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Information Session: Equitable Emissions Investment Fund

April 23, 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?

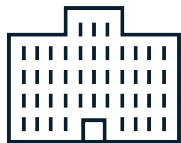


The **Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO)** is a local law that aims to address Boston's largest source of emissions: Buildings.



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

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
<p>Nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registered 501(c)3 organizations• Organizations partnered with a fiscal sponsor	<p>Eligible project proposals should include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A public purpose within the city of Boston• Building-emissions reduction or mitigation• Environmental Justice co-benefits



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

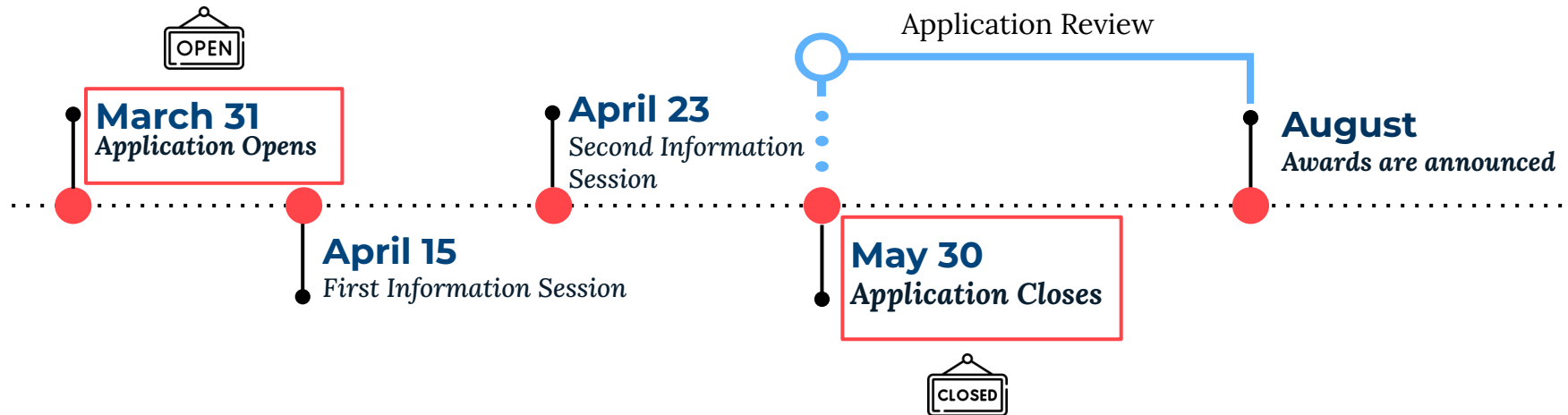
- ✓ Nonprofit will use funds to provide or deliver services or programming related to reducing building emissions to others in the Boston community.
- ✓ Nonprofit will use funds to make emissions reduction upgrades in their building that is used to provide or deliver a public service, such as providing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

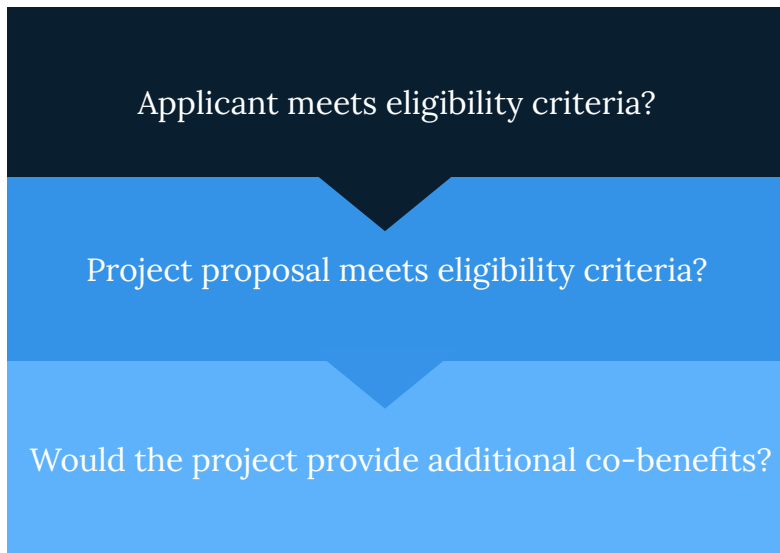
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Google Form

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
- boston.gov/berdo
- boston.gov/retrofithub
- boston.gov/berdo-review-board

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

- Income Eligible: MassSave.com/Income
- Non-residential: MassSave.com/Business
- Residential: MassSave.com/Multi-Family
- Rebates: MassSave.com/Rebates



Q&A Session

Staff will answer questions from attendees

THANK YOU

A recording will be available at:
boston.gov/berdo-fund 