



## **\$10 million Climate Showcase Communities Grant Program**

EPA is announcing the availability of up to \$10 million in "Climate Showcase Communities" grants for local and tribal governments to establish and implement climate change initiatives. EPA requests proposals which create replicable models of sustainable community action, generate cost-effective and persistent greenhouse gas reductions, and improve the environmental, economic, public health, or social conditions in a community.

### **How many grants will be awarded?**

The agency expects to award a total of approximately 25 cooperative agreements ranging from approximately \$100,000 to \$500,000. Approximately 5% of the funds (\$500,000) are set-aside for tribal governments. EPA expects to award 1-3 grants under the tribal set aside.

### **Who is eligible for the grant program?**

Eligibility for the program includes local governments (a county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority, school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments, any other regional or interstate government entity, or any agency or instrumentality of a local government), federally recognized Indian tribal governments, and inter-tribal consortia.

### **Are applicants required to provide matching funds?**

A 50% cost-match or cost-share is required for this program with the exception of tribal governments and intertribal consortia which are exempt from matching requirements. The cost share and/or match can be in the form of cash or as in-kind contributions, such as use of volunteers and/or donated time, equipment, expertise, etc.

### **What is the application deadline?**

Proposals are due by July 26, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. EDT.

### **Who will administer the grant program?**

The Grant program is administered by EPA's Local Climate and Energy Program, an initiative to assist local and tribal governments to identify, implement, and track policies and programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions within their operations and surrounding communities.

### **What resources will be available to grant recipients?**

Over the course of the grant program, EPA will offer peer exchange, trainings, and technical support to grant recipients. Each grant recipient will be profiled online and in EPA materials. EPA will share lessons learned from the grant program with communities across the nation.

### **For more information or to download the request for proposals:**

<http://www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/local/showcase>