



Fund Climate Campaign: Spending Criteria

NY Renews is advocating that all projects and programs funded through the Climate Action Fund (CAF) meet our Fund Climate spending criteria, outlined in this document.

*In short, NY Renews is advocating that all projects and programs funded by the CAF *must* address climate, jobs, and justice:*

- **Climate:** Any project funded through the CAF must 1) reduce greenhouse gas emissions and health-impacting co-pollutant emissions, and/or 2) further community climate resilience.
- **Jobs:** Any project funded through the CAF must create good, family-sustaining jobs with gold-star labor standards. The CAF lays out minimum standards to ensure core labor and community benefits, now the State must run all climate funding through the CAF and apply and enforce these standards.
- **Justice:** Projects and programs proposed by residents, local governments, and organizations in state-designated Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) should be prioritized for funding. Investments from the CAF must benefit DACs and must reduce cumulative burdens in DACs. The state-mandated use of 35% of investments in DACs should be a spending floor, not a ceiling.

To see an exhaustive outline of our Fund Climate spending criteria, including subcategories, definitions, and requirements for each broad category listed above, [please refer here](#).

An example of a program that meets these spending criteria is the [Sustainability Workforce Training Center](#) developed by People United for Sustainable Housing (PUSH) Buffalo:

- **Climate:** The Center benefits the climate by expanding the skilled clean energy workforce, thereby reducing the bottleneck of not having enough people in key industries required for rapid decarbonization.
- **Jobs:** The SWTC will train residents for careers in clean energy and sustainability, with a focus on sustainable building practices that create strong neighborhoods with quality, affordable housing.
- **Justice:** The Center addresses inequality and injustice by driving investment to designated disadvantaged communities (DACs) and is led by an organization in a DAC. The SWTC will intentionally expand career options for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) residents in the emerging sustainability field.