

Planning Category 2023

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

Thank you for applying for the Challenge!

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.

To enter the Challenge, please answer the following questions. Please attach up to three photographs below. You may also attach a.pdf, or link us to a webpage related to your entry. You may enter once per category, with a limit of no more than three entries per congregation. Download the Entry Guide [here](#).

Questions can be directed to Interfaith Power & Light. Thank you!

Deadline for entry is December 15 at 12 midnight where you are.

Winners will be announced by the end of February.

–

How did you learn 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 _____

Average number of members within the 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? _____

Religion * _____

Contact Person Name * (First, Last) _____

Contact Person's Email * _____

Contact's Phone Number * _____

Approximate project planning date (estimates OK) * _____

Project planning completion date (approximate date is OK) * _____

Title of your entry *

The next 3 questions are not required, however, if you know the answers, please fill them in.

What is your congregation's baseline carbon footprint in tons per year (before any work)?
You can use the calculators found at coolcongregations.org to determine your congregation's baseline footprint. Estimates are acceptable. See the note on how to report the number in this field.

Estimate the projected emissions reduction in tons of carbon emissions per year once the work is completed

Estimate the project's cost savings in dollars per year once the work is completed.

In 250 words or less, summarize the findings and recommendations related to the planning process. You may attach your planning document if you wish. *

Tell us about your planning team and any collaborators, such as your state IPL, US Green Building Council, or other such partners. *Maximum of 250 words.

How will your plan become a reality? * Maximum of 250 words.

Have you shared your plan with anyone outside of your green team or planning committee? If so, tell us about it. * Maximum of 250 words.

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

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