July 1, 2021

Dear Sierra Club Group Leaders and ExCom Members,

Is your Sierra Club Group actively engaged in local efforts to address the climate crisis?

The Grassroots Network Climate Emergency Mobilization (GN-CEM) Team, a nationwide Sierra Club team dedicated to energizing local climate action across the United States, is pleased to be able to once again offer small Community Climate Action Grants of $300-500 each to several Sierra Club groups to advance your climate focused initiatives. Grant funds are classified as (c)(4), meaning that they can be spent on a wide range of 2021 calendar year expenses incurred by your organization, including but not limited to travel expenses, intern positions, and materials. We had a highly successful pilot grant program last year with passionate applicants and as such, we are particularly interested in continuing to support the following climate actions:

- Mobilize and support community members to engage with your local elected representatives, city councils, county boards of supervisors, and local government agencies and districts towards establishment of a Climate Emergency Resolution.
- Mobilize and support community members to work with aforementioned individuals towards development and implementation of a comprehensive Climate Action Plan.
- Support high-impact ordinances or actions aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions in your community.
- Increasing climate change awareness and education in your community's local school district, such as sponsoring presentations, support for student groups, and classroom education.

In order to apply for funds, your local group must meet the basic qualifications listed on the next page, and complete the short application form. All responses should be submitted by or before September 30, 2021. We will be evaluating submissions in early October, and awarding grants in the late Fall.

Grant awardees will be asked to report back on the results of their actions and any lessons learned. We would also appreciate a photo of the team and/or a photo representative of the team’s climate action project. If you are interested in seeing an example of a previous awardee’s work, please read this field report.

For more information, contact me, Allyson Ulsh, at aulsh22@gmail.com or call at 717-982-7079. To learn more about the GN-CEM Team, or to learn how to register as a new member (no fees involved!), please visit our website. Note that membership is open to all climate activists, whether or not they are Sierra Club members.

Sincerely,

Allyson Ulsh, Community Climate Action Grant Manager, Climate Emergency Mobilization Team Member