Climate Solutions Piloting Program

A Living Lab program at the Center for Climate Solutions
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.

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

- 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

**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

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<td>• Webinars and tours throughout the year</td>
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<td>• Additional site visits available upon request</td>
<td>• Attend site visit to explore feasibility and alignment, identify potential project site, and develop a project workplan.</td>
<td>• Upon receiving approval on their scope of work and site plan, pilot partners may begin deployment.</td>
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<td>• Submit application to <a href="mailto:livinglab@govisland.org">livinglab@govisland.org</a></td>
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Questions? Contact us at livinglab@govisland.org

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