

# Climate Action Bootcamp

## INTRODUCTION

The Climate Action Bootcamp is a unique program that will provide an overview of climate action planning and federal funding opportunities for projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in communities. For cities that are not already a part of a state or regional [Climate Pollution Reduction Plan](#) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the bootcamp will guide cities through the first steps of engaging with relevant partners. The bootcamp will also support cities to explore projects around clean energy, electric vehicles, and building energy efficiency to help meet local climate action goals. The bootcamp will provide an overview of federal grant programs and tax credits under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act to help fund and finance local climate projects.

## GRANT APPLICATION BOOTCAMP GOALS

- Provide clear, actionable, and user-centered information on funding opportunities available to all local governments as part of the IJJA
- Raise cities' ambition for how they can leverage funds to deliver a big impact for their residents, specifically in relation to racial wealth equity, climate, and other important policy areas
- Provide focused support to resource-constrained communities to help them submit competitive applications and win more federal funds
- Elevate the collective efforts of local governments, philanthropic and civic sectors in their efforts to leverage federal infrastructure dollars for high-impact, outcomes-driven efforts

## BOOTCAMP MODULES

**Module 1, Orientation and Bootcamp Overview:** Cities will learn about the federal funding landscape maps to city priorities like housing, transportation, and jobs, including 1) an overview of upcoming grant opportunities, 2) overview of CPRG and how to get involved in metro or state planning efforts, and 3) overview of Elective Pay and other tax incentives and rebates.

**Module 2, Climate Project Identification and Planning:** Cities will develop strategies to engage communities, build upon data, and augment workforce development. Cities will also identify how pursue climate work and funding even without a standalone Climate Action Plan.

**Module 3, Climate Project Prioritization and Selection:** Cities will prioritize and select a Climate Action project and develop the concept. Cities will also learn how to think about multi-city and regional collaboration and gain skills to huddle internally (or across regional cities) to identify 1-3 possible projects.

At this point in the Bootcamp, there will be three paths to choose from: Clean Energy, Clean Vehicles, or Clean Buildings.

### **Path 1: Clean Energy**

Module 4, Clean Energy Project Types and Project Design

Module 5, Project and Program Design for Community-wide Clean Energy Deployment

Module 6, IRA Elective Pay: How Elective Pay plays into clean energy financing and steps for pursuing (NYU Tax Law Center)

Module 7, Budgeting for Clean Energy Projects: Project budgeting overview, targeting funding sources, capital stacks, deep dive into grants

Module 8, Energy and Equity: Using Clean Energy Projects to Drive Co-Benefits and Serve Disadvantaged Communities

Module 9, Telling your story: Outline and Packaging Your Application

### **Path 2: Clean Vehicles**

Module 4, Clean Mobility Project Types and Project Design for Municipal Fleet Electrification

Module 5, Clean Mobility Project Types and Project Design for EV Infrastructure, and Community EV Programs

Module 6, Budgeting for Clean Vehicles funding: Project budgeting overview, targeting funding sources, capital stacks, deep dive into grants

Module 7, Elective Pay: How Elective Pay plays into clean mobility and steps for pursuing (NYU Tax Law Center) IRA

Module 8, CRPG Overview and how your project can fit into its efforts

Module 9, Telling your story: Outline and Packaging Your Application

### **Path 3: Clean Buildings**

Module 4, Clean Buildings Project Types and Project Design for Municipal Building Decarbonization, Energy Efficiency, and Building Codes

Module 5, Residential and Commercial Building Decarbonization, Affordable Housing, and Building Retrofits

Module 6, Budgeting for Clean Buildings project funding: Project budgeting overview, targeting funding sources, capital stacks, deep dive into grants

Module 7, IRA Elective Pay: How Elective Pay plays into clean buildings and steps for pursuing (NYU Tax Law Center)

Module 8, CPRG Overview and how your project can fit into its efforts

Module 9, Telling your story: Outline and Packaging Your Application

## **WHO SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN EACH SESSION?**

**Mayor:** Participates in selective modules to spearhead goals and advocacy, review the impact story of draft applications, and implement long-term capacity-building measures

**Grant Lead:** Participates in all modules and is the primary point of contact for each participating city team

**Community Engagement Lead:** Participates in selective modules to help design community engagement strategies

**Finance Lead:** Participates in budget and capital stacks module

## **BOOTCAMP MEETING STRUCTURE**

**Peer Learning Sessions (Webinars):** Interactive sessions featuring subject matter experts on the policy and grant approach; followed by smaller sessions for peer discussions.

**Coaching Sessions:** Smaller sessions that continue to build on specific application questions identified in the peer learning session.

**Office Hours (Consultant Meetings):** Support in the form of designated time slots with our Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and your team to address specific questions about your grant application.

## **SUPPORT DURING THIS BOOTCAMP**

**Navigator Team:** Our Navigator is available to help answer the following kinds of questions:

- Bootcamp timelines
- Bootcamp schedules
- Participation expectations

Our Navigator team for this grant can be reached at: [wyoung@nlc.org](mailto:wyoung@nlc.org).

## **PREPARING FOR THE BOOTCAMP**

- Create an account at [login.gov](https://login.gov) if you do not already have one.
- Register at [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) or update registration to obtain a DUNS number.
  - Note: It can take almost a month after an applicant submits the SAM (System for Award Management) registration before the registration is active in the system. Please keep this in mind and create your account as early as possible.
  - Note: Existing SAM.gov registrants should check annually to confirm that their registration is active. Please ensure that your city's name, address, and EIN are up to date.
    - Getting started with your UEI:
      1. Sign in to SAM.gov.
      2. Go to Workspace (top right corner).
      3. Locate the Entity Management widget to find your UEI.
      4. Once you have the UEI, validate your entity's legal business name and physical address under Profile.