

# BERDO REVIEW BOARD MEETING

*February 9, 2026*



# BERDO REVIEW BOARD



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# Agenda

*Today's Meeting*

- 1. Equitable Emissions Investment Fund Annual Disclosure*
- 2. Discussion on the Equitable Emissions Investment Fund 2026 Application Cycle*
- 3. Approval of Meeting minutes*
- 4. Administrative Updates*
- 5. Adjournment*

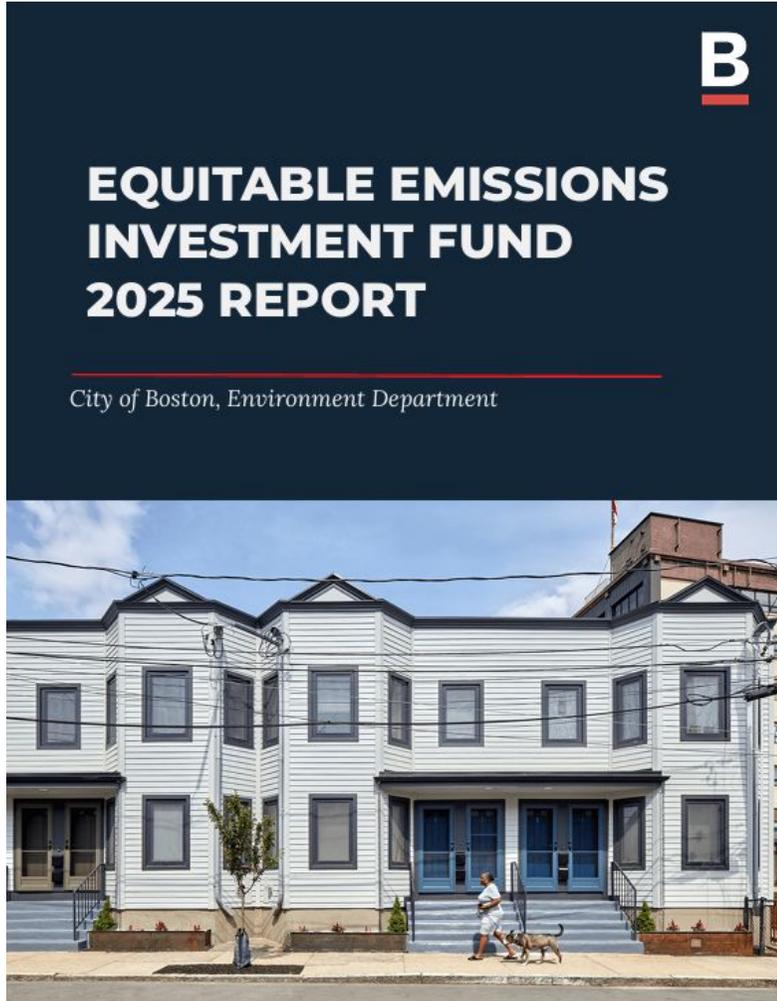


# Equitable Emissions Investment Fund Annual Disclosure

*Discussion*

# Equitable Emissions Investment Fund Report

2025 (and 2024)

