



GREEN CINCINNATI PLAN
Seeds of Change
 Grant Program
YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION
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Grant Application

Thank you for your interest in the GCP Seeds of Change Youth Climate Action Grant Program! [Online applications](#) are encouraged, but paper or email submissions will also be accepted using the template that follows. This application can also be used to prepare content for an online submission. Complete applications must be submitted by **February 28th, 2025 by 11:59 p.m.**

Incomplete applications or applications arriving after the submission deadline may not be considered. The items required for an application to be considered complete include: 1) Full Application (Organization Information and Project Description), 2) Project Budget. In cases where your organization or group is not an official non-profit, a Memorandum of Understanding must be signed by both the executing organization and the fiscal sponsor upon application. Links to all required documents as well as Grant Guidelines can be accessed on the [website](#).

Submission Checklist

Application (Organization Information, Project Description, Vendor Registration, and Narrative)	
Project Budget	
Memorandum of Understanding with Fiscal Sponsor (if applicable)	

If using the paper application method, the completed application can be submitted by email to oes@cincinnati-oh.gov or mailed to: City of Cincinnati Office of Environment and Sustainability, Attn: Seeds of Change Youth Climate Action Grant Program, 801 Plum Street, Room 130, Cincinnati, OH 45202. If mailed, it must be received by 2/28/25.

Questions? The [website](#) and Program Overview Packet linked on the site are a great first resource. All are encouraged to attend the Pre-Application Workshop. OES team members will be available by appointment (via virtual video call or phone call) for office hours to help answer questions and provide additional support. Details on these will be published on the [website](#). If questions remain unanswered or you need assistance to apply, please reach out to OES@cincinnati-oh.gov and a team member will get back to you as soon as possible.

Program Timeline	
Pre-Application Workshop	Wednesday, February 12th 5:30-7pm, register here to receive the virtual meeting link
Office Hours by Appointment	<i>Check here for availability</i>
Applications Due	Friday, February 28 th , 2025 by 11:59pm

Organization Information:

Date: 2/14/2025

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Organization Name: **Cincinnati High School Go Green Club**

Organization Mailing Address: **1234 High School Lane, 45202**

Organization Website and/or Social Media handle (optional): **environmentalclub.com**

Youth Project Lead(s) Names and ages (if applicable): **Ben (16), Korbin (17), Anna (16)**

Youth Lead(s) Contact Info:

Phone (Day): **Ben 513-111-2222, Korbin 513-222-3333, Anna 513-333-4444**

Email: **ben@gmail.com korbin@gmail.com, anna@gmail.com**

Primary Contact Info (if different than Youth Lead Contact Info):

Name: **Teacher Smith**

Phone (Day): **513-123-4567**

Email: **teacher@gmail.com**

Organization Mission: **The mission of the Cincinnati High School Go Green Club is to make our school and community a more eco-friendly place through volunteering, education, and sustainability programs for students.**

Is your organization youth-led? (ages 15-24) Yes No

Does your organization serve youth ages 15-24? Yes No

Does your organization leader identify as:

Black/Black American Person of Color Neither Prefer not to say

Do more than 50% of the population served by your organization identify as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color): Yes No Unsure

How many youth participate in your organization annually? (examples: how many youths attend regular meetings; how many youths typically volunteer with your organization; etc.) **8-10 students**

How many of these youth live within the City of Cincinnati? **all 8-10 students**

Total Annual Organizational Budget: **About \$300. All clubs get \$200 from the school, and we fundraise about \$100 a year.**

Organization Status (check one): Non-profit For-profit Other

If a nonprofit, what is your Employer Identification Number (EIN): _____

If your organization is for-profit or other, have you secured a fiscal sponsor? Yes No

If yes, Fiscal Sponsor Organization Name: **Sustainable Nonprofit Collaborative**

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Fiscal Sponsor Employer Identification Number (EIN): 12-3456789

All applicants must register as a vendor of the City of Cincinnati in order to complete their application. Using this link <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/purchasing/vendor-registration/vendor-registration/> follow the instructions for vendor setup

Organization (or fiscal sponsor) Vendor ID: VS123456789

Organization (or fiscal sponsor) W-9: Attach completed W-9 to the application submission.

If your organization is for-profit or other, and you have not yet secured a fiscal sponsor, please contact OES for referrals to potential fiscal sponsors PRIOR to submitting this application.

Project Description

Project Title: Go Green Club Zero Waste Project

One Sentence Project Description: For the Go Green Club Zero Waste project, we will be doing a series of events to educate students at our school how to decrease waste in the cafeteria, in the classroom, and in their homes.

How does your project align with the goals of the [Green Cincinnati Plan](#)?

Our project mainly aligns with the Zero Waste goal in the Green Cincinnati Plan to Increase waste diversion 10% by 2028. By educating students and giving them the resources to recycle more, while cutting back on food waste and single use plastics, we can help reach the goal of the Green Cincinnati Plan.

