

# CLIMATE & ENERGY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

RECOGNIZING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO KEY CLIMATE AND ENERGY ISSUES IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION.



Metropolitan Washington  
Council of Governments



ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FROM **APRIL 22 - JUNE 28, 2019**

## PURPOSE

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' (COG) Climate and Energy Leadership Awards recognizes organizations that develop climate stewardship projects or programs that engage and serve the region's diverse communities. The Awards Program highlights and encourages leading practices in metropolitan Washington for a broad range of climate solutions for their unique engagement practices as well as their results, creativity, and replicability.

## RECOGNITION

Climate and Energy Leadership Awardees will be recognized in front of local, regional and national officials. COG will showcase awardees to bring recognition to their successes and to serve as a role model for metropolitan Washington. This type of public acknowledgment can encourage continued and enhanced efforts of communities and organizations. Awardees will also be presented with a unique, environmentally-friendly award that is hand-crafted by a local artist.

## ELIGIBILITY

Three applicants from metropolitan Washington will be recognized with a Climate and Energy Leadership Award for leading practices in greenhouse gas reduction, built environment and infrastructure, renewable energy, transportation, land use, sustainability or resilience programs. Scoring places an emphasis on creative, impactful projects that engage and serve vulnerable populations. COG will provide awards to one organization (or partnership) in each of the following categories:

- **Government Agency** (local, state, regional, quasi-govt, utilities or authorities)
- **Non-Governmental Organization** (not for profit, citizen or community-based groups)
- **Educational Institution** (K-12, public, private or higher education)

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be submitted [online](#) or emailed to [Maia Davis](#) no later than June 28, 2019. Applications must include a project summary file that is a maximum of three pages long and give clear description on how it meets the four judging criteria:

- **Engagement** (engaging and serving diverse population)
- **Results** (results, achievements, measured outcomes including cost-effectiveness)
- **Creativity** (innovative, resourceful or unique aspects)
- **Model** (replicability to other communities/organizations)

Please read the Awards Program's [Procedures and Guidelines](#) for full details on judging criteria, judging process and application requirements.

**RECOGNIZE**  
Environmental Achievement

**ENCOURAGE**  
Advancement of Regional Goals

**FOSTER**  
Healthy Competition

**LEARN**  
From Each Other