2024 Iowa City Community Climate Action Grants Scoring Criteria

Grant proposals are scored by a team of multiple City staff and Climate Action Commission members. Members of this team score applications individually, submit those scores to an overall scoring sheet, and then meet, to discuss and award grants. Scoring provides the primary basis for awarding funding, pending the applicant meets other criteria, such as residency, but funding is not guaranteed.

Applicants should try to be as comprehensive as possible in their proposal and provide accurate contact information. If the grants team has questions before an award can be made, the City uses the information on the application to connect with the applicant and work through any remaining questions.

For 2024 grants, the City will use one set of criteria for Organizations / Businesses and one set for Students.

Organization and Business Grant Scoring Criteria	*Weight*
Project is connected to and supports City Climate Action and Adaptation Plan goals.	20
Project and/or organization supports and/or aligns with the City's values surrounding equity, social justice, and human rights as identified in strategic plan.	15
Activity will have a continuing, impactful benefit to community	15
Project budget is complete and feasible.	15
Project outcomes are specific. Greenhouse gas emissions reductions calculated by staff.	15
Applicant has demonstrated an ability to follow through on this project or has a history of implementing similar activities	10
Project can be repeated, copied, shared, or modeled by others	10
Total score	100

Student Grant Scoring Criteria	Weight
Project is connected to and supports City Climate Action and Adaptation Plan	20
Project is creative, innovative, helpful, or educational for grantees or their participants	15
Project has realistic budget and timeline	15
Project will have a continuing, impactful benefit to community	15
Project outcomes are specific. Greenhouse gas emissions reductions calculated by staff.	15
Project can be repeated, copied, shared, or modeled by others	10
Applicant has a support individual or system to assist with the project	10
Total Score	100