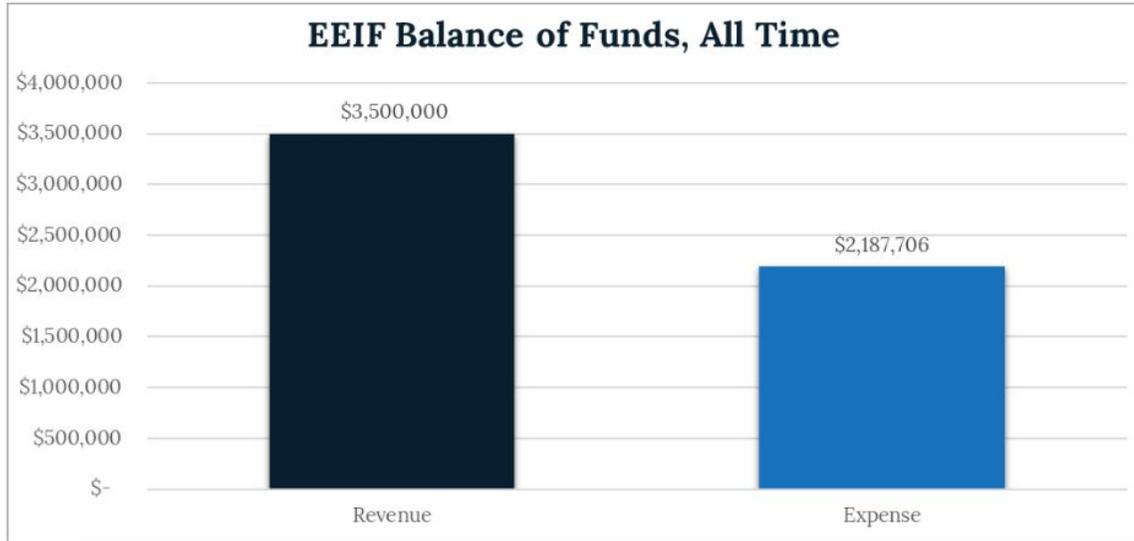


- Boston's Environment Department is excited to release the **inaugural Equitable Emissions Investment Fund Report!**
- The report includes background on BERDO, the Equitable Emissions Investment Fund, descriptions of grant selectees, and fund expenditures to date.
- Goals included satisfying the Fund's annual disclosure requirements, while also bringing transparency to public expenditures and governance.
- Highlighting selected projects may also facilitate knowledge sharing for building retrofits, innovative environmental technologies, and climate justice policies.

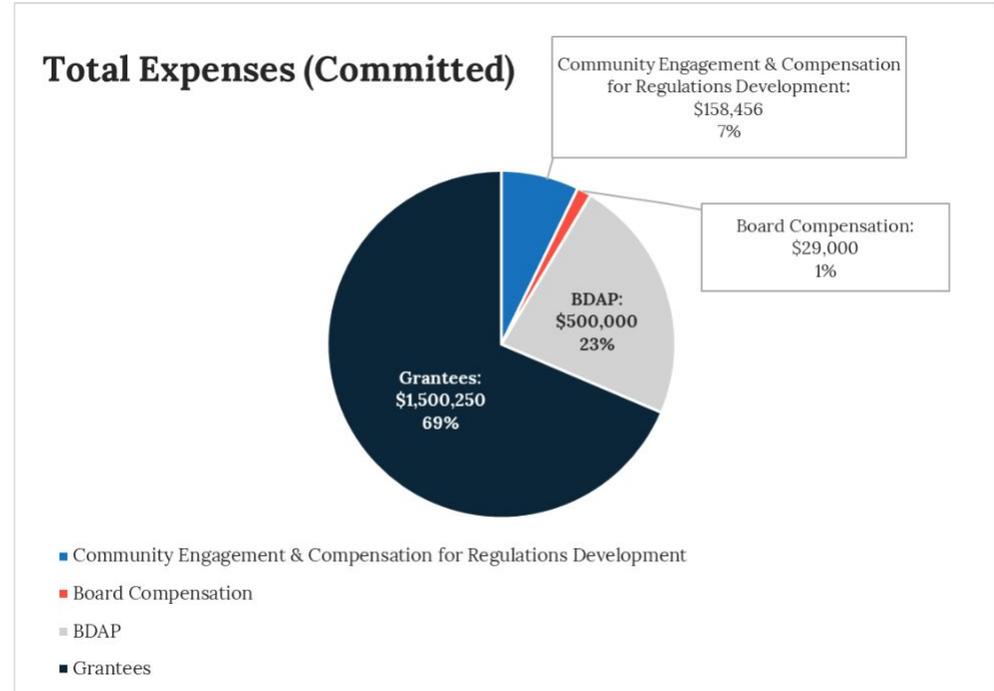
# Equitable Emissions Investment Fund Report



