



# King County Community Climate Resilience 2023-2024 GRANT PROGRAM

As part of King County's commitment to action on climate change and to equity and social justice (ESJ), the [2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan](#) includes a new [Sustainable & Resilient Frontline Communities \(SRFC\)](#) section focused on climate equity and community-driven policy. The SRFC section is composed of eight focus areas that prioritize actions that have co-benefits (benefit people and the environment). These actions also promote equity, reduce harm, recognize intersectionality and the impact of climate change as a threat multiplier to other social issues such as housing, green jobs and pathways, food security, and environmental health. The SRFC framework was developed through a community-driven process where leaders of frontline communities established the goals and guided the priority areas for climate action based on climate justice values and community needs.

The Community Climate Resilience Grant Program (CCR Grant Program) responds to priority actions in the SRFC section that focus on providing resources and using positional power to help organizations achieve their missions and advance their climate resiliency work and education.

## FUNDING DETAILS

- Tier 1: \$5,000 - \$9,999
- Tier 2: \$10,000 - \$15,999
- Tier 3: \$20,000 - \$30,000

### Application Components:

- Completed application form
- Project budget ([download template here](#))
- Project timeline ([download template here](#))

**All application materials must be submitted by Friday November 3, 2023, 11:59 p.m. PST.**

## ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS & PROJECTS

Following the framework created by the [Climate Equity Community Task Force \(CECTF\)](#) for the SRFC section of the SCAP, the CCR Grant Program is intended for **frontline communities** defined as those that are disproportionately impacted by climate change due to existing and historic racial, social, environmental, and economic inequities, and who have limited resources and limited capacity to adapt.

**Frontline communities include** Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities, immigrants and refugees, people living with low incomes, communities experiencing disproportionate pollution exposure, women and gender non-conforming people, LGBTQIA people, people who live and/or work outside, those with existing health issues, people with limited English skills, and other climate-vulnerable groups



**Eligible applicants must:**

- Have 501(c)3 nonprofit status; or
- Have a fiscal sponsor with 501(c)3 nonprofit status; or
- Be willing and able to secure a fiscal sponsor with 501(c)3 nonprofit status by December 1, 2023, if awarded a grant
  - For groups that must hire a fiscal sponsor, a fee of 8% to 15% of the total grant award is often charged. This fee may be included in your proposed budget
- Organization/collective or community group applying must be representative of a frontline community as defined above and work with frontline community members.
- All projects must take place within King County and serve frontline communities located in King County

**Project Eligibility:**

The CCR Grant Program is meant to serve as a resource for frontline communities to develop new or expand on existing community-based climate resilience projects. We strongly encourage but do not require that proposed grant activities align with one or more of the SRFC focus areas listed below. In the grant application, applicants will need to identify the SRFC Focus Areas that apply but they will also have the option to write in additional issue areas not listed below. The actions listed under each focus area are meant to serve as direct examples of priority actions listed in the SRFC section, but they are not limited to these actions.

**The Community Climate Resilience Grant Program Project Focus Areas:****Community Capacity Development**

- Grow leadership capacity through leadership development trainings to prepare community members to address climate resilience.
- Design and implement culturally relevant communication and education strategies that best inform frontline communities about climate justice issues.
- Create or grow youth development programs to elevate youth voices around climate action.

**Community Health & Emergency Preparedness**

- Create communication channels for frontline communities around health, access to updates and warnings for climate events.
- Provide training materials to prepare frontline communities for emergency events and climate-related health impacts.

**Food Systems & Food Security**

- Support local and BIPOC growers to expand affordability and access to fresh, health and culturally relevant produce to frontline community members who could be disproportionately impacted by climate-influenced food insecurity.

- Support the development and expansion of programs focused on the production and distribution of affordable and healthy foods to communities that live in areas experiencing food insecurity, that have low access to public transit, people with disabilities, people experiencing health disparities, and people who are disproportionately impacted by climate change.
- Expand frontline community capacity and access to healthy lands and waters in which to grow, gather, and harvest culturally significant plants, foods, and natural resources in a changing climate.



#### Housing Security & Anti-Displacement

- Expand capacity, knowledge and resources for frontline communities to articulate the connections between housing and climate change through accessibility workshops, trainings, informational resources and partnerships.
- Strategizing and development of climate resilient infrastructure for frontline communities.



#### Energy Justice & Utilities

- Build energy literacy in frontline communities to develop leadership capacity for taking actions towards energy justice systems.

