



City of Milwaukee
Office of Environmental Sustainability

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently announced a \$10 million Climate Showcase Communities Grant program for local governments. EPA will make \$100,000-\$500,000 "Climate Showcase Communities" grants to 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. More information on the EPA's 2010 Request for Proposal can be found here: www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/local/showcase/

The City of Milwaukee Office of Environmental Sustainability (OES) is hereby soliciting Milwaukee's environmental community for grant submission ideas.

[OES](#) is currently undertaking a greenhouse gas inventory that will form the foundation for a Climate Action Plan, is implementing the Milwaukee Energy Efficiency (ME2) residential and commercial energy retrofit program, runs the [Milwaukee Shines](#) solar program, and is coordinating energy efficiency improvements in City facilities. OES is especially interested in community ideas that complement and expand upon these existing efforts, but new ideas are also welcome.

Members of the community who are interested in submitting ideas should draft a maximum two-page project proposal that incorporates the required elements of the grant as listed in the [EPA's 2010 Request for Proposal](#). The two-page submission should contain the following topic titles in as much detail as possible:

- **Submitter's Name and Contact Information**
- **Project Summary**
- **Approach to Cost Share.** Note: proposals that do not rely on new property tax dollars for the cost share are preferred.
- **Project Sustainability:** Describe how the project can sustain itself after grant funds have been exhausted or make a meaningful reduction in greenhouse gas emissions using one-time funds.
- **Project Impact:** Describe and, to the extent possible, quantify the environmental and community benefits.

Submissions should be submitted to OES via email to eshamb@milwaukee.gov no later than 5:00 pm on July 15th, 2010. OES reserves the right to develop its own grant proposal or decline to submit a grant application.