Consortium for Climate Risk in the Urban Northeast (CCRUN)
Community Climate Resilience Grant Competition
FAQs

● **How many grants will be made?**
  ○ Four $25,000 grants to be used over a one-year period will be awarded to 501(c)(3) organizations.

● **If your 501c3 is pending, can you apply for the CCR grant?**
  ○ All grantees must have 501(c)(3) status by the start of the grant period (October 1, 2022). If your organization’s status is expected to be confirmed by then, you are welcome to apply.

● **How does the application process work?**
  ○ All interested applicants should submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to apply by June 20, 2022 at 5 pm EDT via this Google Form. The CCRUN team will evaluate LOIs and invite all applications with applicable projects to submit a final application no later than July 11, 2022. Final application materials will be made available only after LOI review, but an outline of what will be required is available on the full Call for Proposals on our website or via this direct link: https://ccrun.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Final_CCRUN-CCR-CFP.pdf. Final applications will be due August 1, 2022.

● **For service areas, does this mean we apply under this category for our project, or this is the type of assistance we receive from the CCRUN specialists?**
  ○ The service areas indicate the type of support requested from CCRUN on your project.

● **Where can I find the description of the various service categories?**
  ○ Service Areas and categories are available on the full Call for Proposals, available on our website or via this direct link: https://ccrun.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Final_CCRUN-CCR-CFP.pdf

● **How flexible are the categories (is it possible to choose from multiple service areas)?**
  ○ For the application, we ask you to select the primary service category applicable for your project. Over the course of the grant period, the CCRUN team and the grantee may also work in other service areas as applicable.
● Can you change a service category you selected on the LOI for the full application?
  ○ Yes, as you develop and refine your project in the final application you may update your intended service category.

● Would this grant support project management activities for a major grant that we already have (e.g. to implement climate resilience solutions in affordable housing systems in an EJ community)?
  ○ The CCR grant may be used to support other grant projects, however we ask all applicants to commit to an open engagement and partnership with the CCRUN RISA team related to the specific project work supported by the CCR grant.

● How many years do you anticipate this funding source competition?
  ○ The current CCR Grant Competition is a one-year pilot program, but the CCRUN RISA program is interested in continuing in the future should the pilot be successful and funding become available.

● If we are affiliated or part of one of the schools in CCRUN can we apply?
  ○ Your organization must be a registered 501(c)(3); if you are affiliated with a university in CCRUN and applying through another organization, you are welcome to apply.

● Can applications be made by a partnership (e.g. multiple nonprofits, or nonprofit as sponsor and a municipality as a co-sponsor)?
  ○ Yes, as long as the application comes through one 501(c)(3) organization as the primary applicant.

● Where can I find a list of the CCRUN staff who could be involved with our work?
  ○ A list of CCRUN investigators and senior personnel is available here: [https://www.ccrun.org/about/team/](https://www.ccrun.org/about/team/)

● Throughout the project period, what are the expectations (effort/time) of the researchers providing technical assistance to the grantee?
  ○ Specific engagements will be mutually determined between the grantee and CCRUN team before the grant period begins. CCRUN researchers will not be available to join project teams on a part- or full-time basis; due to the scope of the grant, engagements will likely fall in the range of 2-5 hours over the course of each month of the grant period.

● Can you submit multiple applications?
  ○ Please submit only one application per 501(c)(3) organization.

● Can the project encompass surrounding counties of greater metro areas in the Northeast?
  ○ All projects should be based within the broader CCRUN study, pasted below. Projects may encompass multiple communities or neighborhoods within the study area.
What does CCRUN hope to accomplish with this program?
- CCRUN is hoping to engage with communities in the study area to promote meaningful climate information and resilience capacity. We also hope to improve CCRUN’s capacity to engage with communities in meaningful ways with attention to questions of equity.

Will all proposal submission teams be part of a community of practice organized by CCRUN?
- Yes. We are planning to host a webinar for all applicants in the future. Please check back on the CCRUN website for more information in the coming months.

Where can I turn with additional questions?
- Please send an email to CCR Grant Coordinator Katherine Cann at katherine.cann@rutgers.edu.