements and standards and how these impact the public.
- ✦ Deepen connections between what the state manages and what happens at community level.
- ✦ Identify opportunities and strategies around community engagement (eg. Community-based monitoring)

What else do you want to hear about?

What questions do you have that we should explore?

Energy & Technology Subcommittee

Summary of Activities -

- CAS Loop and Decarbonization Study with Sierra Club – July 2024
- CT Siting Council Study presentation by DEEP – Aug 2024

Recommendations

- Major themes of public participation and shared awareness about projects, studies, and information.

As DEEP begins drafting the Siting Council Study, what would you like CEEJAC to keep in mind?

Additionally, the Public Comment period on the draft study is coming up in November, what would be helpful information to have for your meaningful participation?

Waste Subcommittee

Summary of Activities -

- **Plastics 101 – June 2024**
 - Meeting Materials on CEEJAC webpage

Updates

- Continued exploration about siting anaerobic digesters
- Learning session about municipal organic waste pilot programs
- Provided review and initial comments to DEEP's Materials Management Infrastructure Grants Program
 - Grant Program is open– geared specifically to Municipalities and Councils of Government for small and medium scale waste management

ANNOUNCEMENTS &

UPDATES



**Connecticut
Electric Bicycle**
INCENTIVE PROGRAM

eBike Incentive Program
Round 2 Launch

EBike Round 2 Launch

- Budget: \$750,000
- Incentive levels:
 - Standard Voucher: \$500 (remaining the same)
 - Voucher+: \$1,250 (Standard + \$750)
 - This is lowered slightly to allow for more program participation, especially from LMI households and EJ communities



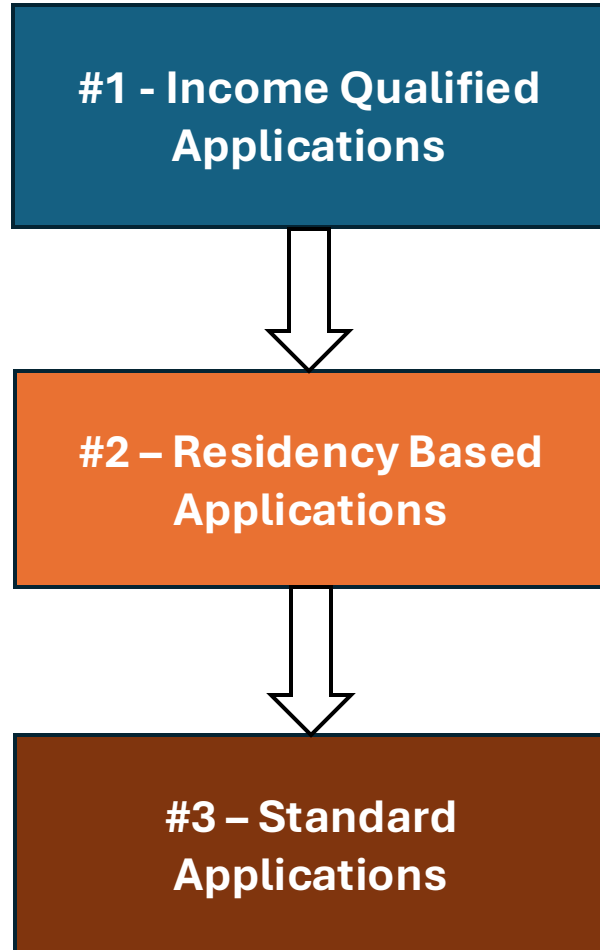
▪ Program Parameters that Remain the Same For Participating Retailers:

- Have a physical storefront
- Be in good standing
- Offer at least one eligible eBike model

▪ Eligible eBikes must:

- Have MSRP ≤ \$3,000
- Have an electrical drive system certified by an accredited testing laboratory for compliance with UL 28493 or EN 15194.
- Have a manufacturer's warranty for frame and components for a period of not less than one (1) year

eBike Incentive Program Changes



- **NEW** Application portal will remain open for 14 days

- Program launch will be 12 PM ET on September 17th!
- Application portal will close 8 PM ET on October 1st
- All applications will be accepted through this period

