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Climate Solutions Piloting Program

A Living Lab program at the Center for Climate Solutions

Living Lab

The Living Lab at the Center for Climate Solutions is led by the Trust for Governors Island and offers a platform for research, partnerships and programs to amplify climate action in New York City and beyond.



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Launched in June 2023, the Living Lab will create new programs to:

- **Offer youth climate field trips and public education opportunities** to engage and inspire New Yorkers with hopeful solutions to the global climate crisis.
- **Make Governors Island available as a site to test and demonstrate** urban climate solutions for cities and their diverse communities.
- **Grow the ecosystem of partners on Governors Island** dedicated to engaging New Yorkers in climate action and advocacy.
- **Provide an inclusive convening space for New Yorkers and visitors** from around the world to showcase their work and engage in dialogue about climate change.

Announcing new piloting opportunities

General Application

- Year-round rolling application
- Piloting partners responsible for all project costs



Climate Solutions Challenge

- Annual challenge with up to five winners in each cycle
- Non-dilutive grant awards starting at \$10,000

**2024 Challenge to be
announced in June**

To apply: govisland.org/challenge

Bring your climate solution to Governors Island

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- Annual Climate Solutions Challenge: Win a \$10,000 non-dilutive grant award and access a common pool of \$100,000 in additional deployment support
- All selected Pilot Partners will receive access to a project site on Governors Island
 - 3 to 12 months access with no fee
 - Technical support from the Trust
- Receive recognition as a pilot partner with the Living Lab and Center for Climate Solutions
- Bring your climate solution to a high visibility public place with opportunities for technology transfer and knowledge exchange



Piloting environments on Governors Island

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Harbor and waterfront, including a 2.2-mile waterfront esplanade, sea wall, revetment, and piers with access to the water.

Built environment, including 7 miles of car-free streets, 50+ historic buildings, sewer and water infrastructure, and more.

Natural areas, including urban forest, coastal shrubland, and biodiverse landscapes in a 43-acre climate resilient park.

Who should apply?

Teams

- Incorporated as a legal entity and working on urban climate solutions.
- Require a temporary pilot site to support product development and deployment.
- Underrepresented founders and nonprofit leaders are encouraged to apply, especially companies and nonprofits with 50 employees or fewer.

Projects

- Projects must be temporary.
- Projects must meet all local code, permitting, and regulatory requirements.
- Project teams are responsible for professional design, permitting, expediting, or engineering services to support deployment.
- Additional program requirements include ensuring safety, coordinating on promotional opportunities, and providing a security deposit.

Selection Criteria

Program Priorities

Accelerate climate equity and innovation, economic opportunity, and social impact in diverse urban communities.

Selection Criteria

- **Quality of Proposal**
 - Clear and compelling
 - Sound methodology
 - Readiness for place-based deployment
- **Economic and Social Impact**
 - Climate equity and innovation
 - Business or organizational impact
 - Economic impact potential
 - Social impact potential
- **Project Feasibility and Program Alignment**
 - Makes good use of the physical environment
 - Makes good use of promotional/public education opportunities

Selection Committee

The Governors Island Living Lab will evaluate proposals, and technical experts may be consulted in an advisory role.

How to apply

Step 1: Apply

Webinars/Tours and Q&A

- Webinars and tours throughout the year
- Additional site visits available upon request
- Submit application to livinglab@govisland.org

Step 2: Explore partnership

Interviews and site analysis

- Interview with Trust for Governors Island.
- Attend site visit to explore feasibility and alignment, identify potential project site, and develop a project workplan.
- General Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.
- Climate Solutions Challenge theme to be announced in June 2024.

Step 3: Launch pilots

Permit, install, and deploy pilots

- Pilot partners and the Living Lab will sign a license agreement securing access to the project site.
- Upon receiving approval on their scope of work and site plan, pilot partners may begin deployment.

Questions? Contact us at livinglab@govisland.org

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