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King County Community Climate Resilience Grant Program: 2025-2026



About the program

The CCR Grant Program is intended for frontline communities, defined as those that are disproportionately impacted by climate change due to existing and historic racial, social, environmental, and economic inequities, and who have limited resources and limited capacity to adapt to climate-related shocks and stressors.

The Community Climate Resilience (CCR) Grant Program serves as a resource for frontline communities to develop new or expand on existing community-based climate resilience projects. Proposed grant activities must align with one or more of the focus areas listed. Applicants will need to identify the focus areas that apply and will have the option to note additional focus areas. Project budget requests can range between \$5,000 - \$30,000. All application materials must be submitted by Wednesday, April 16, 8:00AM via JotForm.

Eligible applicants must:

- Have 501(c)3 nonprofit status; or
- Have a fiscal sponsor with 501(c)3 nonprofit status
 - *For groups that must hire a fiscal sponsor, a fee of 8% to 15% of the total grant award is often charged. This fee may be included in your proposed budget.*
- Organization/collective or community group applying must be representative of a frontline community as defined above and work or serve with frontline community members.

Project Eligibility Details:

Proposed grant activities must align with one or more of the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan's Sustainable & Resilient Frontline Communities (SRFC) Focus Areas. To read about the SRFC Focus Areas, sample project actions, and information on last year's grantees and their projects, visit the [CCR Grant Website](#).

All projects must take place within King County and serve frontline communities located in King County. Projects not eligible for funding at this time include land acquisition or development of a scholarship program.

CCR Grant Project Focus Areas:



**Community capacity
development**



**Food systems &
food security**



**Transportation access
& equity**



**Special Topic:
Heat Mitigation**



**Community health &
emergency preparedness**



**Housing security and
anti-displacement**



Energy Justice

Special Topic: Heat Mitigation

In July 2024, King County released the first ever Extreme Heat Mitigation Strategy, which provides 20 near-term and longer-term actions for King County and local partners to better prepare for and respond to the impacts of extreme heat.

The strategy actions were informed by engagement with over 900 individuals, including community partners, and the highlighted strategic objectives include keeping people safe indoors and outdoors, increasing heat safety awareness and education, integrating heat resilience into infrastructure planning and green spaces, and supporting community-led heat action.



Special Topic: Heat Mitigation

This special topic focuses on projects that increase heat safety, awareness, planning, and resilience in communities disproportionately impacted by extreme heat.

Action ideas include (but are not limited to) purchase and distribution of heat safety equipment (such as water, sunscreen, hats, or portable air conditioners) for vulnerable community members, local tree planting efforts, creation and distribution of multimedia heat safety messaging, heat trainings for CBO staff, and other ideas that increase local heat resilience.

If you have any questions about this topic area or are seeking guidance on submitting a heat topic area project, please contact Daaniya Iyaz (daiyaz@kingcounty.gov), Climate Preparedness Project Manager in the King County Executive Climate Office.