NEW Applications will be sorted and tiered

- Tiers will prioritize income qualified and categorically eligible residents followed by applicants residing in EJ qualified areas
 - Applicants who participate in a state or federal income qualifying program or have an income less than 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) will be Tier 1
 - If funds remain, the next prioritized tier would be applicants who reside in an Environmental Justice (EJ) community or Distressed Municipality
 - If funds remain, those who applied for a Standard Voucher may receive funds until the budget is exhausted

NEW Vouchers will be awarded via a lottery system

- Applicants will be selected by lottery in each category as opposed to first-come, first-serve system from Round 1

CBO Outreach

CBO Outreach & Engagement – Round 2 eBikes

Guide for CBOs assisting DEEP with providing support for eBike Voucher Round 2 Launch

1. Outreach – Distribution of flyer and application guide (English + Spanish) *Coming Soon

- Email digital flyer
- Print and hang up

2. Technical Assistance –

- Assist community

Bike Shop. You

- List of eBike

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List of Support Partners

Role	Organization	Location	Contact
Outreach	Greater Bridgeport Community Enterprises	Bridgeport	Adrienne Farrar Houel
Outreach	City of Bridgeport, Office of Sustainability	Bridgeport	Chadwick Schroeder
Outreach + TA	Nonprofit Accountability Group	Hartford	Tenaya Taylor
Outreach + TA	Fridgeport/Aspetuck and Black Land Trust	Bridgeport	Reggy Saint Fortcolin
Outreach	CT Economic and Environmental Justice Network	Hartford	Sharon Lewis
Outreach	Bible Way	Hartford	Pastor Terry Stringer
Outreach	Shiloh Baptist	Hartford	Rev. Albert Bailey
Outreach + TA	Swift/NHP	North Hartford	Brenda Watson
Outreach	City of Groton	Groton	Cierra Patrick

Resources

- [Flyer](#)
- Informational flyer with basic program details that guides readers to eBike website to learn more. Currently posted on [website](#) with Spanish version coming soon!
- **Factsheet**
- One page document summarizing the program, its structure and changes from R1 to R2. Provides key information in short format. Coming to website soon!
- **Application Guide**
- Document to provide support on application process. Lists all necessary information and documentation needed in an application, dependent on Tier. Intended for applicants and those assisting applicants through the process. Coming to website soon in both English and Spanish!
- **FAQ**
- Document with 30+ possible questions and detailed answers that applicants, retailers or those interested in learning more about the program and requirements may have. Currently posted on [website](#) with Spanish version coming soon!

The [eBike Program Website](#) is constantly being updated with new links, documents and information! Keep checking the website in the coming weeks to see more as information continues to get posted!



Connecticut Electric Bicycle INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Buy your eBike and get an instant *discount!*

Receive **\$500-\$1,250** off your purchase

Open For Applications
Tues., Sept. 17 – Tues., Oct. 1, 2024

The popular Connecticut eBike Incentive Program is back to help make it more affordable to ride a zero-emission electric bicycle and help improve your community's air quality.

How to Apply
All applicants must first apply for a voucher online through the eBike Incentive Program platform prior to making a purchase at a participating Connecticut eBike retailer. New this year, a lottery system has been established to prioritize vouchers to those who need them the most.

Incentive Levels

- Standard Voucher: \$500
- Voucher+: Standard Voucher + \$750 = \$1,250

Must be a Connecticut resident and 18 years or older at time of application. Qualification is based on three tiers:

- **Tier 1:** Participant in a [state or federal income qualifying program](#) or have an income less than [300% of the federal poverty level](#).
- **Tier 2:** Reside in an [Environmental Justice](#) community or [Distressed Municipality](#).
- **Tier 3:** Eligible for Standard voucher.

For information on Eligible eBikes, Voucher+ Qualifications and Participating Retailers:
Connecticut eBike Program ➤ www.drivecheapr.org/ebikes

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Connecticut Siting Council

Established in 1971 to balance the need for:

Adequate and reliable public utility services at the lowest reasonable cost to consumers



Need to protect the environment and ecology of the state

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Stakeholder Survey

<https://forms.office.com/g/Te2uGEZcGj>

SURVEY FOR STAKEHOLDERS OF THE CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL (CSC)

2024

This survey aims to capture various stakeholder perceptions about the work of the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC). Thank you for your time and input!

Start now

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