



GREEN CINCINNATI PLAN
Seeds of Change
Grant Program
YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION
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Project Ideas List

Awareness, Education, Research, Co-Development Initiatives

- **Youth Climate Advisory Boards:** Establish advisory boards composed of young people to work alongside city officials in designing and refining climate policies and programs, ensuring that they reflect the needs and perspectives of youth.
- **Youth-Led Climate Education Programs:** Develop educational initiatives led by young people that target local schools and communities to increase awareness and understanding of climate issues.
- **Youth Climate Hackathons:** Organize hackathons where young tech-savvy individuals can create innovative solutions and apps to address climate challenges in the city.
- **Youth-Led Climate Surveys and Research:** Engage youth in conducting surveys and research on local climate impacts, helping to gather valuable data for decision-making.
- **Youth-Designed Public Art and Awareness Campaigns:** Encourage young artists to create public art installations (murals, sculptures, etc.) and awareness campaigns that convey the urgency of climate action and the city's goals.
- **Green Careers Awareness:** Investigate and map green career pathways and educate youth on options for sustainable jobs.

Launching Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Initiatives

- **Community Gardens, Tree Plantings, and Urban Farming:** Support youth-led initiatives to create community gardens, green rooftops, and urban farming projects to promote sustainable food production and reduce carbon emissions.
- **Youth-Managed Recycling and Waste Reduction Programs:** Empower young people to lead efforts in recycling, waste reduction, and upcycling programs, making communities more environmentally friendly.

- Green Transportation Initiatives / Designing Streets with Kids: Encourage youth to propose and implement bicycle-sharing programs, pedestrian-friendly initiatives, and electric vehicle charging stations to reduce reliance on fossil fuels.
- Youth-Led Reforestation and Tree-Planting Campaigns: Mobilize young volunteers to plant trees, improve urban green spaces, and increase urban canopy coverage for better air quality and climate resilience.
- Climate Resilience Workshops and Disaster Preparedness: Youth groups can organize workshops and training sessions on disaster preparedness, climate resilience, and community-based responses to extreme weather events.
- Youth-Led Energy Efficiency Campaigns: Engage youth in learning to conduct energy audits of school buildings, host energy efficiency engagement sessions and provide materials for in-home upgrades, and advocate for clean energy solutions.

Involvement in Governance of Local Climate Action Plans

- Youth Climate Participatory Budgeting: Establish dedicated resources for young residents to allocate annually toward climate priorities set by cities for programs created by youth.
- Youth Climate Ambassadors: Designate youth climate ambassadors to represent young people's perspectives in city council meetings*, climate task forces, and public consultations.
- Youth-Hosted Climate Town Halls: Organize town hall meetings moderated by youth leaders where community members can discuss climate-related concerns and ideas for solutions.
- Youth Climate Data Monitoring: Develop apps or youth citizen science platforms for tracking and reporting on local climate data, helping authorities make informed decisions and involving young people in data-driven governance.
- Youth-Created Climate Action Plans: Encourage youth teams to develop their own climate action plans for their communities, which can be integrated into the city's broader strategy.

* Grant funds must not be used to conduct legislative advocacy nor lobbying.

** Grant funds must go to new projects. Funding can not be used to expand current projects.