



GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

What is the Gateway Cities Climate Action Opportunity Assessment and Readiness Plan?

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) received a grant from the Strategic Growth Council to conduct a regional Climate Action Opportunity Assessment and prepare Readiness Plans to help local jurisdictions apply for state Climate Investments to support projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The project, done in collaboration with the Institute for Local Government, is assisting local officials and staff to identify multiple-benefit sustainability projects and assess opportunities for eligible jurisdictions to apply for climate investment funding. For those cities with the most promising projects, the Project Team will develop a plan to increase readiness to compete for projects aligned with the state's climate action priorities and programs.

Project Schedule

Task 1: Identify potential local climate investment projects.

September – November 2018

Task 2: Assess readiness of local cities to access climate investment funding.

November 2018 – February 2019

Task 3: Assess climate investment opportunities for eligible cities.

February – June 2019

Task 4: Prepare *Climate Action Capacity and Readiness Plans* for up to seven Gateway cities.

June – September 2019

Requested Participation from Member Cities

- Meet and work with the Project Team to help identify local projects in your community that could benefit from the broad array of climate investment programs provided by the state, including housing, transportation, energy efficiency, urban greening, water and wastewater, and more.
- Review and use the tools developed for the Gateway Cities Climate Action Plan Framework. These include a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory prepared specifically for each Gateway Cities community, a menu of climate action measures for cities to consider, templates for developing a local climate action plan, and a guide to engaging the community in developing climate action plans and projects.

Expected Benefits of the Climate Action Readiness Plan

- Positioning Gateway Cities communities to successfully compete for funding for needed projects that meet critical local needs, while also helping achieve the state's goals for reducing GHG emissions that contribute to climate change.
- Economic benefits, including energy and water utility savings, better transportation and mobility choices for businesses and residents, and increased housing choices and affordability.
- Public health benefits, including better air quality, opportunities for physical activity that promotes health, and reduction in exposure to environmental pollution.

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