

Equity Coaching for Sustainable Cities Program

Power a Clean Future Ohio is offering city and local governments the opportunity to participate in the *Equity Coaching for Sustainable Cities Program*. This will provide a small group of city leaders and staff the chance to engage with one another on the issues of racial equity, access to resources, and representation. How do these issues impact your community? How does your local government's programs, policies, and practices actively work to address these issues?

THIS FULLY-FUNDED IN-KIND GRANT PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- 4 Hours of Equity Coaching
- Fully-Funded Greenhouse Gas Inventory or Fleet Inventory
- Expert Policy Recommendations that are Equitable, Actionable, and Affordable
- Excellent Personal and Professional Development Opportunity for Staff

Why is this conversation so critical for your community?

Racially marginalized and economically disadvantaged communities lack environmental equity—fair and just access to healthy, breathable air and drinkable water. These realities can be addressed or perpetuated at every level of government. The first step of this program will be to have an honest conversation about racism and injustice in your community and recognize the role the local government is playing in either addressing or perpetuating these issues.

SUBMIT YOUR CITY'S INTEREST TODAY

- 1. Submit the program interest form
- 2. Meet with PCFO Campaign
- 3. Match with Equity Coach
- 4. Complete Equity Coaching Program
- 5. Receive GHG Inventory and expert recommendations for equitable solutions

The ultimate goal of this program is for the local government to implement new strategies and tactics to actively address systemic racism and inequities that will also create a more sustainable, healthier city. The equity coaching sessions will be aimed at identifying those issues and working together to engage the public and implement solutions. These strategies and tactics should take into consideration how current government programs and practices could be reformed to address systemic racism and inherent inequities related to a lack of access, representation, and resources.

Expectations of Participants

Participants are expected to attend each session and be active participants. This will be an interactive program that could include work between sessions. Every participant should be prepared to engage in difficult conversations about systemic racism, historical influences, and ongoing community concerns that the local government can address. A city representative will be asked to participate in a post-program assessment to provide feedback and information on city progress towards identified goals.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Sustainability Tools You Can Use

This program also provides your city unique benefits and resources to assist in your community's journey towards a clean energy future. In participating in the *Equity Coaching for Sustainable Cities Program* your city is invited to join the Power a Clean Future Ohio campaign and get access to hands-on technical resources that can help you create a pathway to a more equitable, sustainable community that serves your residents' needs.

In completing the equity coaching program your city will be provided a fully-funded Greenhouse Gas Inventory. Our technical consultant will assess your community's baseline emissions using 2010 data and provide you recommendations on how you can further invest in equitable clean energy solutions that will have a real impact on your city's emissions profile.

Alternatively, your city can take advantage of a fully-funded fleet inventory. This tool will provide you with a comprehensive assessment of your city's current fleet of vehicles and provide recommendations on how to make these vehicles more efficient and transition them to affordable, low-maintenance electric drivetrain vehicles.

