

Community Inspiration Category 2023

(NOTE: This is not the actual application form. This document is a preview of the application questions.)

Gather all of your application materials before filling out the application. You cannot save an uncompleted application in this form. Write your narrative answers in a word doc and then copy and paste into this application. Collect any attachments before starting the application. You must fill it out and submit it in one session. It cannot be saved to finish later.

Please attach up to three photographs below. You may also attach a .pdf, or link us to a webpage related to your entry.

If you are applying for a project that affected your congregation's energy use you are invited to provide the "before" and "after" gas and electric information (questions 2-5). This is not required for the Challenge, but it will help us determine if you qualify for another honor - Cool Congregations Certification!

If your Community Inspiration project does not affect energy use, skip the questions on energy use and fill out the narrative questions on your project.

Download the Entry Guide for assistance in completing your entry.

Deadline for entry December 15 at 12 midnight where you are.
Winners will be announced by the end of February.

Questions can be directed to Interfaith Power & Light.

Thank you for applying for the Challenge!

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How did you find out about the Challenge?_____

Do you have permission to enter your congregation in the Cool Congregations Challenge? *
Yes/No

Full name of congregation: *_____

Address of Congregation *_____

Street Address_____

Address Line 2_____

City_____

State / Province / Region_____

Postal / Zip Code_____

Country_____

County of your congregation * _____

Setting * Urban/ Rural/ Suburban

Is your congregation predominantly (50% or more) BIPOC? (BIPOC includes Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latinx, American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander) Yes/ No

If your congregation is predominantly (50%) BIPOC, please select the predominant group

Asian

Black/African American

Hawaiian or Latinx

American Indian or Alaska Native

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Is there another way you'd like to describe the racial make-up of your congregation?_____

Estimated number of members of your congregation * _____

Religion * _____

Contact Person Name * (First/ Last)_____

Contact Person's Email * _____

Contact's Phone Number * _____

Project start date (estimates OK) * _____

Project end date * _____

1. Title of your entry *

2. Baseline usage of electricity from the grid/utility, expressed in kWh per year. Provide an annual figure. (Baseline year refers to BEFORE improvements) Enter numbers only.

3. Grid/Utility Electrical usage AFTER improvements, expressed in kWh per year. Provide an annual figure. Enter numbers only.

4. Baseline fuel usage, expressed in therms (gas, oil, coal). Provide an annual figure. (Baseline year refers to BEFORE improvements) Enter numbers only.

5. Fuel usage AFTER improvements, expressed in therms. Provide an annual figure. Enter numbers only.

6. Estimated % reduction of your congregation's total energy use (gas and electric) per year for this project. (ex., 20%). Enter numbers only.

7. Estimated carbon emissions reduced reported in tons of CO₂ or CO₂e per year as a result of this project. Enter numbers only.

8. Estimated or actual operational cost savings per year as a result of project. (lower utility bills, maintenance bills) Enter numbers only.

9. Surplus electricity generated by renewable energy project, (such as solar or wind) going back to the grid that your congregation will not use over the course of a year. Report in kWh per year. Enter numbers only.

10. Estimated water savings in gallons per year for this project. Enter numbers only.

11. Describe the challenge that your congregation faced. (250 words or less) *

12. Explain how challenge was met

13. Describe the final result (250 words or less), and if appropriate, the type of involvement from congregants or community. *

14. Explain what inspired your congregation to do this project, and what about this project others will find inspiring? (100 words or less). *

Attach up to three photos of your project. Acceptable formats include .jpg, .png, .gif, xls, xlsx, .pdf, .doc. *

Add your web address if desired. Thank you for completing this form.