

Scoring Rubric for 2026 Building Decarbonization Grant Program Applications

NUMERIC SCORING SECTION

Category	Criteria	Points
Building Use and Ownership (up to 10 max pts)	Affordable housing	10
	Non-profit <u>owned</u>	8
	Non-profit <u>tenant(s)</u>	6
	Nonprofit cooperative housing	6
	Condo with volunteer board	4
	Other than listed above	2
Capacity/ Readiness (up to 5 max pts)	Has completed all steps of Seattle Clean Buildings Accelerator/Seattle Building Emissions Navigator	2
	Enrolled in Seattle Building Emissions Navigator	2
	Working with a contractor/consultant already	1
	Has completed a pre-application electrical and/or mechanical feasibility study	1
	Has permit ready plans completed for heating and/or DHW retrofit	1
	Has received bids on project components	1
	Needs to replace a mechanical system now	1
	Provided a reasonable capacity response	1
Seattle RSE Index Score (up to 5 max pts) In a high RSE-Index area from this map . (2023 update)	RSE is in either of the highest two categories	5
	RSE is in the middle category	3
	RSE is in either of the lowest two categories	1
Amount of Emissions Reductions Work Needed to Meet GHGIT* (up to 10 max pts)	Building likely will not be compliant with BEPS in 2031-35	1-7
	Building likely will not be compliant with BEPS in 2036-40	1-3

Project Size / Scope of Need (up to 10 max pts)	Building uses fossil fuels for two or more systems	4
	Building needs seismic upgrades	2
	Historic building	2
	Building has structural or systemic challenges of another kind (such as, on district steam)	2

* Estimated GHGI and GHGIs are based on the most recent benchmarking data reported to the City. These will be determined by the OSE Buildings Team and added to the application spreadsheet for all applications.

NARRATIVE SCORING SECTION

Focus on Frontline Communities

Category	Criteria	Score
Focus on Frontline Communities: Does the applicant primarily serve frontline communities?	The primary purpose of the applicant’s building is to serve one or more of Seattle’s frontline communities.* * Black people, Indigenous people, <i>sovereign tribal nations</i> , communities of color, immigrants, refugees, youths, elders, houseless people, disabled people, LGBTQ+ people, people with low and no income, and people who work in outdoor occupations.	Strong
	The building purpose includes, but doesn’t primarily focus on, serving frontline communities.	Satisfactory
	A significant majority of the building is not focused on serving frontline communities.	Developing

Project Approach

Category	Criteria	Score
Project Approach: Does the applicant have a comprehensive approach to building upgrades and energy use?	Applicant has a holistic and well thought-out approach for decarbonizing the building, including all needed steps, and how their project will align the building for BEPS compliance over time.	Strong
	Applicant appreciates the value of having a holistic approach for decarbonizing the building, although has not fully thought out the necessary steps or explained how the project will align the building for BEPS compliance over time.	Satisfactory
	Applicant offers a piecemeal approach to decarbonizing the building, and does not demonstrate clear understanding of how the project will align the building for BEPS compliance over time.	Developing

Resiliency

Category	Criteria	Score
Resiliency: Does the applicant have a plan to serve as a resiliency hub for the community during extreme weather emergencies and/or natural disasters?	Applicant has a clear and well thought-out plan on how the building will be used to serve the greater community during extreme weather emergencies and/or natural disasters, including a list of services it will be able to provide.	Strong
	Applicant has intentions to offer the building in service of the greater community during extreme weather emergencies and/or natural disasters, but not clear on exactly how or how much.	Satisfactory
	Applicant does not intend to or has not thought about offering the building in service of the greater community during extreme weather emergencies and/or natural disasters.	Developing