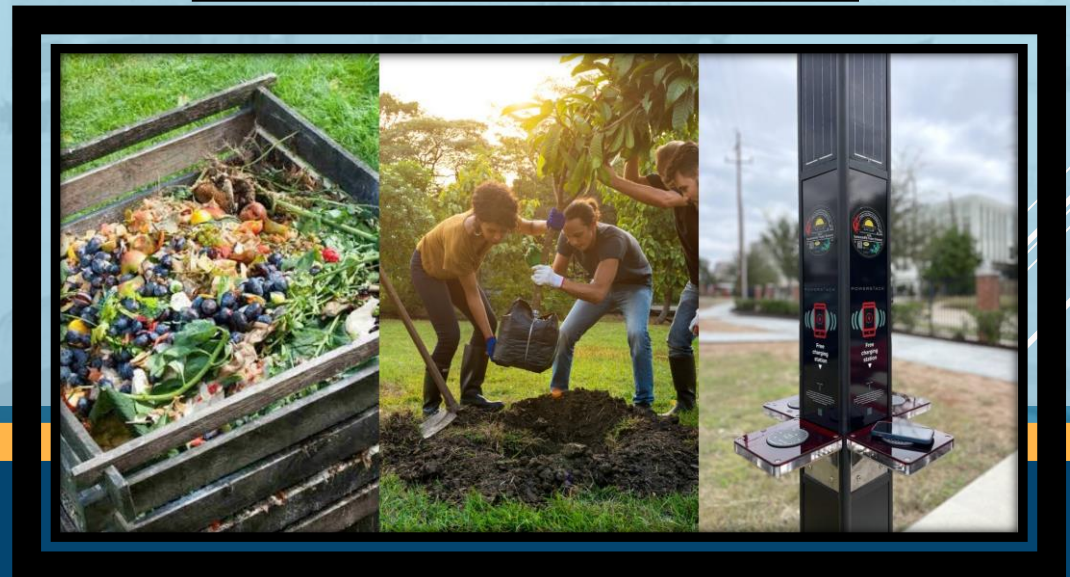




**Bloomberg
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2026 Youth Climate Action Fund



City of Aurora
Finance Committee Meeting

July 16, 2026

What is the Youth Climate Action Fund Grant?



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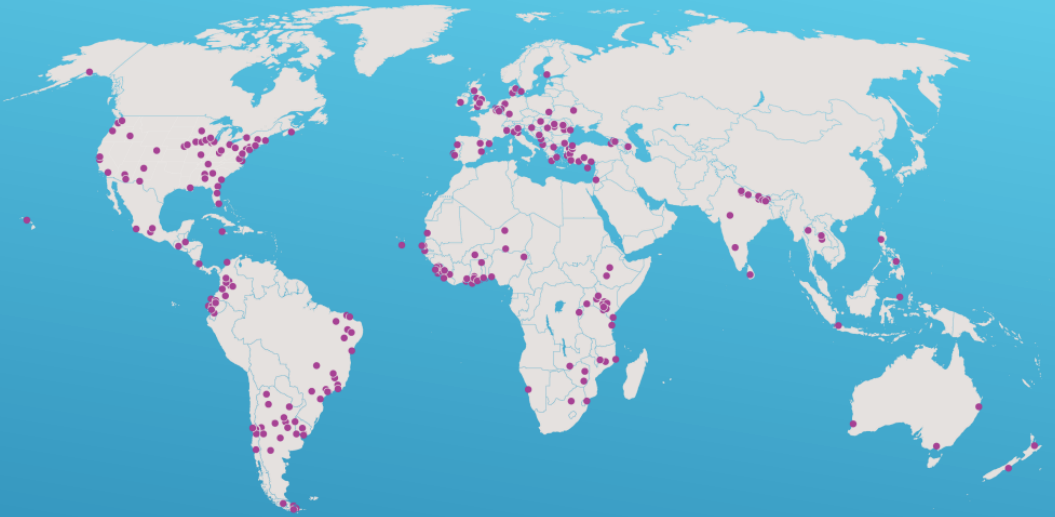
Youth Services Manager

