



This worksheet will help you:

- Understand Requirement 1. Climate Action Strategies (Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Section I.G).
- Develop your Track I written application section on Climate Action Strategies.

## Overview

### Requirements

Track I applications must include at least one project using at least one Climate Action Strategy. Below are the eight Climate Action Strategies you can choose.

Strategy 1: Green Infrastructure and Nature-Based Solutions

Strategy 2: Mobility and Transportation Options for Preventing Air Pollution and Improving Public Health and Climate Resilience

Strategy 3: Energy-Efficient, Healthy, and Resilient Housing and Buildings

Strategy 4: Microgrid Installation for Community Energy Resilience

Strategy 5: Community Resilience Hubs

Strategy 6: Brownfields Redevelopment for Emissions Reduction and Climate Resilience

Strategy 7: Waste Reduction and Management to Support a Circular Economy

Strategy 8: Workforce Development Programs for Occupations that Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Air Pollutants

Climate Action Strategies reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build climate resilience. The strategies also provide non-climate benefits to community members. Non-climate benefits include health or economic improvements. For details about each strategy, see the individual Climate Action Strategy [Fact Sheets](#).

NOFO Section I.G describes all eight Climate Action Strategies. Appendix C provides example projects for each strategy. Appendix F provides example outputs and outcomes for each strategy.



## Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation criteria for Climate Action Strategies include:

- How well your described *climate benefits* solve the community challenges you explained in your Community Vision Description.
- Whether your strategy explanation includes *Project Area outcomes*. (For example, reduced greenhouse gas emissions or improved resilience to climate hazards.)

You can score up to 15 points in the Climate Action Strategies section of your Track I written application. See the Track I Self-Evaluation Worksheet or NOFO Section V.C for evaluation criteria details.

## Guiding Questions

Work with community members to answer the following questions. As you consider strategies, remember that your application needs to show how you will get the most project benefits possible for disadvantaged community members in the Project Area.

### Choosing Your Climate Strategy(ies)

1. What climate challenges, impacts, and risks does your community face? Climate challenges come from extreme weather, including severe heat waves, floods, and wildfires.
2. How do these challenges especially affect the disadvantaged groups in your Project Area?
3. Which climate challenges, impacts, and risks are your community most worried about?



4. Which strategy or strategies would be a good way to solve the challenges in your community, particularly for disadvantaged groups?
  
5. Which strategy or strategies would reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the Project Area?
  
6. Which strategy or strategies will help the community respond to current and future climate change risks?
  
7. How do the most appropriate strategies fit with your community's short- and long-term vision?

## **Planning Your Project(s)**

1. What project activities will use the climate strategy or strategies you chose?
  
2. How will the project activities handle community climate challenges? Do they deal with the challenges of most concern to the community? Do they deal with the challenges that especially burden the most disadvantaged groups in the community?



3. What are the expected outcomes of your projects? How will they increase climate resilience or reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the Project Area?

## Combining Strategies

After choosing both your Climate Action and Pollution Reduction Strategies, consider how project activities can go together. (See the Pollution Reduction Strategy Worksheet for help choosing a Pollution Reduction Strategy.)

1. Are there projects that can use both types of strategies?
2. Are there ways to combine the strategies to make one or more of the strategies more effective?
3. Are there ways to combine the strategies to make the project more cost-effective?

## Next Steps

Consult the Track I Readiness Approach and Track I Self-Assessment worksheets for tips on planning project and application review details.



## Tips to Consider

Be sure to write your Climate Action Strategies section in a way that aligns with the rest of your application. It should fit well with your Pollution Reduction Strategies section and your Community Vision section. You need to show that your solutions will lead to meaningful change that your community wants and needs.

Read the project examples in NOFO Appendix C. It contains examples for each Climate Action Strategy. For some strategies, the appendix also includes guidelines for your application.

Before writing your Climate Action Strategies section, make a list of your resources, outputs, and outcomes.

- For resources, consider what you need to put into a project to reach your goals.
- For outputs, consider the activities and work products you will accomplish on the way to your goals.
- For outcomes, consider the lasting results you will achieve and how you will measure them. Think about the short-term and long-term outcomes.

Read the output and outcome examples in NOFO Appendix F. It contains a table with examples for each Climate Action Strategy. The table will help you understand the difference between an output and an outcome.

## Resources

**Resource Library for Community Change Grants** from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency <https://communitychangeta.org/resource-library>.

**National Climate Resilience Framework** from the White House, at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/National-Climate-Resilience-Framework-FINAL.pdf>.

**What You Can Do About Climate Change** from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, at <https://www.epa.gov/climate-change/what-you-can-do-about-climate-change>.

**U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit** from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, at <https://toolkit.climate.gov>.