## Key Financials



Equitable Emissions Investment Fund 2025 Report, Page 10 and 11



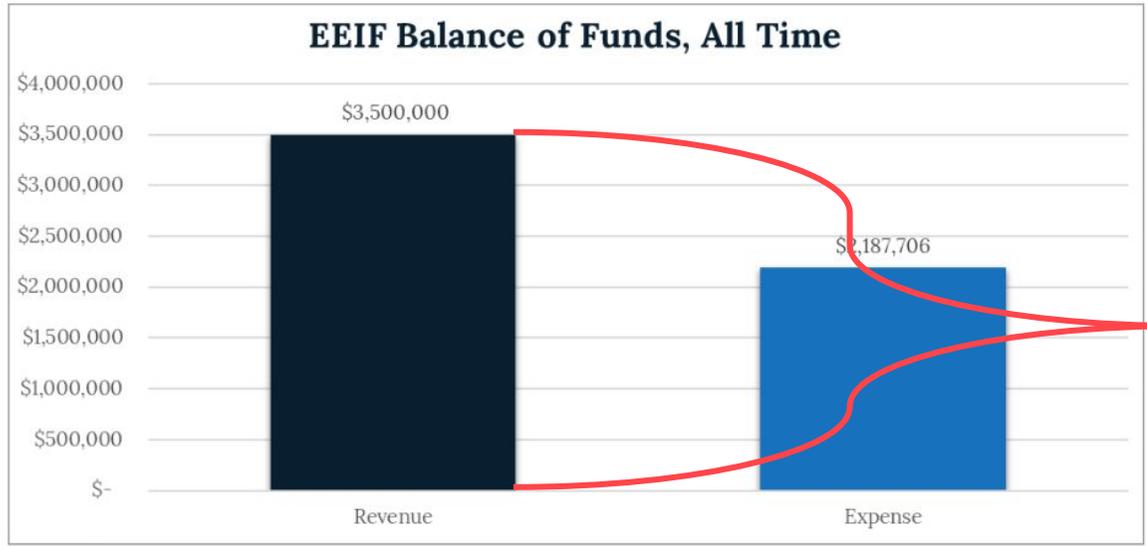
**\$3,500,000 seeded from the mayor and city council and \$2.2 million committed so far. Expenses breakdown as follows:**

- 69% to seven grant awards
- 23% to the Building Decarbonization Advisor Program
- 7% to community engagement
- 1% to Board compensation

# Equitable Emissions Investment Fund Report



## Key Financials



This year, building owners may start using Alternative Compliance Payments (ACPs) to comply with BERDO emissions limits. This money will be funneled into the Fund and support building decarbonization across Boston.

Equitable Emissions Investment Fund 2025 Report, Page 10 and 11

# Equitable Emissions Investment Fund Report



*Emissions reduced and co-benefits*

The seven selected projects cumulatively reduce emissions in Boston by **979,714.5 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e / year!**

Projects have other co-benefits too, such as:

- Climate resilience
- Air quality
- Thermal comfort,
- Reducing energy burden for environmental justice and low-income communities.

YEAR	ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD AMOUNT	ANTICIPATED PROJECT BENEFITS
2025	Allston Brighton Community Development Corporation	Hano Homes Deep Energy Retrofit	\$250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 320 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e/year</li> <li>• 73.4% reduction in energy usage</li> <li>• Increased climate resilience</li> <li>• Improved air quality</li> <li>• Increased thermal comfort for low-income residents</li> </ul>
2025	Boston Medical Center	Power to the People: Clean Power Prescription Program	\$227,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 65,611 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/year</li> <li>• Increased climate resilience</li> <li>• Improved air quality</li> <li>• Reduced energy burden among the lowest-income patients</li> </ul>
2025	Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester	Colonel Daniel Marr Clubhouse HVAC Renovation	\$123,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 23,702 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/year</li> <li>• Improved air quality</li> <li>• Increased thermal comfort for members</li> </ul>
2025	Roxbury Tenants of Harvard	Levinson Tower: Heat Pump & Exhaust Heat Recovery System	\$150,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 102,680.5 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/year</li> <li>• Improved air quality</li> <li>• Increased thermal comfort for low-income residents</li> </ul>
2024	Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation	Advancing Building Decarbonization at Washington Columbia I and II	\$255,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 274,676 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/year</li> <li>• Increased climate resilience</li> <li>• Improved air quality</li> <li>• Increased thermal comfort for low-income residents</li> </ul>
2024	Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation	Solar for Residents	\$250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 153,798 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/year</li> <li>• Increased climate resilience</li> <li>• Improved air quality</li> <li>• Reduced energy burden for lowest-income tenants</li> </ul>
2024	Fenway Forward	Burbank Gardens Zero-Over-Time Decarbonization	\$245,250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 39,247 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/year</li> <li>• Increased climate resilience</li> <li>• Improved air quality</li> <li>• Increased thermal comfort for low-income residents</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,500,250</b>	<b>979,714.5 KgCO<sub>2</sub>e/year</b>