- **-The Youth Climate Action Fund provides capital and capacity to help municipalities mobilize young residents ages 15–24 in designing and delivering solutions aligned with citywide priorities**
- **Through the Fund, city halls open innovation competitions, inviting young people's ideas, selecting the strongest proposals, and funding the projects with a total of \$50,000 and technical assistance from Bloomberg Philanthropies.**



**300,000 young
people across 5
continents have
taken part in this
program**

**Aurora, IL was
selected as 1 of 300
international cities
to participate**







Grant at a Glance

Item	Notes
\$50,000	Microgrants in the amount of \$1,000-5,000 per project
Number of Estimated Projects	10-50 youth-led climate projects
Participating Youth	15-24 years old
Program Period	April 2026-May 2027





Process/Schedule

Item	Timeline
Final City Council approval to Accept Grant	July 28, 2026
Finalize applications, dates for co-design sessions, official launch, communicate to partners & stakeholders, promotion.	July 29-August 24, 2026
Call for Applications & Promotion *Includes co-design sessions for applicants	August 24-October 5, 2026
Application window closes	October 5, 2026 at 5pm
Review applications and select projects (in conjunction w/Aurora Youth Council & Sustainability board)	October 6-November 3, 2026



Process/Schedule Continued

Item	Timeline
Funds Dispersed to Projects	No later than November 13, 2026
All Projects Completed	April 15, 2027
Results Announced (all participating cities)	April 22, 2027
Final Report Due	May 14, 2027
*Completing all projects on time opens Aurora up for 2 nd round of funding	*A dedicated website in the Youth Services webpage will be created w/more information & application.

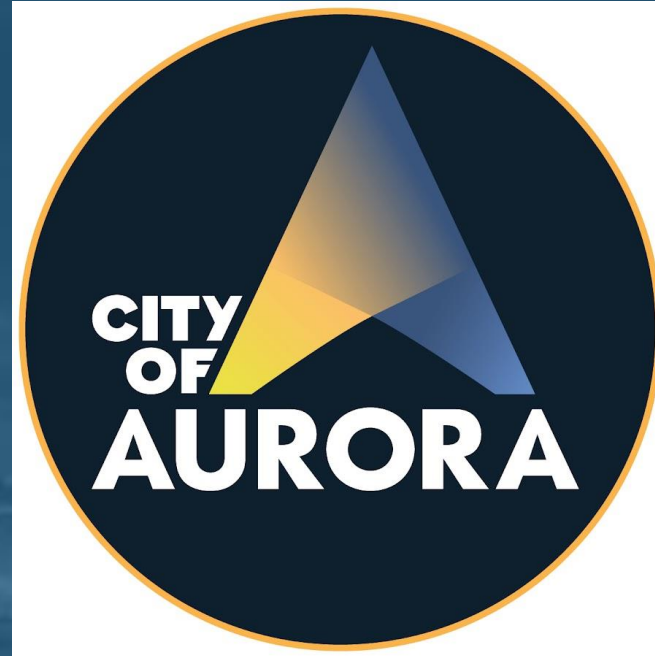
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Types of Projects	-Must be youth-led -Must align w/COA Sustainability Plan -Examples: climate education, research & data collection, addressing water quality, environmental protection, sustainable waste management
Eligibility	-Youth-led organizations (youth clubs or groups) -Youth-serving organizations -Sponsor organizations, such as schools or other educational institutions, museums, or community organizations
Review/Selection Process	-A blind-review process conducted by 7 members of the Aurora Youth Council (1st round) -Final review and recommendation by 3 or 5 members of the Aurora Sustainability Board.



Item	Note
Disbursement of Funds	Once selected, a project will receive funds to go towards their project costs. Selected projects must submit proof of funds used towards project as outlined in their application.
Data Tracking/Outcomes	-Youth Services division will work with each selection project to ensure at least 1 output & 1 outcome are met.
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Thank You



QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION?

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