CLIMATE ACTION FUND

FACT SHEET

The Climate Action Fund [CAF] supports community-led cluster projects, activities and events that directly or indirectly reduce the harmful emissions that contribute to climate change.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Increase awareness and engagement on climate action at the local level.
- Strengthen the efforts and capacity of local community agencies, grassroots groups, and resident leaders.
- Activate resources for local COVID-19 recovery efforts, with a focus on engaging vulnerable residents, specifically youth, isolated seniors and diverse linguistic communities in low-income areas.
- Foster collaboration and cooperation between various sectors.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Projects that directly or indirectly (education/outreach) reduce the emissions that contribute to climate change. Eligible projects should aim to reduce emissions in one or more of these emission categories:
- buildings (heating, cooling, powering)
- transportation (cars, trucks, and other modes)
- waste (landfills)

Projects should also address one or more of the co-benefits of climate action, such as:
- advancing social equity
- protecting low income residents
- supporting poverty reduction
- enhancing the local economy
- improving health
- creating resilient communities
- improving affordability
- COVID-19 recovery efforts

For a list of example projects and eligible project costs, visit livegreentoronto.ca

ELIGIBILITY

All of the geographic and population level clusters are eligible for project funding. Each cluster will identify and prioritize local issues which can be addressed with the CAF resources, and develop a project plan to recommend for funding.

DECISION MAKING

Clusters will self-determine their approach to decision-making and the projects recommended for funding. Clusters can recommend as many projects as they choose within the allocated budget. Final approval for use of funds within each cluster will be decided by the CAF Lead Team.

SUPPORTS AVAILABLE FOR CLUSTERS

- Climate action information, toolkits and guidelines
- Promotional tools like CAF posters and slide decks
- Presentation support from CAF staff
- Advisory support from staff during planning meetings for project design and evaluation
- Consensus-building / decision-making tools as needed

TIMELINE

Cluster Project Brainstorming and Consensus Building	*June – August 2021*
Final Project Proposal & Lead Agency Identification	*by September 30, 2021*
Project Implementation	*November 2021 – June 2022*
Project Completion & Evaluation	*Summer 2022*

Timelines are an estimate and may change.

FUNDING ALLOCATION

A range of funding is available for each cluster. The funding formula will model neighbourhood equity, allocating additional funds to Neighbourhood Improvement Areas, Emerging Neighbourhoods, and population based clusters. Each cluster will receive base funding of $10,000 with additional equitable allocations.

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