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# Information Session: Equitable Emissions Investment Fund

April 15, 2025



# Agenda

Today's Meeting



## 1. Who We Are

## 2. Introduction To The Equitable Emissions Investment Fund

- *Brief BERDO Introduction*
- *How the Fund Operates*
- *About this Year's Opportunity*
- *Application Process*

## 3. Q&A Session

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# What is BERDO?



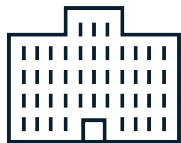
The **Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO)** is a local law that aims to address Boston's largest source of emissions: Buildings.



BERDO created the **Equitable Emissions Investment Fund (Fund)** to help support building carbon abatement projects in Environmental Justice communities.

➤ For more information about BERDO, visit at [boston.gov/berdo](https://boston.gov/berdo)

# What is the Equitable Emissions Investment Fund?



BERDO buildings that produce emissions over their emissions limit **pay Alternative Compliance Payments** to comply with BERDO



Equitable Emissions Investment **Fund collects money from Alternative Compliance Payments**



**Funds are invested in local building carbon reduction projects** that prioritize Environmental Justice communities and populations with disproportionately high rates of air pollution.

# This Year's Opportunity



The Board is granting **\$750,000** with preference to make four awards not exceeding **\$250,000 each**.

| Who is eligible   | What projects are eligible  |
|---|---|
| <b>Nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Registered 501(c)3 organizations</li><li>• Organizations partnered with a fiscal sponsor</li></ul> | <b>Eligible project proposal should include</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A public purpose</li><li>• Building-emissions reduction or mitigation</li><li>• Environmental Justice co-benefits</li></ul> |



You do not need to be a registered vendor with the City of Boston to submit a proposal, however, you will need to register as a vendor to receive grant funds if awarded. For more information on this process, visit the ["how to use the supplier portal" page](#).

# Public Purpose

Complying with Anti-Aid Amendment



## Project proposals that have a public purpose

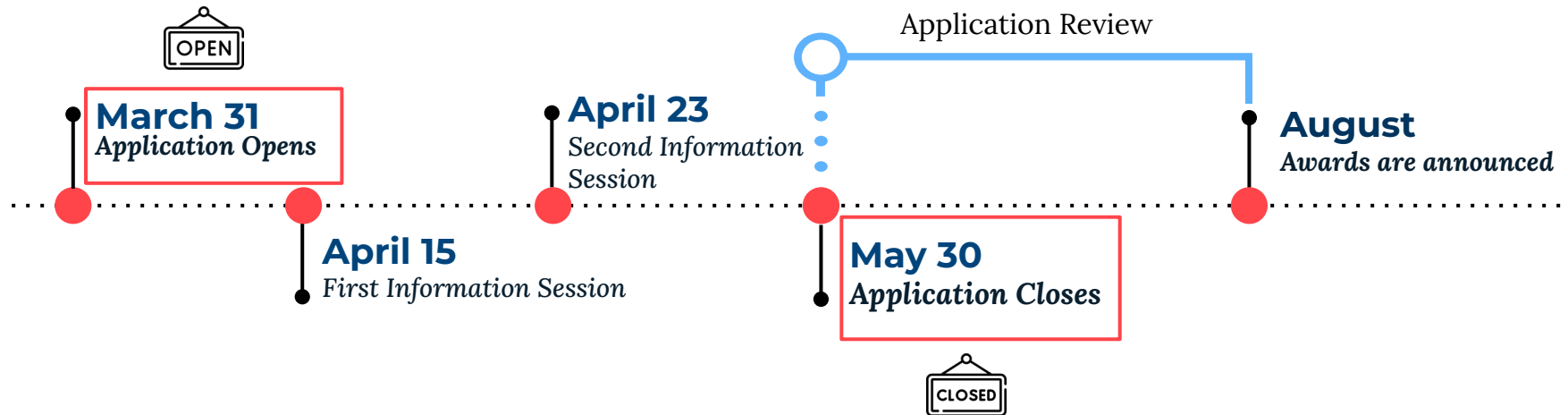
- ✓ Nonprofit will use funds to provide or deliver services or programming related to reducing building emissions to others in the Boston community.
- ✓ Nonprofit will use funds to make emissions reduction upgrades in their building that is used to provide or deliver a public service, such as providing affordable housing.\*

## Project proposal that do not have a public purpose

- ✗ Nonprofit will use funds to make upgrades in their administrative/office building to lower energy costs.
- ✗ Nonprofit will use funds to makes upgrades in their private classrooms, workshop rooms, etc.

