

# City Energy Project Grant Program



Submit a short grant proposal with your idea for how to engage members on energy efficiency and benchmarking and receive up to **\$3,000** to fund your idea!

## Grant goal

Educate members on energy efficiency and help them gain value from city sustainability policies, including benchmarking.

## What is the City Energy Project?

The City Energy Project (CEP) is a national initiative to create healthier and more prosperous cities by improving the energy efficiency of buildings. CEP collaborates with each city to develop a tailored set of policies and programs to improve the energy performance of its building stock, including energy benchmarking legislation. By partnering, CEP and ULI intend to facilitate engagement and peer to peer learning opportunities in participating cities.

CEP cities include: Atlanta, GA; Boston, MA; Chicago, IL; Denver, CO; Des Moines, IA; Fort Collins, CO; Houston, TX; Kansas City, MO; Los Angeles, CA; Miami-Dade County, FL.; New Orleans, LA; Orlando, FL; Philadelphia, PA; Pittsburgh, PA; Providence, RI; Reno, NV; Salt Lake City, UT; San Jose, CA; St. Louis, MO; and St. Paul, MN.

## What is energy benchmarking and how does it impact building owners/ULI members?

Energy benchmarking is the process of measuring a building's energy use over time, allowing owners and occupants to understand building energy performance relative to similar buildings and helps identify opportunities to cut waste.

## Why should district councils get involved?

- Benchmarking legislation continues to pass in cities around the United States. By bringing the real estate industry to the table to provide feedback, both positive and negative, ULI can help members have an important voice in developing local benchmarking legislation that produces meaningful environmental and financial results
- Educate your members on legislation that directly impacts their business' bottom line
- Build relationships with local government and other industry organizations to share programming and resources
- Leverage additional resources to support sustainability programming

## What kind of projects can be funded?

This funding is for a range of projects to take place during 2018 that will contribute to raising awareness and understanding of building efficiency and benchmarking. Ideally, projects will engage local members and a range of partners, such as your local 2030 District, U.S. Green Building Council Chapter, or BOMA chapter. Possibilities include:

- Workshops on efficiency or benchmarking that bring together the real estate industry and other stakeholders
- Community or industry outreach initiatives on best practices in benchmarking and sustainability
- Research or data collection initiatives

## How do I apply?

To apply, please draft a short (<1 page) proposal detailing the type of programming you have in mind and the total amount of funding your plan would require. CEP cities will be prioritized for funding, but all District Councils in the United States can apply. Please reach out to [monika.henn@uli.org](mailto:monika.henn@uli.org) with any questions or to submit applications.