Table 3. Snapshots of EEIF Selectees for 2024 and 2025 rounds.

# Equitable Emissions Investment Fund Report



## Applicants Overview

	Committed or Encumbered	Paid
Engagement & CBO Compensation for Regulations Development	\$158,456	\$158,456
Board Compensation	\$29,000	\$24,600
BDAP	\$500,000	\$0
Grantees	\$1,500,250	\$450,150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,187,706</b>	<b>\$633,206.00</b>

Table 1: Composition of EEIF expenses in \$ incurred vs. \$ paid

Over two funding rounds, we've received:

- 41 Applications
  - 16 were from affordable housing developers
- \$11,093,387 requested

Applicant types included affordable housing developers, climate NGOs, and social/youth services

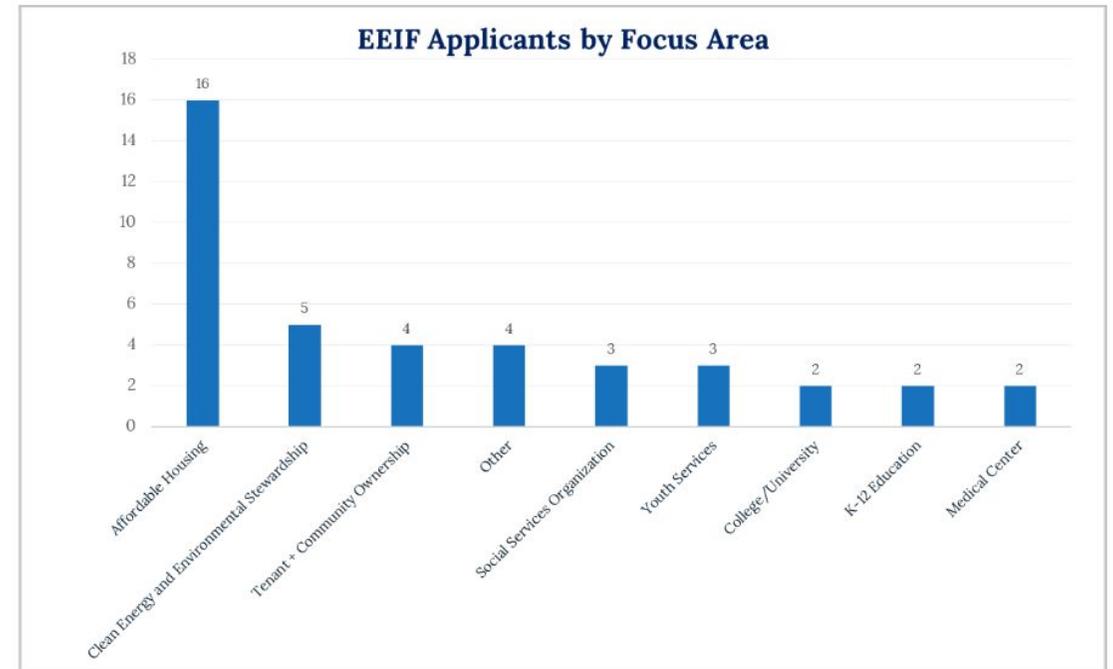
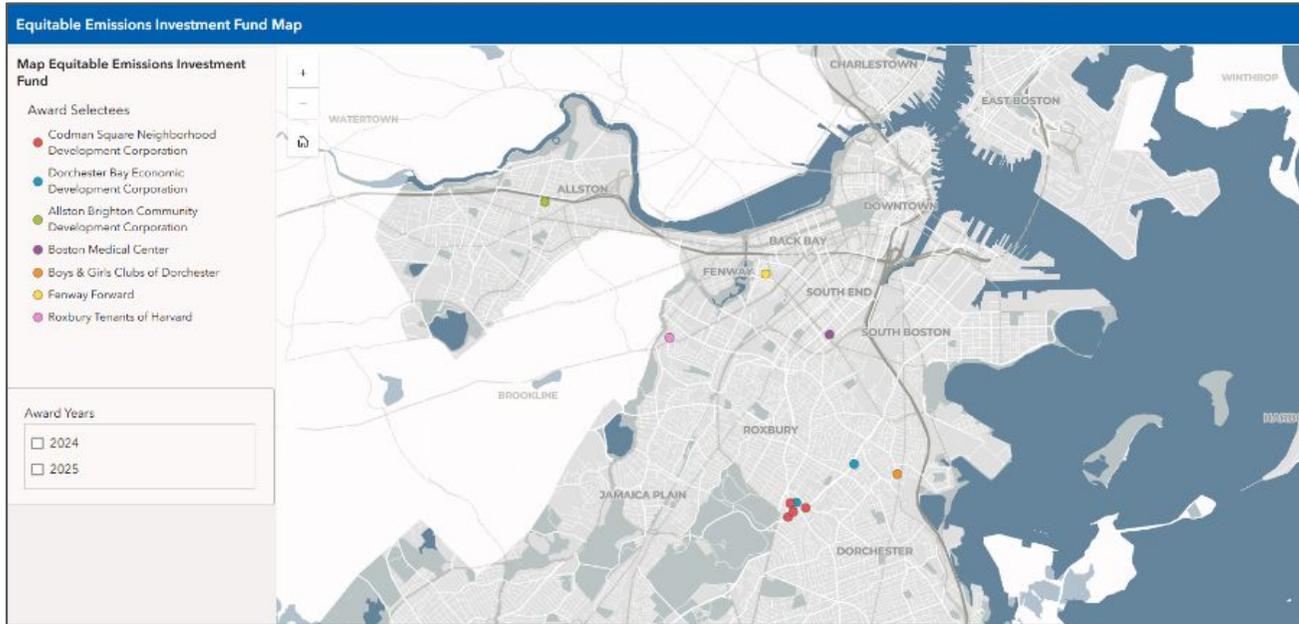


Figure 6. EEIF Applicants' Primary Focus or Organization Type. Note: applicants who applied to multiple funding rounds were counted each time they applied.

# Selectees Project Map ([Link](#))



These are some more interactive web-based tools for interested parties to engage with the Fund and learn more about impact of selected projects and the Fund overall.

## Story Map ([Link](#))

### Equitable Emissions Investment Fund

The City of Boston is excited to highlight seven projects advancing equitable decarbonization

By Aaron Ngo, Carbon Neutrality Fellow  
December 11, 2025

A photograph of a row of white, three-story townhouses with blue accents on the windows and doors. A person is walking a dog on the sidewalk in front of the houses.

The background of the slide is a dark blue aerial wireframe map of a city, showing the outlines of buildings, streets, and parks. The lines are white and light blue, creating a complex geometric pattern.