Is your project new? Yes No

If it is not new, please explain: _____

Total Project Cost: \$ 2114.10

Total Amount Requested: \$ 1,350.00

Please list the neighborhood(s) that will be impacted by your project:

1. Winton Hills

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2. Spring Grove Village

3.

If your project is youth-led, how many young people will be working on this project? 7

If your project is youth-serving, how many youth will this project serve? We plan to impact 100 students with our project.

NARRATIVE PAGE Describe your organization/group, the problem or opportunity your group sees, and why this project is important and likely to be effective. Speak about the impact you hope to see because of this project. Be sure to include an estimated timeline and steps you plan to take for your project implementation and the youth involvement in the project's planning.

Problem/Opportunity: The Go Green Club saw an opportunity to help make our school and community more sustainable by helping students reduce waste. Our school does not have any recycling bins in the classrooms, we can't compost at our school, and students are unaware of ways they can reduce waste at their homes. This is why our project will address these different problems with different events.

- The first kind of event we will do is a Food Waste event. Because we can't compost at our school, we want to help make students aware of how much food they waste during lunch time, so they are more mindful of what they pack or buy, and how much they throw away. During lunch, members of the Go-Green club will sit by the trash cans and have every student throw their food waste in a large bin. At the end of lunch, we will weigh the food waste. We will do the same event the next month to see if students are able to decrease their food waste. In between the events, we will post flyers with reminders to not waste food, and we will include periodic reminders in the morning announcements too.
- The second kind of event we will do is an educational presentation during a school assembly. We will educate students about how to decrease waste at school and at home. Students who come to the assembly will get resources like reuseable bags to help them reduce plastic waste.
- The third part of our project will be to start recycling at our school. We will purchase recycling bins for each classroom so students can recycle papers during class. Our Go-Green club meets after school on Wednesdays, so our student club members will go around and collect the recycling bins, weigh how much is being recycled, and put all recycling in the big recycling dumpster outside.

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Impact We Hope to See: We hope to see a decrease in the amount of waste coming from our school. By educating students about how much people waste, and how it hurts the environment, we hope to see them waste less. And by starting recycling at our school, we hope to see a big decrease in how much gets wasted inside our classrooms.

Timeline and Steps:

We will start our project in May by purchasing the recycling bins for each classroom and a cart to load up all the recycling so we can take it outside to the recycling dumpster. We will also purchase a scale so we can weigh the amount that is being recycled. We will distribute all recycling bins to the classrooms at the end of the school year, so they are ready for recycling next year.

Over the summer, we will work on our Google Slides Presentation to present for the school assembly in September.

When we get back to school in August, we will purchase the reuseable bags to pass out at the school assembly. We will also reach out to a local composting organization to pick up the compost from the Food Waste Reduction event in September.

In September, we will host the first Food Waste Reduction event in the cafeteria. After the event, we will create and post flyers around school to remind people not to waste food. We will do another Food Waste Reduction event in October and compare how much food was wasted.

What approvals does your organization **currently have** to move forward with this project?

(murals, garden space, renting shelter, etc.) Our club currently has the approval from our club advisor and the principal to host the Zero Waste events in our school gym and cafeteria.

What approvals does your organization **need** to move forward with this project?

Our team does not need any other approvals.

List at least one outcome and one output of your project. Outputs are measurable results achieved in a timeframe (e.g. number of trees planted, pounds of waste diverted from the landfill). Outcomes are what change will happen because of your efforts (e.g. increased local youth engagement, improved understanding of sustainability issues).

Outcome: Students have a better understanding of how to divert waste at school and at home.

Output: 100 pounds of waste diverted from the landfill.

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Complete the Project Budget and attach it to your application submission. A completed budget is required for a proposal to be considered complete.

- **Project Budget**

If your organization/group is using a fiscal sponsor, attach a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the two parties. A template is available on the grant program website, if helpful. Additional guidance on the need for and how to move forward with fiscal sponsorship can be found in the GCP Seeds of Change Youth Climate Action Overview and Request for Proposals.

How did you hear about the Seeds of Change Youth Climate Action Grant Program?

The OES Newsletter

Has your organization submitted or have plans to submit this proposal to other funders?

Yes _____ No x_____

If yes, please list the funders followed by the amount requested and the status of the requested funds (submitted, pending, funded, declined):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

By submitting this application, I agree that all funds will be used as proposed unless there is prior approval for a change from the City of Cincinnati. Funds may be used only for eligible expenses dating from April 15th-October 31st, unless you request and receive an extension on the grant. All funds will be provided upfront. Unused funds must be returned. Changes in the use of funds must be approved in writing by city staff.

I also agree to the Criteria and Guidelines as listed in the RFP and that the organization meets the criteria of eligibility. Unless otherwise informed, a brief report and proof of all purchases must be submitted to the City of Cincinnati no later than 11/14/2025. If receipts or the report are not submitted by 11/14/2025, the City may revoke any award made.

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Signature of Applying Organization Lead

Date: **2/7/2025**

Alexandria Murillo

Printed Name

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Director of Sustainable Nonprofit Collaborative

Title