



PVD
Youth
Climate
Program 2022

Total Award of up to \$4,500

The City of Providence's Office of Sustainability is excited to announce its first ever citywide **PVD Youth Climate Program** and seeks high school youth to participate! Now more than ever, it is important that we foster a sense of environmental awareness and stewardship. Globally, youth have taken charge in advocating for our environment as the actions of today will impact the trajectory of their lives tomorrow. We offer an opportunity for young climate activists to showcase their solutions to a number of environmental issues affecting the residents of the city of Providence with a particular focus on frontline communities. It is important that these solutions meaningfully include equity centered strategies considering the most vulnerable populations and contribute to our ongoing efforts towards becoming a healthier, low-carbon, and just City. The selection process is as follows:

Qualifications:

- Applicant/s must attend a High School and be a resident of the City of Providence.
- Applicant/s cannot be related to city staff.
- If selected, applicant must present their climate solution at the PVD Youth Climate Summit Event, May 7th, 2022

*Commitment over the summer months (June-August) to plan and implement project, **ONLY** if applicant advances to Phase 2.

Application Process:

- An individual student may apply or a team of up to **four** students.
- The student/s will submit the application form below which includes:
 1. Providing an example of an environmental issue affecting the residents of the City of Providence. (300-word limit)
 2. Proposing a strategy and plan on how to address this issue in a meaningful way that may contribute to our ongoing efforts for a **Just Transition** for the City of Providence. (600-word limit)
- The student/s are instructed to use the **Just Providence Framework** and the **Providence Climate Justice Plan** as a guide to identify the issue and to propose a solution.
- Please submit an application by March 6th, 2022, 4:00 PM (EST), selected students or teams will be contacted by March 25th, 2022, and instructed to continue to Phase 1.

Phase 1:

- Up to ten 5-minute Visual Presentations, will be selected for participation at the annual **PVD Youth Climate Summit**.
- The selected student or team will be granted:
 1. A **\$500** stipend.
 2. Mentorship and a direct line of communication with experts for student support.
- The student/s will decide how to use this stipend to develop a **5-minute Visual Presentation** (PowerPoint, Prezi, StoryMap, Pecha Kucha, Adobe, Digital/Physical Art Installation, etc.,) addressing the environmental issues and proposed solution submitted on the application.

Summit:

- This event will occur on May 7th, 2022, and invitations will be made to the public, partners and city staff.
- Up to ten **5-minute Visual Presentations** will be delivered during this event.
- A group of panelists will select **two presentations to award** and to continue into Phase 2.

Phase 2:

- The selected students or teams will be granted:
 1. A **\$2,500 award** for project development.
 2. A **\$1,500** Youth Climate Prize Award
 3. Continued mentorship and networking opportunities.
 4. The opportunity to serve on the **Sustainability Commission of the City of Providence** for one year which includes a stipend.
- The student/s will use the funds awarded to develop their winning presentation into a project in collaboration with the **Office of Sustainability** and the **Racial and Environmental Justice Committee**.
- Project planning will begin in May and implementation will run between the months of June and August 2022.



Timeline:

Application Submission & Deadline **3/6 (4:00PM EST)**
Application Review and Selection **3/7 - 3/25**

Phase 1

Visual Presentation development **4/1 - 4/28**
Visual Presentations submit by **4/29 - 5/4 (4:00PM EST)**

Summit **5/7**

Phase 2

Project Planning **5/7 - 6/4**
Project Implementation **6/5 - 8/15**

Application available on city website:

<https://www.providenceri.gov/sustainability/youth-climate-program/>

Application Requirements:

- Student should be meeting academic expectations. This means that students are expected to hold good academic standing by completing school assignments, homework and attending class, whether classes are offered in-person or virtually. A sincere and ongoing effort to remain in good academic standing with the host high school is expected. (Providing GPA is optional.)
- Two references. Must be from high school faculty or extracurricular programs student is involved in. Please include your relationship to you, phone number, and email address. *Note - Reference may NOT be a family member.
- Cover Letter (600-word limit): Please explain in your own words why you are interested in participating in the PVD Youth Climate Summit. Include your interests and personal experiences and how they directly relate to the environment. (Option to upload or type directly.)
- Application Questionnaire



Application Questionnaire:

1. Please provide an example of an environmental issue affecting the residents of the city of Providence. (300-word limit)
2. Propose a strategy to addressing this issue and how this may meaningfully contribute to our ongoing efforts in becoming a healthier, low-carbon and just City. (600-word limit)

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Subject: PVD Youth Climate Program 2022 (MUST INCLUDE IN EMAIL SUBJECT)



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