# Board Q&A

*Board Members may discuss and ask staff questions*



# Equitable Emissions Investment Fund 2026 Application Cycle

*Discussion*

# Review of Past Cycles

## 2024: 19 applications total

- **Codman Square NDC:** *Advancing Building Decarb at Washington Columbia I and II*
  - \$255,000
  - Heat recovery system, air-sealing, and lighting sensor upgrades
- **Dorchester Bay EDC:** *Dorchester Bay Solar for Residents*
  - \$250,000
  - Solar generation
- **Fenway Forward:** *Burbank Gardens Zero-Over-Time Decarbonization*
  - \$245,250
  - HVAC upgrades, electric domestic hot water, lighting upgrades, and electricity capacity upgrades

## 2025: 22 applications total

- **Allston-Brighton CDC:** *Hano Homes Deep Energy Retrofit*
  - \$250,000
  - Deep energy retrofit
- **Boston Medical Center:** *Power to the People: Clean Power Prescription Program*
  - \$227,000
  - Solar generation
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester:** *Colonel Daniel Marr Clubhouse HVAC Renovation*
  - \$123,000
  - HVAC upgrade
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  - \$150,000
  - Heat recovery and heat pump system

# Review of Last Year's Application Process

**GRANTING OPPORTUNITY**  
 BERDO's Equitable  
 Emissions Investment Fund

**Issued by:**  
 City of Boston,  
 Environment Department

**Issue Date:** Monday, March 31, 2025, 9 am ET  
**Closing Date:** Friday, May 30, 2025, 5 pm ET

**Inquiries:**  
 Questions should be directed to  
[BerdoReviewBoard@boston.gov](mailto:BerdoReviewBoard@boston.gov)

1

**Grant Announcement**  
 Lays out everything about the grant opportunity, including how to write the project proposal.

2

**Budget Template**  
 Template that breaks down how the funding that is being requested and how it will be used.

3

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

4

**Google Form**  
 Form where applicants uploaded project proposals and responded to some additional questions.

## Project Proposal Outline

- Introduction
- Project Summary
- Scope of Work
- Project Benefits
- Budget
- Project Team
- Letters of Support
- Appendices

# Review of Last Year's Application Process



Income Sources		Description		Instructions	
This Request (amount applying for)	Other Funding Sources				
			Enter total amount you expect to receive from all income sources (excluding additional sources in 'D' input 0 for other sources)	<b>INSTRUCTIONS: Make a copy or download, only edit yellow cells.</b> Step 1: In cell B4, enter the amount you are applying to the Equitable Emissions Investment Fund. In cell B5, select the year you expect to see emissions savings. Step 2: In cells B8:B21, enter the amount of energy your proposed project will save per year by fuel type.	
Total Project Budget		\$0.00			
Programmatic Expenses		Description		Instructions	
From the Fund	From Other Funding Sources				
Salaries and wages (can add additional details on the second tab)	\$0.00	\$0.00	Please describe the number of employees, hourly wage, and how the personnel tab (second tab)	<b>STEP 1: INPUT REQUESTED AMOUNT AND YEAR EMISSIONS SAVINGS IS EXPECTED TO START (EDIT YELLOW CELLS)</b> Amount being requested from the Fund Year emissions savings are expected to start	
Fringe and other benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00	Please detail your fringe benefits	<b>EMISSIONS SAVED BY PROJECT OVER ONE YEAR (DO NOT EDIT)</b> Year Electricity Emissions [kgCO2e] Natural Gas [kgCO2e] Fuel Oil No. 1 [kgCO2e] Fuel Oil No. 2 [kgCO2e] Fuel Oil No. 4 [kgCO2e] Fuel Oil No. 5 & 6 [kgCO2e] Total emissions (KgCO2e) saved first year Emissions (KgCO2e) saved per dollar from the Fund in first year	
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	Please describe equipment	<b>STEP 2: INPUT ENERGY EXPECTED TO BE SAVED BY PROJECT PER YEAR (EDIT YELLOW CELLS)</b> Grid Electricity Natural Gas Fuel Oil No. 1 Fuel Oil No. 2 Fuel Oil No. 4 Fuel Oil No. 5 & 6 Propane Diesel Kerosene District Steam (Vicinity - Boston) District Steam (Vicinity - Longfellow) District Steam (MATEP) District Chilled Water (MATEP) District Electricity (MATEP)	
Supplies and/or Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	Please describe supplies	<b>EMISSIONS SAVED BY PROJECT OVER TEN YEARS (DO NOT EDIT)</b> Year Electricity Emissions [kgCO2e] Natural Gas [kgCO2e] Fuel Oil No. 1 [kgCO2e] Fuel Oil No. 2 [kgCO2e] Fuel Oil No. 4 [kgCO2e] Fuel Oil No. 5 & 6 [kgCO2e] Total emissions (KgCO2e) saved over ten years Emissions (KgCO2e) saved per dollar from the Fund over ten years	
Transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00	Please describe transportation		
Advertising and Publicity	\$0.00	\$0.00	Please describe advertising		
Admin/Overhead Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00	Please describe administrative amount being requested		
Other Direct Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	Please detail what other costs are being requested		
	\$0.00	\$0.00	Please add detail or description		
	\$0.00	\$0.00	Please add detail or description		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>			
Check income covers expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	Check that there are zero expenses		

