

COMMUNITY CLEAN AIR GRANT

INFORMATION SESSION #1
TUESDAY, MARCH 25 | 5:30 PM



INTRODUCTIONS



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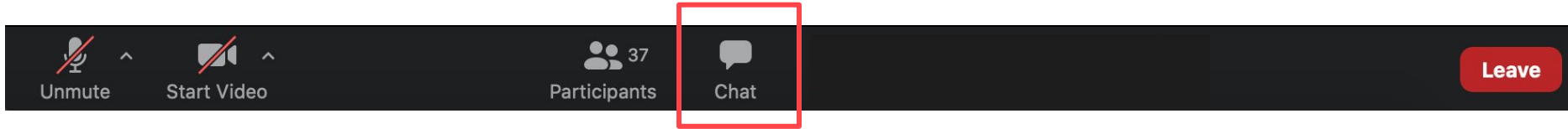


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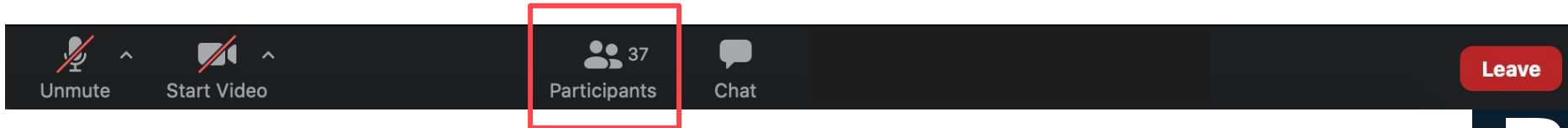
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AGENDA

5:40-5:50 OVERVIEW

- Grant Purpose
- Ineligible Topics
- Language Access

5:50-6:05 APPLICATION PROCESS

- Submission
- Evaluation
- Awarding

6:05-6:10 APPLICATION HELP

- Information Sessions
- Weekly Office Hours

6:10-6:30 Q&A



COMMUNITY CLEAN AIR GRANT

OVERVIEW

Grant Purpose
Ineligible Topics
Language Access



GRANT PURPOSE

AIR POLLUTION IN BOSTON



Disproportionate Impact



Health & Environment Impact



Ways to Improve

AWARDED PROJECTS WILL:

- ✓ Reduce or eliminate local sources of air pollution
- ✓ Mitigate health impacts of air pollution exposure, focusing on vulnerable populations
- ✓ Enhance the capacity of communities or businesses to monitor, reduce, or prevent air pollution
- ✓ Deliver measurable improvements in air quality or reductions in greenhouse gas emissions
- ✓ Support Boston's goal of carbon neutrality by 2050

FUNDING

WHAT

- Nonprofit organization may apply for funding ranging from \$2,000- \$200,000.
- \$1,000,000 is allocated for the entire 2025 program.

HOW

- The Air Pollution Control Commission (APCC) oversees programs that promote clean air and reduce pollution in Boston. This grant program is funded by the Pollution Abatement Fund and supports nonprofit organizations leading community-based projects to improve air quality and reduce carbon emissions while raising awareness of environmental and public health challenges. Funded projects contribute to Boston's goal of carbon neutrality by 2050 and deliver benefits to neighborhoods most affected by air pollution.

GRANT TIMELINE



INELIGIBLE TOPICS

To ensure this grant program fills critical funding gaps, we will not fund projects that already have multiple dedicated grant opportunities at the city, state, or federal level.

Examples of ineligible project types include building decarbonization, e-bikes, and tree planting. Alternative funding sources for these project types are listed on our website:

▶ Building decarbonization:

- ▶ [Equitable Emissions Investment Fund](#)
- ▶ [EPA Thriving Communities Grantmakers Program](#)
- ▶ [Solar for All Grant & Loan Programs](#)
- ▶ [Renew America's Schools Prize](#)
- ▶ [Community Power Accelerator](#)
- ▶ [EMPOWER Massachusetts](#)
- ▶ [BETA: Roadmaps](#)
- ▶ [BETA: Project Planning](#)
- ▶ [MA Green Bank Energy Saver Loan Program](#)
- ▶ [Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy](#)
- ▶ [Clean Energy Group's Technical Assistance Fund](#)
- ▶ [LEAN Deep Energy Retrofit Pathway](#)
- ▶ [Affordable Housing Decarbonization Grant Program](#)
- ▶ [Climate Ready Housing](#)
- ▶ [STAR Solar Program](#)
- ▶ [MassSave: Non-Residential](#)
- ▶ [MassSave: Residential](#)
- ▶ [MassSave: Rebates](#)
- ▶ [LISC Decarbonization Hub](#)
- ▶ [Boston Retrofit Resource Hub](#)

