



ICLEI USA & ResourceX Priority Based Budgeting for Resilient Action Cohort in Partnership with the East Central Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative

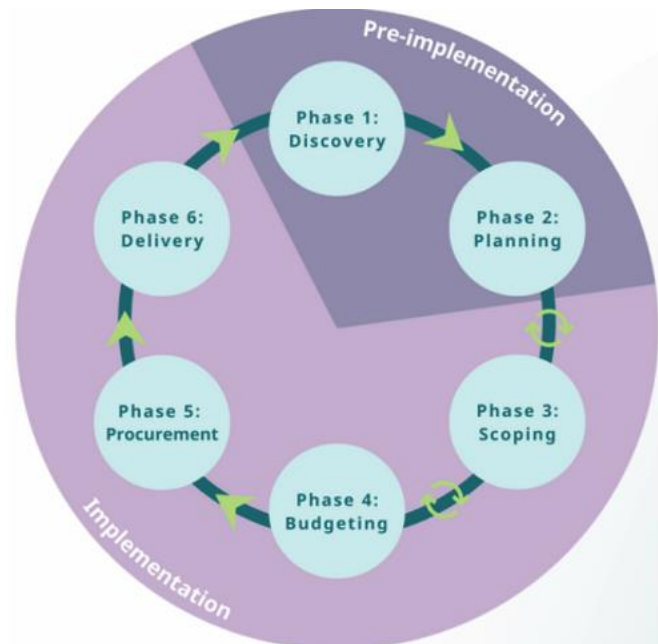
Integrating Local Government Budgeting and Procurement to Advance Resilience Outcomes

ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability USA ([ICLEI USA](#)) and [ResourceX](#) are teaming up to help local governments increase their climate change and sustainability impact. For over three decades, ICLEI USA has provided the tools, technical assistance, frameworks, and network to advance sustainability and climate action. Combined with ResourceX's proven tools to fund climate action through Climate Budgeting, the partners share a desire to promote local climate action and make communities more equitable and prepared for climate change impacts.

The cohort is now accepting applications from ECFR2C partners wishing to align their existing budgets with climate action plans through strategic alignment and coordination between climate action, budget and purchasing processes.

Recommendation for Local Governments

Move beyond climate planning and invest most time and resources into the implementation of climate action.



Ensure Commitment to Eligibility Criteria:

- ECFR2C members
- Cohort participants will provide a team of (minimum) three members representing budget, emergency management sustainability, and procurement functions.
- Teams will submit a sample of three potential projects from their adopted sustainability, climate, and energy plans to evaluate and workshop through the process.
- Engagement in the cohort will yield a budget and procurement strategy that can be executed as part of the jurisdiction's 2024/2025 budget cycle.

Purpose, Roles, and Expectations

Despite decades of efforts in local climate action, deep cost reductions in renewable energy, and historic levels of federal investment in infrastructure and climate programs, many local governments feel stymied in an “analysis and planning cycle” that occupies time & resources that can be applied to program implementation.

Leveraging existing resources through municipal and county budgets provide a critical starting point and an immediate opportunity to make critical investments and mitigate the accumulating costs associated with weather-born events. By aligning resources, staffing, and priorities across departments, local governments can maximize this unprecedented moment of federal investment in community decarbonization and resilience.

Altogether, a whole-of-government approach to budgeting paired with advanced, delivery-oriented project management is the recipe for fully seizing this opportunity. This approach is the purpose of the Priority Based Budgeting Cohort. The goal for cohort participants is to each identify 1 – 3 unfunded climate actions and develop strategies to fully fund, implement and execute these actions.

Cohort Design & Intended Outcomes

- Eight virtual sessions of between 1.5 to 2 hours from January – June 2024
- Provide a macro-overview of local government capabilities and the need to create purpose-driven budget and finance strategies
- Familiarity with the role cities/counties have in addressing climate action and new ways to approach budgeting for impacts. What are “climate” items in the budget? What do you “control”?
- Create a shared understanding of city/county climate priorities and how the current budget is/is not addressing the needs
- Introduce participants to Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) and the larger Program Insights process
- Identify ways to improve collaboration and communication between budget, procurement, and resilience/sustainability teams
- City/counties match their critical climate projects with budget, finance and procurement tools needed for delivery
- Determine the primary project and the team responsible for delivery
- Create a budget request and procurement design strategy to accelerate implementation

Participants will have:

- Emission reduction ambition and possess a specific emission reduction target
- Climate, Resilience or Sustainability action plan and a minimum of one adopted climate policy or program
- Teams of senior officials empowered and with authority to develop a budget, procurement, and sustainability policies
- Executive-level organizational commitment to innovation in budget, procurement, and sustainability innovation

Attendees and Fee Structure

- Max participants: 14 Cities or counties (minimum of 8)
- Fee Structure and Criteria: Contact Jenifer Rupert
- Registration: Submit expression of interest no later than November 30, 2023

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