

Building Policy Collaborative Jurisdiction Support Subaward Program

The DRCOG Building Decarbonization Program's Building Policy Collaborative (BPC) consists of a \$34.8 million Jurisdictional Support Subaward Program, a \$2.5 million Peer Network, and \$1 million for research on local policy adoption. The first round of the Jurisdictional Support Subaward Program will launch on June 2, 2025, and will support local jurisdictions in adopting and implementing building decarbonization policies that will improve building energy efficiency and reduce climate pollution emissions. A second competitive round of this program will launch in Spring 2026.

Goals

- Reduce building-related climate pollution emissions through local policy change.
- Support jurisdictions in participating in the BPC, which will develop a regional Building Decarbonization Roadmap.
- Support jurisdictions' capacity to adopt and implement local building decarbonization policies, maximizing regional consistency.
- Navigate the entire region toward implementing under- or near-zero emission for new construction.

Eligibility

- Jurisdictions within the DRCOG planning area.
- Letter of commitment to pursue building decarbonization policies signed by the chief elected official or senior administrative official (e.g., City Manager).
- At least one representative, or their designee, actively engage in the Peer Network, with a goal of attending 75% of meetings.

Timeline

This subaward program will be open beginning June 2, and all applications are due no later than 5pm on October 31, 2025. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. DRCOG anticipates awarding all subawards by December 17, 2025.

Limitations

The Colorado Energy Office (CEO) is launching a similar Climate Pollution Reduction Grant funding opportunity in the summer of 2025 called the Local Implementation, Mitigation, and Policy Action (Local IMPACT) Accelerator. This funding will provide \$50 million to support local government policy adoption in four key sectors: Buildings, Land Use, Transportation, and Waste.

The CEO program is statewide and involves a competitive application process; applications from DRCOG jurisdictions in Transportation, Land Use and Waste sectors will be more favorably reviewed than for the Buildings sector. However, if a DRCOG jurisdiction believes it needs support from CEO beyond what is available from DRCOG to adopt a building policy, CEO will consider such applications on a case by case basis.

For more information on the (Local IMPACT) Accelerator, visit <https://energyoffice.colorado.gov/cprg>



For more information about the Building Policy Collaborative Jurisdiction Support Subaward Program, visit:



<https://bit.ly/44AiZsX>

For questions, contact: buildingpolicy@drcog.org

Key Dates

June 2

Jurisdictional Support Subaward applications open and rolling subaward review by DRCOG staff begins.

October 31

Closing deadline for Jurisdictional Support Subawards.

December 17

All Jurisdictional Support Subawards awarded.

Spring 2026

Round 2 subawards open.

Eligible uses

Jurisdictional Support Subawards can be used in several ways to implement ambitious, above-state-minimum, building decarbonization policies. For the purposes of this subaward, building decarbonization policies are defined as policies addressing climate pollution and other pollutant emissions from building operations by addressing the efficiency of space heating and cooling, and water heating systems, rather than energy generation. Applicants may identify multiple eligible uses of funding up to their total eligible award amount.

Subaward funds should not be used in a manner that duplicates the work being done by other aspects of the DRCOG Building Decarbonization Program.

Eligible Uses	Ineligible Uses
Staff Capacity: Add staff to expand capacity for new policy adoption, permitting education, and policy compliance. Cannot supplant existing staff funding but can expand job duties.	Incentive Program Services: Incentives for individual equipment installations.
Training and certification: Institutionalizing in-house energy policy expertise among existing staff to allow them to effectively implement advanced building policy.	Energy Advising Program Services: Individual consultations for home and building owners contemplating or working on energy efficiency or beneficial electrification projects.
Permitting and systems support: Emissions goal tracking systems to verify effectiveness of policy.	Innovation Pilot Program Services: Small subgrants for innovative business models.
Technical assistance: Technical assistance for specific projects related to building decarbonization policy development, coordination, piloting, and implementation (May require EPA Quality Assurance Project Plan).	Communications and Marketing: Brand strategy and creation; communications campaign; public relations and targeted advertising buys; website design; customizable toolkits for area stakeholders.
Community engagement and coordination efforts: Community engagement and education on advancing building policies to ensure policy is supported and feasible to implement, resulting in higher compliance rates and emissions reductions.	Community Engagement: Subawards to CBOs for public involvement; participation incentives and stipends; transcreation and interpretation services; language- and culturally diverse collateral design and ad placement. *Except as identified in the Eligible Use section.
Custom measures to support climate pollution from the building sector: Propose a measure not listed above that advances building decarbonization policy and reduces emissions (subject to review by DRCOG).	Workforce and industry development: Green Workforce Hubs Services, Contractor Navigation Hub Services: navigation services for heat pump projects; small business scaling programs.

Partnerships

Partnerships between jurisdictions are strongly encouraged. Partnerships should submit a single application, with a single jurisdiction as the lead.