

Climate and Equity Process Proposal

ESTABLISHED; MEMBERSHIP

There is hereby created and subject to the limitations on powers of the committee therein, a "Minneapolis Climate and Equity Committee" which shall consist of 17 members. The NorthSide Green Zone Task Force shall nominate 3 members representing their community. The Southside Green Zone Council shall nominate 3 members representing their community. The Community Environmental Advisory Commission shall nominate 4 members. The Energy Vision Advisory Committee shall nominate 4 members. The Deputy Commissioner in charge of health and environment shall nominate 3 members with representing expertise in each of the following fields, with preference to those who are both technically experienced in this and have experience in and implementation that builds racial equity and involves community engagements

1. Renewable energy development
2. Energy conservation and efficiency and electrification
3. Waste reduction and zero waste
4. Public health
5. Climate and environmental justice
6. Labor, workforce, and/or worker's coops
7. Housing justice

Committee members are appointed through the open appointment process and approved by the City Council.

PURPOSE

The City of Minneapolis is committed to addressing the climate emergency while eliminating disparities in health, wealth, and opportunity along lines of race. The Climate and Equity Fund will make investments at the scale and escalation factor needed to address climate change and build a more equitable Minneapolis community. In order to make sure the Fund is used in ways that prioritize the needs and leadership of people most highly-impacted, this chapter lays out a process for doing so.

STAFF & RESOURCES

The city officer with responsibility for sustainability, or their designee at the rank of director of sustainability or higher, shall act as the executive secretary of the Climate and Equity Committee. The city finance officer, the city planning officer, and the city health and sustainability officer shall allocate the staff resources needed to support the Committee and development of the climate and equity program fully.

Members of the committee shall be compensated for their work on the committee, with a minimum stipend of {XX/month or XX/meeting}. These stipends can be paid for by the Fund. Members of the committee shall receive training and mentoring about equitable public and private investment to achieve the purposes of the fund.

POWERS AND DUTIES

The committee shall prepare and present recommendations to the mayor and city council for spending the Climate and Equity Fund regarding annual funding for programs and a 5-year plan for funding programs. These recommendations must align with the criteria and % category allocations in [climate and equity fund chapter]. The committee shall also prepare and present to the mayor and city council a review of funded programs and how well the programs align with and support relevant city climate and equity goals and plans and the purpose for the Fund overall.

The recommendations shall include the following

- A description of each funded program that should receive ongoing support from the Fund and what the funding level should be for the next year and over a 5-year period.,
- A description of how the programs receiving support are aligned with and support the priorities of the Northside Green Zone Task Force, the South Side Green Zone Council, the Community Environmental Advisory Committee, and the Energy Vision Advisory Committee
- A description of how equitable community engagement was part of developing the recommendations, including
- A set of metrics tracking greenhouse gas emissions, mercury, particulate matter reductions and any other pollutants the Committee identifies as important to track.
- A set of metrics tracking equity, climate resilience, and any other metric the committee identifies as important, including a schedule for updating metrics
- A description of how funded programs and the Climate and Equity fund more broadly are being used to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, build climate resilience, increase racial equity, and maximize the use of state and federal climate investments in Minneapolis
- A Climate and Equity programmatic budget for year 1
- A Climate and Equity programmatic funding plan covering years 2-5

The climate and equity program shall be developed in the context of the city's comprehensive plan and any relevant city action plans including, but not limited, climate, waste, racial equity, and transportation plans.

The committee, supported by city staff, shall run an open grant process to support innovative community solutions, described in [spending criteria section]. Projects applying for funding through the innovative community solutions part of the Fund shall be assessed by how well the project aligns with the purpose of the fund, the connection to and leadership by community, and anything else chosen by the committee. This grant process shall run at least 2 times per calendar year. The grant process must include required reports by entities receiving innovative community solutions grant funds.

The committee has authority to approve programs and projects with investors and/or financiers who have more than XX revenue/year. This limit will increase with the annual rate of inflation and be published by the city.

The committee shall present its report and recommendations as a climate and equity program to the mayor, by no later than the second Friday in August of each year. The committee shall establish guidelines dealing with program submissions, schedules, ranking criteria, forms, grant process, and the program document. The city council and mayor shall review, modify as deemed necessary to align with purposes of the fund, and approve the guidelines used by the committee.

The committee shall hold at least one joint public hearing on the city's climate and equity program with the relevant city council committee. The committee shall hold at least one public meeting with the North Side Green Zone Task Force and one public meeting with the South Side Green Zone Council to share the committee's work and get feedback. These meetings shall be held before the city's climate and equity program is submitted to the mayor. A summary of the public comments at the hearing shall be included in the climate and equity program document. The mayor and city council shall modify, amend, or adopt the capital program as part of the annual budget process. This chapter shall become effective XXX.