2025 COMMUNITY CLIMATE RESILIENCE GRANT TIMELINE

March 23-27, 2026

Closeout & Final Project
Report Due

March 22, 2026

Latest Project End Date

December 12th

Check-in Meeting / Progress
Report Due

May 15th

Notification of Awards

April 16th

CCR Application Closes

July - September

Site Visits / Check-in
Meetings

June 12th

9AM-1PM, in-person
Grantee Orientation

June 9th

Earliest Project
Start Date

April 17th-May 5th

Application Review
and Scoring

March 25th

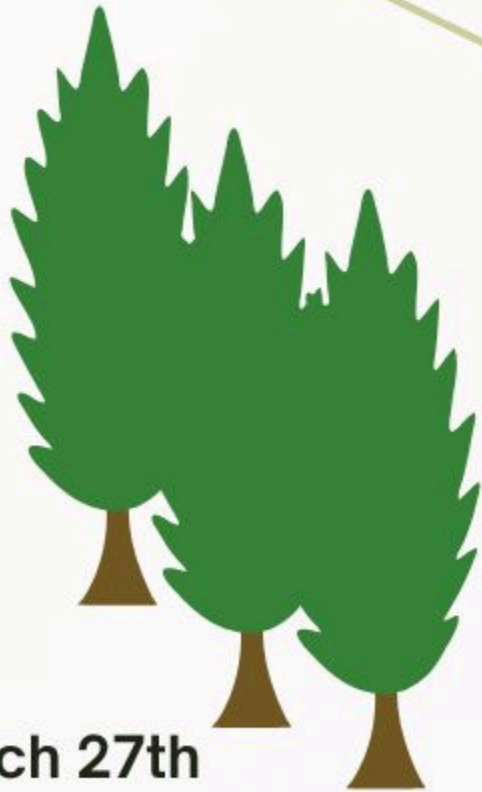
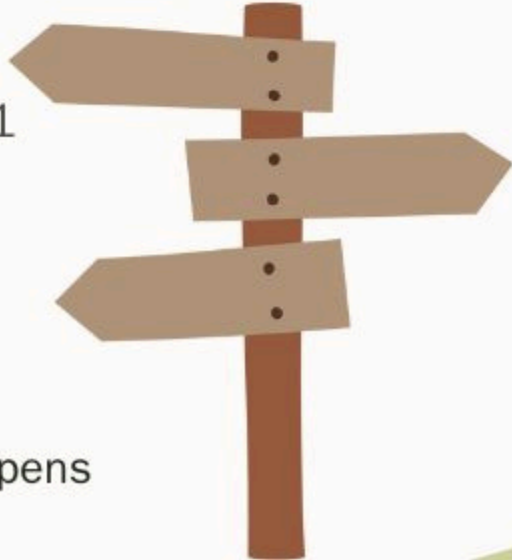
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Info Session #1

March 27th

9:30-11AM
Info Session #2

March 19th

CCR Application Opens



Scoring Criteria & Review Process

The CCR Grant Program applications will be scored by a Review Committee composed of two King County staff members and three frontline community members. Frontline community members on the Review Committee will not be able to score their own organization's application to prevent a conflict of interest.

The Review Committee will score the grant applications based on the following categories:

- **Frontline Community Representation** - How well are frontline communities represented in the organization, the project's target audience, and at various stages of the project?
- **Project Clarity** - How clear are the project's activities and outcomes? How clearly is the project connected to an SRFC Focus Area(s) and the priorities, values, social issues, needs, or lived experiences of the frontline community(ies) being served?
- **Project Budget** ([budget template](#))- How reasonable and feasible is the budget? How well does the budget narrative explain how the line items will be used directly and are essential to the project's success?
- **Project Work Plan** ([work plan template](#)) - How clear are the key activities of the project? How feasible is the timeline of the work plan? How clear and measurable are the expected outcomes?

The Review Committee will provide their scores for each category and application to the Executive Climate Office Climate Equity Team who will make the final decision. The Review Committee reserves the right to recommend an award amount that is different from the requested amount based upon these factors.

Invoice & Reporting Expectations

Following acceptance of the grant award, the Grant Coordinator and Grantee will work together to create appropriate expectations and timelines for completion of the following tasks, including scheduling site visits or check-in meetings.

At site visits/check-in meetings, Grant Coordinator will take notes to support the completion of the required progress reports. Deadlines are provided next as the latest, though there is much flexibility to accomplish tasks sooner, given the project's pace and grantee's capacity.



GRANTEE COMMITMENT	KING COUNTY COMMITMENT	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Attend Grantee Orientation -Engage in Contract Negotiation (budget, work plan, KC W9, etc) -Review/Sign/Approve Invoice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Provide Invoice* -Support with Contract Negotiation -Pay Installment 1 of 3** 	Anytime after June 9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Complete Progress Report Plan -Complete Site Visit/Check-in -Meeting Review/Sign/Approve Invoice -Provide Expense Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Take notes for Site Visit/Check-in Meeting -Provide Invoice Pay Installment 2 of 3 	By Friday, September 19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Completed Progress Report -Review/Sign/Approve Invoice -Provide Expense Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Take notes for Progress Report -Provide Invoice -Pay Installment 3 of 3 	By Friday, December 12, 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Final Project Report Meeting with Grant Coordinator -Provide Final Expense Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Take notes for Final Project Report 	Week of March 23, 2026

More information:

*Grant Coordinator will provide a completed invoice template to Grantee to review, approve, and sign via DocuSign.

**Grant awards will be disbursed in three installments. The 1st installment will be paid after attending the Awardee Orientation AND within 30 days of receiving an invoice and a signed contract which includes work plan and budget. The 2nd installment will be paid within 30 days of receiving an invoice, and a signed and completed progress report. The 3rd installment will be paid within 30 days of receiving an invoice, and a signed and completed progress report. The final report will be due 60 days after receiving the third installment or by March 26, 2026 – whichever is later.

Contact:

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the Community Climate Resilience Grant Coordinator Stephanie Ung by email at sung@kingcounty.gov or call/text (206) 605-9070.