All projects must take place within King County and serve frontline communities located in King County. At this time non-eligible projects include any proposals related to land acquisition or development of a scholarship program. If you have questions about project eligibility, please contact Samara Almonte at [salmonte@kingcounty.gov](mailto:salmonte@kingcounty.gov)

## SCORING CRITERIA & REVIEW PROCESS

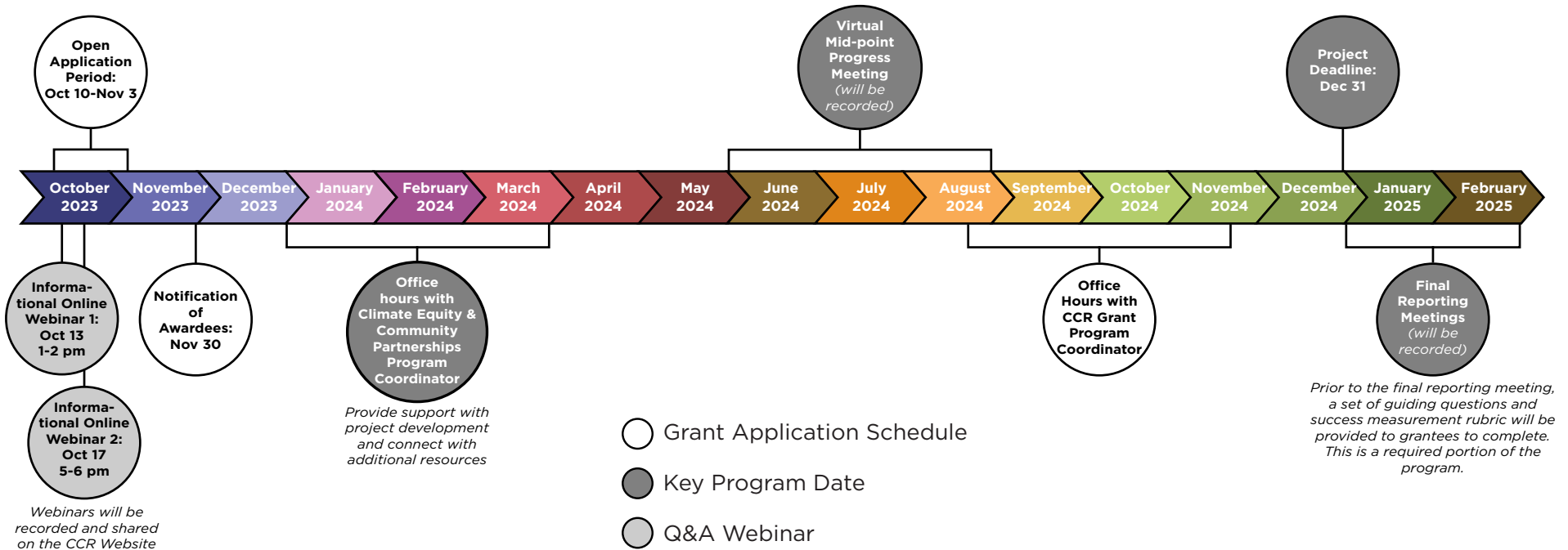
The CCR Grant Program applications will be scored by a Review Team composed of two King County staff members and three frontline community members. Frontline community members on the Review Team will not be able to score their own organization's application to prevent a conflict of interest.

### The Review Team will score the grant applications based on the following categories:

- Community Need – The proposal clearly defines what communities are served by the project and how the community is being impacted by climate change and/or environmental hazard.
- Project Description – The project meaningfully includes frontline communities in the project activities, provides direct and or indirect benefits to frontline communities, and the project has a connection to one or more CCR Focus areas, or other clearly defined climate equity actions.
- Project Budget – Budget is reasonable, feasible, and strongly aligns with the stated workplan and narrative.
- Project Timeline – Activities and timeline are realistic.

The Review Team will provide their scores for each category and application to the CCR SCAP Section Team who will make the final decision. The Review Team reserves the right to recommend an award amount that is different from the requested amount based upon these factors.

### CCR Grant Application Timeline



### Q&A WEBINARS

Join an information session to learn more about the CCR Grant Program, qualities of a strong proposal, and to ask questions!

#### Informational Webinar 1:

- Friday, October 13, 2023
- 1 p.m. – 2 p.m
- [REGISTER HERE!](#)

#### Informational Webinar 2:

- Tuesday, October 17, 2023
- 5 p.m. – 6 p.m
- [REGISTER HERE!](#)

For any additional questions please contact Samara Almonte, Climate Equity & Community Partnerships Program Coordinator at [salmonte@kingcounty.gov](mailto:salmonte@kingcounty.gov)