

# CLIMATE & ENERGY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

RECOGNIZING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO KEY CLIMATE AND ENERGY ISSUES IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON.



Metropolitan Washington  
Council of Governments



## ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS APRIL 22 - JUNE 30, 2021

### PURPOSE

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' (COG) Climate and Energy Leadership Awards recognize organizations that develop climate stewardship projects and programs that engage and serve the region's underserved communities. The awards program highlights 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

Two 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 support underserved communities. 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** (*non-profit, citizen, or community-based groups*)

### HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be submitted at [www.mwcog.org/climateawards](http://www.mwcog.org/climateawards) or emailed to [lboggs@mwcog.org](mailto:lboggs@mwcog.org) no later than June 30, 2021. Applications must include a 1-3 page project summary file that gives clear description on how it meets the four judging criteria listed below. Engagement will be weighed more heavily and account for 40% of the total score and the other categories will account for 20% each.

- **Engagement** (engage underserved communities) - 40%
- **Results** (results, achievements, measured outcomes like cost-effectiveness) - 20%
- **Creativity** (innovative, resourceful or unique aspects) - 20%
- **Model** (replicability to other communities/organizations) - 20%

Full details on judging criteria, judging process, and application requirements are available in the Procedures and Guidelines on the awards website.

## RECOGNIZE

Environmental Achievement

## ENCOURAGE

Advancement of Regional Goals

## FOSTER

Healthy Competition

## LEARN

From Each Other