▶ E-bikes:

- ▶ [Boston E-Bikes Incentive Program](#)
- ▶ [MassCEC Statewide E-Bike Incentive Program](#)

▶ Tree planting:

- ▶ [Boston Tree Alliance Tree Planting Grant](#)
- ▶ [Greening the Gateway Cities Program](#)
- ▶ [Community Forest Grant Program](#)
- ▶ [Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Grants](#)
- ▶ [Environmental Justice Grants](#)

LANGUAGE ACCESS

- If you need to translate the application on WizeHive, we recommend using Google Chrome's built-in translation feature. To do so, right-click anywhere on the application page and choose "Translate to [Language]".
- **You may submit your application in your preferred language.**
- **Need additional translation assistance?**
Email apcc@boston.gov.

COMMUNITY CLEAN AIR GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Boston wants to fund community-driven projects to improve local air quality and public health.

Overview:

The City of Boston, through the Environment Department's Air Pollution Control grant program aims to improve public and environmental health while addressing

About the Air Pollution Control Commission (APCC):

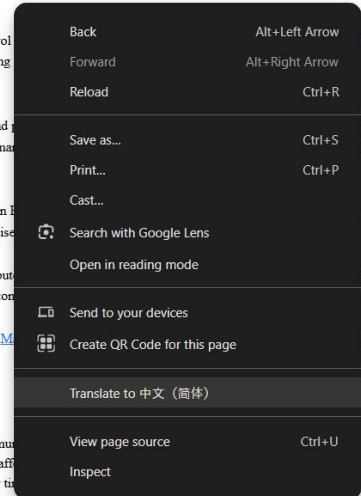
The [APCC](#) is responsible for developing and implementing clean air policies and through fees collected from environmental permits and fines. The Fund has primary

Air Pollution in Boston:

Air pollution disproportionately affects historically marginalized communities in Boston. Greenhouse gases contribute to higher rates of cardiovascular and respiratory disease

Additionally, greenhouse gases like methane, ozone, and carbon dioxide contribute to climate change, which disproportionately affects vulnerable populations, including black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC), low-income

To explore where climate risks are most significant, applicants may refer to the [Map of Climate Risks in Boston](#).



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APPLICATION PROCESS

**Submission
Evaluation
Awarding**



SUBMISSION

ELIGIBILITY

While the City encourages partnerships between nonprofits, businesses, researchers, and more, a **nonprofit organization** must serve as the lead applicant and fiscal sponsor for all proposals.

Projects must be located within the City of Boston.

PARTNERSHIPS

The City strongly encourages partnerships to maximize impact.

Interested in collaborating with others?

1. Add your contact information to a publicly-available list by filling out our partnership form
(bit.ly/airgrant-partnership)
2. View the current list of potential partners
(bit.ly/partnership-responses)

MULTIPLE SUBMISSIONS

Applicants **may submit more than one proposal.**

However, a **maximum of one project per organization** will be awarded per fiscal year.

PREPARE TO APPLY

PROPOSAL FOCUS

- ✓ Eliminate or otherwise address local sources of air pollution;
- ✓ Mitigate the negative health impacts of air pollution emissions;
- ✓ Enhance the ability of local communities to monitor, reduce, or prevent air pollution;
- ✓ Have a measurable impact on air quality or carbon emissions.

BUDGET

The program will award grants ranging from **\$2,000 to \$200,000** per project, with a total of **\$1 million** in available funding.

- Up to 10% of the grant budget can cover indirect/administrative costs
- There is no cap on budgeted staff time that directly supports project goals

TIMELINE

Project timelines should ideally be completed within **one year**.

However, proposals with a duration of **up to two years** may be considered if the extended timeline is justified by the project's potential impact.

PREPARE TO APPLY

RESOURCES

Helpful resources to identify the impact of air pollution in your area of proposal focus:

1. Massachusetts Environmental Justice Viewer
2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Asthma Rates Map

VENDOR ID

To apply, you need to become a registered vendor with the City of Boston and have received your **vendor ID**.

