



BPC Jurisdictional Subaward Program Update

Agenda

- Subaward background
- Subaward Round 1 Update
- Subaward Round 2 Discussion



Goals

- Reflect on Round 1 successes and challenges
- Solicit Committee feedback on:
 - Round 2 goals;
 - Proposed subaward model; and
 - Eligible funded activities.





BPC Subaward Overview

Building Policy Collaborative (BPC): Overview

Mission: To equitably shift our region's building stock toward net-zero emissions through the adoption of consistent region-wide building policies.

The Collaborative supports local jurisdictions through:

- **Peer Network:** Development of Building Policy Roadmap, model policies, cross-jurisdiction coordination, stakeholder engagement, policy adoption support
- **Research Program:** Data gathering and analysis to support collaborative needs.
- **Subawards:** Funding to help increase staff capacity (internal or contracted), training and certification, permitting and systems, technical assistance, communications.

Subaward Overview

- The first round of funding allocated \$34.8 million as formula funds across all jurisdictions in the DRCOG area.
- Formula funds were evaluated by assigning jurisdictions to different funding tiers based on weighted criteria including:
 - 2025 Population demographics
 - 2025 jobs data
 - 2025-2050 projected population growth
 - 2025-2050 projected job growth
- Award tiers: \$50k - \$2 million



June 2, 2025

Applications opened



October 31, 2025

Application closed



Spring 2026

Round 2 opens

Subaward Goals

- Reduce building-related climate pollution emissions through local policy change, and support community-wide efforts to reduce building-related emissions
- Support jurisdictions' capacity to adopt and implement local building policies, maximizing regional consistency.
- Support jurisdictions in BPC participation, which will provide space for jurisdictions to jointly address policy adoption, implementation and enforcement challenges.

Jurisdictional Subaward: **Eligible Uses**



Staff Capacity



Permit &
Systems Support



Training &
Certification



Engagement &
Coordination



Technical
Assistance



Custom
Measures

Round 1 Results

Jurisdictions:

- ~25 jurisdictions applied (~40% of jurisdictions).
- 6 jurisdictions rejected the subaward and participation in the BPC (9% of jurisdictions).
- No collaborations between multiple jurisdictions.
- Received most applications around deadline.

Funds:

- Obligated ~\$24,000,000 (~69% of total funds).
- Most applicants were of formula amounts over \$300,000.
- Remaining funds will be used in Round 2.

Round 1 Uses

- Most commonly requested eligible uses:
 - Staffing: All applications included staffing, including internal and/or external support
 - Training/Certification – almost all applications requested this
 - Technical assistance:
 - Sustainable/comp plan updates
 - Policy adoption and implementation support
 - New Construction Policy – support complying with the State’s minimum Model Low Energy & Carbon Code (MLECC), embodied carbon
 - Existing Building Policy - Benchmarking and BPS, residential transparency
 - Permitting system updates / software support

Round 1 Key Insights

- Jurisdictional Characteristics:
 - Geographic distribution.
 - Contract building departments challenging.
 - Need for more baseline education on the ability to hit our goals.
- Subaward Structural Characteristics:
 - Minimum award amounts (\$50k) insufficient to incentivize participation by small jurisdictions.
 - 5-month application timeline too long.
 - Federal funding concerns.
- Subaward Scope Challenges:
 - Jurisdictions struggle to identify "policy-supporting" activities.
 - Most applications required assistance from DRCOG staff.

Additional Jurisdiction Needs Identified

- Additional elected leadership engagement & education.
- Space and funding for cross-departmental and internal staff engagement.
- Addressing challenges in existing legacy building code provisions and internal permitting processes.
- Baselining elected leadership and building department understanding of grid readiness.



Round 2

Round 2 Subaward Goals

- Obligate the remainder of subaward funds (~\$12 million).
- Incentivize new participation from smaller communities.
- Incentivize innovation in policy adoption and implementation.
- Incentivize activities that benefit low-income communities.

Round 2 Subaward Model

- [CEO Local Impact Accelerator](#)
 - Applicants must first submit a Letter of Intent (LOI).
 - Based on this LOI, DRCOG will provide feedback on the proposals as well as a “encouraged” or “discouraged” designation before full applications submitted.
 - Applicants identify three budgets:
 - **Fiscally Constrained Budget:** lowest funding level for the most critical tasks that could exist as a stand-alone effort.
 - **Standard Budget:** outlines a larger set of tasks that build upon critical tasks.
 - **Vision Budget:** encompasses the tasks in the standard budget with additional complementary tasks yielding a larger and more impactful policy and/or project.

Round 2 Subaward Timeline

Date	Action
Now – November 2025	Drafting of Round 2 policy
December 2025	Committee review of draft policy
January 2026	Committee action on policy
February 2, 2026	Round 2 opens
April 30, 2026	Round 2 closes

Round 2 Subaward Eligibility

- Same eligible jurisdictions, plus others?
- Same eligible uses (staffing, training, permitting, community engagement, technical assistance).
 - No infrastructure projects.
 - No rebate incentives.
- New eligible uses to be decided.
- Innovation and community-based organization grant programs upcoming and separate.

Breakout Activity

Questions?

Thank you!

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