\*Projects where the the nonprofit building owner wants to make upgrades in their building will be asked to write a 'public purpose' statement. Compliance with the Anti-Aid Amendment will be reviewed by City staff to determine an eligible public purpose.

# Application Timeline





# Application Process

To apply, you must put together **a project proposal** as a submission. We've created four key resources to help with the application process.

1

## Grant Announcement

Lays out everything you need to know about this grant opportunity. Start here.

2

## Budget Template

Template that breaks down how the funding you are requesting will be used.

3

## Emissions Template

Template that breaks down estimated emissions reduced as a result of the project.

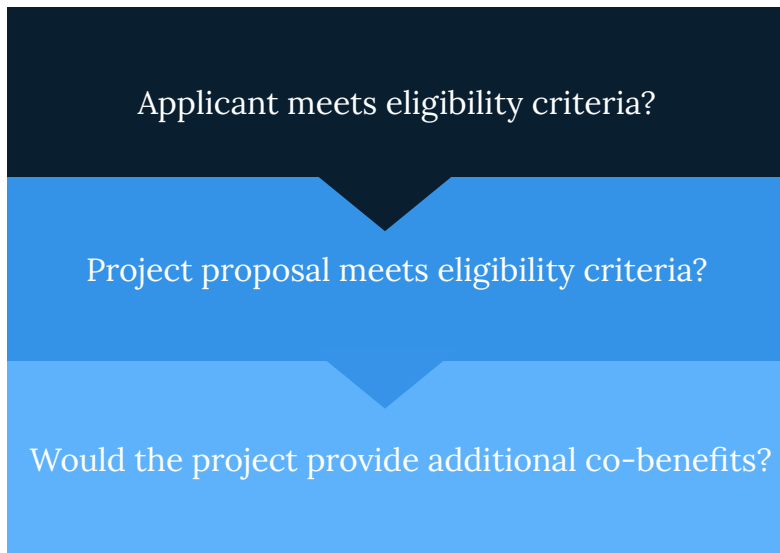
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## Google Form

Form where you will upload your project proposal and respond to some questions. Final step.

# How are Applications Evaluated?

## Key Questions



The Board will evaluate based on the following criteria:

- Emissions reductions (required);
- Benefits to affordable housing;
- Benefits to tenants;
- Benefits to labor and workforce development;
- Benefits to outdoor air quality;
- Benefits to indoor air quality and quality of life;
- Climate resilience benefits;
- Energy justice benefits;
- And other benefits

# Helpful Links and Additional Resources

## Other Funding Resources

- [BERDO Decarbonization Advisor Program](#) - applications **due April 18**
- [LISC Decarbonization Hub](#)
- [Mass Clean Energy Center BETA Program](#)

## BERDO Websites

- [boston.gov/berdo-fund](https://boston.gov/berdo-fund)
- [boston.gov/berdo](https://boston.gov/berdo)
- [boston.gov/retrofithub](https://boston.gov/retrofithub)
- [boston.gov/berdo-review-board](https://boston.gov/berdo-review-board)

**Mass Save:** No-cost Mass Save energy audits, engineering studies, rebates and incentives:

- Income Eligible: [MassSave.com/Income](https://MassSave.com/Income)
- Non-residential: [MassSave.com/Business](https://MassSave.com/Business)
- Residential: [MassSave.com/Multi-Family](https://MassSave.com/Multi-Family)
- Rebates: [MassSave.com/Rebates](https://MassSave.com/Rebates)

# Q&A Session

*Staff will answer questions from attendees*

# THANK YOU

A recording will be available at:  
[boston.gov/berdo-fund](https://boston.gov/berdo-fund) ↗

