The Trust for Governors Island

# Climate Solutions Piloting Program

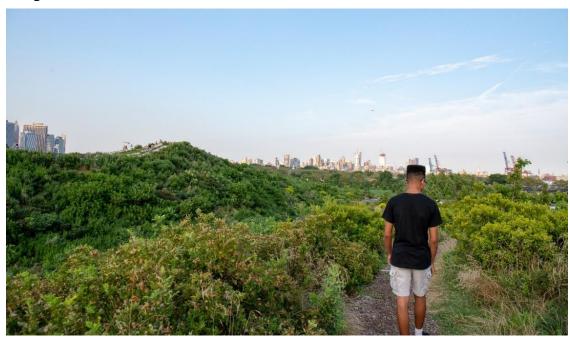
A Living Lab program at the Center for Climate Solutions

January 2024

# **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.



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

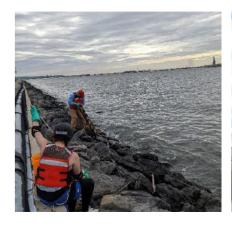


- Annual Climate Solutions Challenge: Win a \$10,000 non-dilutive grant award and access a common pool of \$100,000 in additional deployment support
- All selected Pilot Partners will receive access to a project site on Governors Island
  - 3 to 12 months access with no fee
  - Technical support from 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 carfree 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

To apply: govisland.org/challenge

# The Living Lab is made possible with the generous support of our funders











Donald A. Pels Charitable Trust