You can sign up for a vendor ID at www.boston.gov/procurement. If you have questions with the online registration, please email Vendor.Questions@boston.gov or call 617-961-1058.

OPTIONAL PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL

- If you'd like to receive formal feedback on your proposal prior to the application deadline, please submit a preliminary proposal using the provided [template](#).
 1. Make a copy of the template document.
 2. Complete all sections.
 3. Email your submission to apcc@boston.gov by **April 15, 2025**.
 - Include "Community Clean Air Grant Preliminary Proposal" in the subject line.
 - Proposals must include all requested attachments, including the budget attachment.
- Complete submissions will be reviewed and **will receive feedback by May 1, 2025**.

APPLY ON WIZEHIVE

- You can **preview** the application prior to starting your application draft. Once you begin the application, you will be able to **save your progress** and return to your draft to continue working.

By entering your full name below, you acknowledge you have read the Application Guidance above.

First Name*	Middle Name or Initial	Last Name*
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- Application sections can be completed in any order you prefer.
- **The application submission deadline is on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 4:00 PM.**

EVALUATION



CRITERIA

- Scope
- Work Plan
- Team



COMMITTEE

- Environment Department staff
- Representatives from other City departments

PROCESS

- The committee makes the final decision on who is awarded
- All applicants are notified on funding decisions

AWARDING



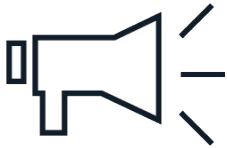
NOTIFICATION

- Application updates will be sent via email to the Profile Owner who manages your Organization's Profile
- If selected for an award, view and accept the award offer in the WizeHive portal



REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- All projects are required to submit an **Initial Project Progress Report** (3 months after project start date) and **Final Project Report** (after completion of the project)
- Projects greater than \$50,000 will be required to submit **Quarterly Progress Reports** and attend quarterly check-ins



SPOTLIGHTS

- Work with our communications team to spotlight your project in progress and completed

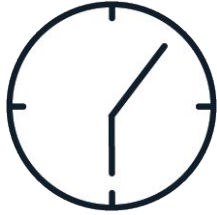
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APPLICATION SUPPORT

Information Sessions
Weekly Office Hours



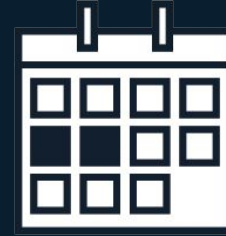
INFORMATION SESSIONS



Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 5:30 PM
Friday, April 4, 2025, 10:00 AM

- Virtual
- Language interpretation available upon request, indicated at registration
- These webinars will be recorded

WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS



Wednesdays, 3 - 5PM

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Q&A

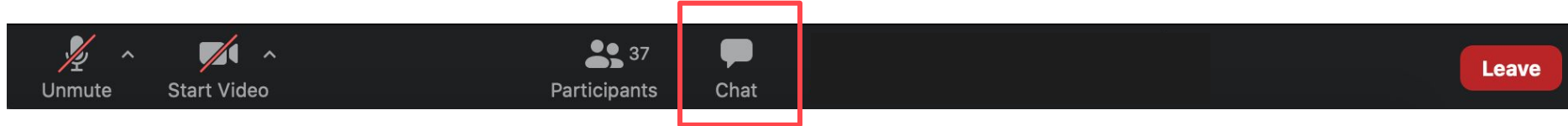
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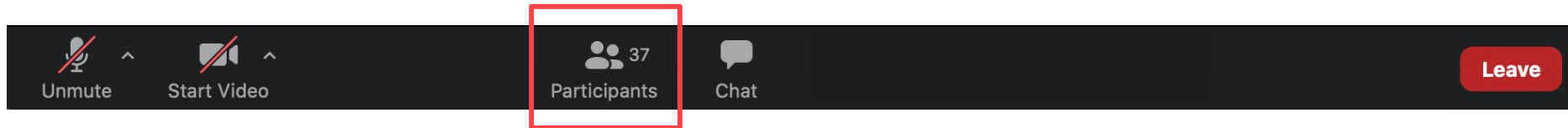
QUESTION & ANSWER (Q&A)

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CHAT - TYPE YOUR QUESTION



RAISE YOUR HAND - ASK YOUR QUESTION



**Have recommendations
for groups working on
air quality or climate
justice?**

Email apcc@boston.gov



THANK YOU

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