These are submitted in addition to project proposal, appendices, and google form

# How Applications are Evaluated

## Eligibility Criteria

**Applicant:** Nonprofit organization or organization with a fiscal sponsor

**Project:** Projects must serve a **public purpose** and include a building **emissions reduction** component

**Co-Benefits:** Would the project provide additional co-benefits?

## The Board evaluates the following co-benefits:

- 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

## Priority Areas from Last Year:

- Buildings subject to BERDO
- Energy Efficiency improvements and renewable energy projects
- Workforce development as an environmental justice benefit

# This Year's Application Cycle

## Logistics Considerations

- **Application Timeline:** March 30 - June 1, 2026
- **Switching Platforms:** The City is transitioning to an application software named “WizeHive”, i.e. no more Google Forms

## Proposed Criteria for the Board's Consideration

- Organizations may not submit the same project in a different application year while an active grant for that project is still underway.
- Priority will be given to organizations that have not previously received funding from the Fund.

## Questions for the Board

- Reactions to proposed criteria to the Board?
- Are there priority areas that the Review Board is interested in highlighting this year?
- Is there an application item that the Board would like to be included in this year's application process?
- Anything else?

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# Board Q&A

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# Approval of Meeting Minutes

*Board votes on approving previous meeting's minutes*



# Administrative Updates

*Staff presents administrative updates*

# BERDO Webinars



## 2026 BERDO Webinar Series

- [2026 BERDO Reporting](#), March 2, at 1:00 p.m. - Register [here](#)
- [Third-party Verification](#), March 9, at 1:00 p.m. - Register [here](#)
- [Flexibility Measures](#), March 18, at 1:00 p.m. - Register [here](#)

**EVENTS**

Webinar: MA Class I REC Connector Program and Renewable Energy FEB 5	BERDO Review Board Public Meeting FEB 9	BERDO Webinar: Launch Of 2026 BERDO Reporting MAR 2
BERDO Webinar: Third-Party Verification MAR 9	BERDO Webinar: Flexibility Measures MAR 18	

# 2026 Review Board Meeting Schedule

*Second and fourth Mondays of each month starting at 4:30pm*



**Zoom:** Meetings are virtual via Zoom: [register in advance here](#)

HEARING DATES	
January 12	July 13
January 26	July 27
February 9	August 10
February 23	August 24
March 9	September 14
March 23	September 28
April 13	October 12
April 27	October 26
May 11	November 9
May 25	November 23
June 8	December 14
June 22	

A nighttime photograph of a city street, likely in New Orleans, featuring a prominent building with a dome and arched windows. The scene is illuminated by warm streetlights and strings of white lights draped over trees and buildings. People are seen walking on the sidewalk, and a man in the foreground is taking a photo with his smartphone. The overall atmosphere is festive and urban.

# Board Questions

*Admin Updates*

# Adjourn

Thank you! A recording and slide deck for this meeting will be available at [boston.gov/berdo-review-board](https://boston.gov/berdo-review-board).

