

CLIMATE & ENERGY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

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



Metropolitan Washington
Council of Governments



RECOGNIZE

Environmental Achievement

ENCOURAGE

Advancement of Regional Goals

FOSTER

Healthy Competition

LEARN

From Each Other

PURPOSE

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) created the Climate and Energy Leadership Awards to recognize organizations in the region for their pursuit of environmental opportunities and stewardship in line with regional greenhouse gas reduction goals. This program highlights and encourages leading practices for a broad range of climate solutions in metropolitan Washington. Join the friendly competition!

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. Entrepreneurs of resource conservation, cutting edge technology, and environmental justice initiatives are encouraged to apply. The award categories include:

- **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)

CRITERIA

Applications are judged on how the program or project meets the four judging criteria:

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

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