



Application for 2022 Philipstown Climate Fund Award Program

About the Philipstown Climate Fund Award Program:

The Philipstown Climate Fund (PCF) aims to help Philipstown residents transition away from fossil fuels towards cleaner, cheaper alternatives. Such actions will reduce household carbon emissions and help our town reach its goal of carbon neutrality by 2040. We understand that the upfront costs of such a transition can be a barrier to action, and we want to lessen the burden on low- to moderate-income households. The PCF Award Program will allow Philipstown residents to apply for partial funding for a specific and measurable piece of equipment with known carbon emissions reductions, such as electric heat pumps, electric hot water heaters, induction ovens/stovetops, and smart thermostats. Award recipients will be determined by way of a lottery. We will fund as many applications as our funding allows and we continue to accept donations to the PCF on an ongoing basis to support future award cycles.

Application also available online at: <https://bit.ly/PCFAwardApplication>

Important dates:

- Applications are due on February 15, 2022.
- The first lottery draw will take place on or around March 1, 2022.

Please note the following eligibility requirements before applying to the PCF Award Program:

- Must be a Philipstown resident to apply;
- Both owners and renters are eligible;
- Must have an annual household income below \$113,000 (the 2020 median household income for Philipstown);
- Must apply to replace fossil fuel-based equipment for electric equipment; for example, gas stove for induction stove top, propane hot water heater for an electric hot water heater, or electric heat pump to replace a zone of fossil fuel-based heating in your home. We require replacement of fossil fuel-based equipment because we must be able to measure a reduction in household fossil fuel usage.
- Cannot be used to replace existing electric equipment for new electric equipment;
- Equipment must be for RESIDENTIAL USE only.

More information on this program can be found at www.climatesmartphilipstown.org or at <https://bit.ly/PCFAwardProgram>. If you have questions about this application, contact csphilipstown@gmail.com or jocelyn.apicello@ecologicalcitizens.org.

Please verify that the new electric equipment would be used for residential purposes only:

Yes, I verify that the new electric equipment would be used for residential purposes only.

1. Please enter your contact information:

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Street Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

Which part of Philipstown do you live in?: _____

2. Please indicate if you currently own or rent your residence:

Own

Rent

3. Please send proof of Philipstown residency with your completed application. This can be (1) previous 2 utility bills in your name; or (2) copy of lease or deed. Please check which proof you will be submitting:

Previous 2 utility bills in your name

Copy of lease or deed

4. Please indicate the number of people who currently live in your household:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8+

5. Please indicate which fossil fuel-based piece of equipment you intend to replace:

Oil or propane-based heating system

Oil or propane-based hot water system

Propane oven/stovetop

Standard thermostat

6. Please indicate the manufacturer and model number of the piece of fossil fuel-based equipment you intend to replace:

7. Please indicate which electric equipment you intend to purchase if awarded:

- Electric Heat Pump (award limit \$3,500)
- Electric Hot Water Heater (award limit \$2,700)
- Electric or induction oven/stovetop (award limit \$2,000)
- Smart Thermostat (award limit \$250)

8. Please verify your annual household income:

- I verify that my annual household income is at or below \$43,920 (200% of the FPL for an average Philipstown household); or

- I verify that my annual household income is at or below \$113,000 (the 2020 median household income for Philipstown).

9. Please indicate which award option you would like to apply for:

- 50% of the cost of equipment replacement. This is our award for those with temporary or minor financial need; or

- 90% of the cost of equipment replacement. This is our award for those in need of deeper financial assistance and who would otherwise not be able to afford replacement costs.

10. Please verify you understand the award disbursement structure: 50% of the award will be disbursed directly to the applicant upon acceptance to the program; the remaining 50% of the award will be disbursed directly to the applicant once all remaining required documentation has been received and reviewed:

- Yes, I verify that I understand the award disbursement structure.

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11. Please verify that you understand that there are additional requirements to receive the funding if awarded, including:

- (1) provide a price estimate of the new equipment
- (2) provide detailed scope of work estimate by installer (if applicable)
- (3) supply 1-year previous oil, propane or other fossil fuel usage history for the household
- (4) provide receipt for purchase of new equipment dated no earlier than award date
- (5) provide receipt of installer work completed (when applicable)
- (6) provide follow-up year oil, propane or other fossil fuel usage history for the household (in order to calculate carbon emissions reduction)
- (7) provide on-site before, during and after photos of the equipment being replaced
- (8) complete installation of new equipment within 6 months of award receipt
- (9) be willing to participate in PCF marketing promotion as we will want to highlight winners of our climate fund on social media, print media and electronic communications.

I verify that I understand that there are additional requirements to receive the funding if awarded.

Please send completed application and proof of residency by email to:

csphilipstown@gmail.com

jocelyn.apicello@ecologicalcitizens.org

You can also submit application and proof of residency by postal mail:

Ecological Citizen's Project, 69 South Mountain Pass, Garrison, NY 10524

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