

# 2026 Community Climate Action Grant Information Guide



The City of Vancouver is now accepting applications for the **2026 Community Climate Action Grant** (formerly known as the Greenest City Grant). The Community Climate Action Grant is for community-led work in Vancouver that directly supports the focus areas of our two climate plans, the [Climate Emergency Action Plan](#) and the [Climate Change Adaptation Strategy](#), while also advancing equity in our city.

## FUNDING AMOUNT

up to \$50,000 per project

Matching funds are encouraged

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

**Registered charities, non-profits, or First Nation Bands** that:

- Are in good standing with the CRA/BC Registrar
- Have an active, independent board
- Show a commitment to equity (e.g. equity policies)
- Have organizational capacity (e.g. 1 year of financials)
- Accept the City's workplace harassment policy

## WHAT PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE?

- Located in and benefit Vancouver
- 1-2 years or less in length
- Advance climate equity while also supporting at least one of the following focus areas

## FOCUS AREAS

**Priority will be given to projects that serve equity-denied groups and communities in the below areas:**

### CARBON REDUCTION

Projects that support/enable the reduction of local carbon pollution in the following areas of our [Climate Emergency Action Plan](#):

Complete neighbourhoods  
Active transportation & transit  
Zero emissions vehicles  
Building energy efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy  
Low carbon construction materials and practices

### CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Projects that reduce risk and/or enhance our resilience to withstand the 5 major hazards in our [Climate Change Adaptation Strategy](#):

Extreme heat  
Poor air quality  
Drought  
Extreme rainfall  
Sea level rise

### CLIMATE ACTION EDUCATION

Projects that raise awareness and educate the public on any of the above areas, with a focus on:

Local sources and solutions to climate change  
Residents' role in supporting local climate action

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## EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Alignment with City climate goals
- Advancing equity in Vancouver
- Community impact and benefits
- Feasibility and realistic planning
- Capacity to deliver the project

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

**Expressions of Interest**  
September 26 at 5pm

**Full application**  
November 24 at 5pm

## INELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

- ✗ Land acquisition
- ✗ Large-scale capital costs
- ✗ Advocacy
- ✗ Research projects without an action component
- ✗ We will only fund the same organization/project/initiative a maximum of two times per five-year period.
- ✗ Organizations with an open Grant must submit an interim report with their application. If the project is delayed, they're ineligible to reapply until the project is complete.

## TWO-STEP GRANT PROCESS

### STEP ONE

Expression of interest opens	September 2, 2025
Online information session*	September 15, 2025
Expressions of interest deadline	September 26, 2025

**\*Attendance is strongly encouraged. Register [here](#).**

### STEP TWO

Applicants get feedback on their EOI and may be invited to apply fully.	Week of October 13, 2025
Full grant application deadline	November 24, 2025
Application Review by City staff	Dec 2025 – Jan 2026
Applicant notifications	1 week before City Council meeting
Final approval	Spring 2026, Council meeting (TBD)

**APPLY BY SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 at 5PM**

Get forms: [vancouver.ca/people-programs/green-grants.aspx](https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/green-grants.aspx)

Email digital-only applications to: [climateactiongrant@vancouver.ca](mailto:climateactiongrant@vancouver.ca)

**Late entries won't be accepted**