



PE1 Action: National/Regional Climate Program

3 Points

A. Why is this action important?

In addition to participating in the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) program, local governments may choose to be involved in other climate programs that offer access to a broader network or a different set of resources. Joining a national or regional campaign allows a local government to further demonstrate its commitment to climate action, share best practices, learn from others, and receive direct technical assistance, as applicable.

B. How to implement this action

Research regional, state, and national energy and climate campaigns that provide a platform for the local government to obtain resources to help further its energy and climate goals. Resources can include peer-to-peer support, tools, sample policies, guidance documents, etc.

C. Time frame, project costs, and resource needs

Local government staff should spend no more than a few hours researching campaigns, obtaining approval to join them from their manager (if necessary), and subscribing to the campaigns. Costs and resource needs are dependent on the program; some require membership fees and detailed reporting. Staff time will also depend on the program.

D. Which local governments implement this action? Which departments within the local government are most likely to have responsibility for this?

This action is applicable to all local governments. Typically, this task is led by the CSC coordinator.

E. How to obtain points for this action

Join another regional or national campaign with a demonstrated commitment to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation to effects of climate change. Possible campaigns or programs include, but are not limited to, the following:

Examples of National Programs

- [Under2 Coalition MOU](#)
- [The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy \(also called the Compact of Mayors in the U.S.\)](#)
- [ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability USA](#)
- [The Climate Registry](#)

Examples of Regional Programs

- [NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities](#)
- [Sustainable Westchester](#)

F. What to submit

Provide a list of campaigns or programs joined and demonstration of the local government's active engagement within the past year. Documentation may include membership invoices, summary of services obtained, report on progress of actions

related to campaign, presentations or materials used or delivered to and from the campaign.

If the campaign or program is not included in the above list, provide a description of how the campaign supports local climate efforts. Campaigns that deny consensus climate science or advocate maladaptive responses to climate change are not eligible.

All action documentation is available for public viewing after an action is approved. Action submittals should not include any information or documents that are not intended to be viewed by the public.

G. Links to additional resources or best practices

- Links for relevant campaigns and programs are provided above.
- [A Cities' Guide to Carbon Reduction Coalitions](#): This is a blog post from the Great Plains Institute that describes the elements of the most prominent climate change mitigation coalitions and provides guidance on determining which might be best for different types of local governments.

H. Recertification requirements

The recertification requirements are the same as the initial certification requirements.