



Building Policy Collaborative Jurisdictional Support Subaward Overview

DRCOG Board Workshop – May 7, 2025



Building Policy Collaborative program overview

Decarbonize DRCOG Building Policy Collaborative

- **\$34.8 million* in subawards to DRCOG's member governments.**
 - Direct staff capacity (internal or contracted).
 - Other process and system support.
- **\$2.5 million contract for regional policy network facilitation.**
 - Coordination, stakeholder engagement, attending community councils, preparing materials, maintaining databases, and composing proposals.
- **\$1 million budget for localized research.**
 - Data gathering and analysis to support collaborative needs.

*Subawards range from \$50,000 to \$2,000,000 per jurisdiction.

Policy design based on three workshops

- **A formula funding subaward program**, with a second-round of competitive subawards to distribute the remaining funds.
 - Formula funding based on community size and growth.
- Primary focus is on **staff capacity**.
- **Encouraging partnerships**, especially for communities with less resources.
- Simplified reporting, contracting, and reimbursements.

Prerequisites

Jurisdictions must meet three criteria to qualify for an award:

1. Must be a DRCOG jurisdiction (or partnership among jurisdictions)
2. At least one representative actively participating in the Building Policy Collaborative with a goal of attending 75% of meetings and active participation in content review.
3. A letter of commitment from an elected official or senior administrative officer. *This is not a commitment to adopt a specific policy.*

Eligible uses

1. **Staff capacity**
2. Training & Certifications
3. Permitting & Systems Support
4. Technical Assistance
5. Community Engagement
6. Custom Measure

Eligible uses (other notes)

- Applicants may apply for multiple eligible uses up to their total award amount.
- DRCOG is developing sample application blueprints for each eligible use.
- Reporting, meeting, and invoicing requirements may differ depending on eligible use.
- More complex applications may take longer to process.

Funding Allocation (funding tiers)

- Funding tiers: \$50k - \$2million.
- Score =
(30 x community's % of total DRCOG population in 2025) +
(45 x community's % of total DRCOG jobs in 2025) +
(10 x community's % of total DRCOG projected population growth 2025-2050) +
(15 x community's % of total DRCOG projected job growth 2025-2050)
- Award tiers guiding principles
 - Bunching similar scoring communities.
 - Ensuring award amounts are functionally usable by jurisdictions for the purposes of the subaward (~\$600,000 to hire 1 staff person for 4 years).

Score	Max Award
≤ 14	\$50,000
15 to 24	\$100,000
25 to 59	\$300,000
60 to 124	\$600,000
125 to 249	\$900,000
250 to 349	\$1,200,000
350 to 500	\$1,500,000
500+	\$2,000,000

Funding Allocation (Round 2)

- A second round of funding will consist of a competitive subaward process awarding any funds remaining unallocated from the formula round.
- Second round scoring criteria will focus on:
 - **New participation:** by communities that did not participate in Round 1.
 - **Innovation:** Projects introducing novel, scalable solutions.
 - **Impact:** Emphasis on measurable GHG reductions and community benefits
 - **Replicability:** Projects with potential for adoption by other jurisdictions

Proposed Subaward Timeline & Logistics

May 9	Oversight Committee recommendation.
May 19	Application and process overview webinar.
May 21	DRCOG Board action on program.
June 2	Jurisdictional Support Subaward applications open.
June 2	Rolling subaward review begins
August 29	Closing deadline for Jurisdictional Support Subawards.
October 15	Final subawards approval by Finance and Budget

Thank you!

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