



Introduction:

Pacific Environment is aiming to harness people power to regenerate ports and end ship pollution once and for all. Together with local communities, allies, and partners, we have the power to transform port infrastructure and accelerate the transition to zero-emission shipping, ultimately transforming ports from hotspots of fossil fuel pollution to thriving hubs of sustainable economic development and environmental protection. Our campaign unites strategic, place-based objectives with local, state, federal, and international policy goals to tip the global shipping industry off fossil fuels for good.

Through this grant opportunity, Pacific Environment aims to fund multi-level organizations, including community-based groups, environmental justice organizations, and environmental organizations and we welcome organizations and project scopes of any size. **We value and plan to prioritize frontline organizations, community-based groups, and environmental justice organizations that are serving and working within communities directly impacted by ship and port pollution.**

Who Can Apply?

We are open to receiving proposals for relevant projects from organizations that may or may not already explicitly work on shipping but whose overall goals focus on the environmental and health impacts suffered by portside communities due to shipping and ports' fossil fuel emissions. We seek to unite campaigners, activists, conservation groups, community members, environmental groups, and health care professionals behind the shared goal of ending ship and port pollution and creating cleaner, safer and thriving port communities.

We encourage organizations active in communities harmed by environmental degradation and from backgrounds underrepresented in the environmental movement to apply. Organizations led by and representing Indigenous persons; People of color; transgender, gender-nonconforming, and LGBTQ people; women; and people of working-class experiences are encouraged to apply.

We also understand that the proposal process can be a time-consuming process for organizations with limited capacity. Please feel welcome to reach out to us if you are interested but unsure if your team has capacity to apply.

Applicants must be 501(c) (3) non-profit organizations in the U.S. or have a fiscal sponsor at the time of the application. To receive funds, applicants must provide proof of insurance with Pacific Environment named as additional insured from the organization or fiscal sponsor and applicant must provide the most current independent audit.

What Projects Will be Considered?

We are seeking to fund projects that align with our overall objectives of:

1. Help pass policies that put ships on mandatory zero emission pathways, help create zero-emission trade routes.
2. Help stop ports' fossil fuel build-out and support just, thriving, and healthy port communities.
3. Secure zero emission commitments from major players and stakeholders including ports, policy makers, cargo owners, and more that bring pollution into ports.



The following are a few examples of what proposed projects can result in but, ultimately, we recognize applicants as experienced leaders and defer to them. Project plans can include but are not limited to community building, movement infrastructure building, capacity building, grassroots power-building, coalition building, campaigning, educating policy makers, advocacy with actionable items such as press conferences, rallies, nonviolent direct actions, op-eds, event organization and strategizing together on building community power to holds ports accountable.

Project Schedule/Timeline:

We are flexible on the timeline and length of project as long as it takes place in 2024. Renewal options are a possibility.

Location of project

We will prioritize projects in port communities on the U.S. West Coast but will consider funding projects and organizations that are taking on acute port crises in other regions throughout the United States.

What is our Available Funding?

Organizations can apply for any grant amount from \$15,000 – \$150,000. **We are aware that additional staff members or contractors might be necessary to complete the proposed project and are willing to include those expenses as part of the grant budget.** If you have questions about allowable expenses, please reach out to: cvelasquez@pacificenvironment.org

How to Apply?

The Application Form is available for download. Please email the completed Application Form to climateprojects@pacificenvironment.org

Terms and Conditions:

Grant payments will be made electronically following a payment schedule where 50% will be paid upon contract execution and 50% at midpoint of the grant period, unless otherwise stated in the grant agreement.

What is the application timeline?

September 1, 2023	Grant Opportunity is announced and open for applications and inquiries
September 1 – October 31, 2023	Clarification Period* (as needed)
November 1, 2023, at midnight PST	Submission Deadline
November 2 – November 30, 2023	Review Process
December 2023	Applicants notified of award decisions
January 2024	Funds delivered electronically upon grant agreement terms



***During the time of Sept 1st through Oct 31st, we will be available to answer any inquiries along with providing examples of past projects we have funded, if helpful. We welcome all inquiries as we are aware that a grant application process can be overwhelming and time-consuming process. Equity is a priority for us; we are available to discuss how to make this application process accessible for all. For example, for applicants with limited capacity, we are open to supplementing the application with verbal interview.**

Please submit all proposals to climateprojects@pacificenvironment.org by the submission deadline of November 1st, 2023, at midnight PST. Our review process will take place during November 2, 2023 – November 30, 2023. Applicants will be notified of award decisions in the month of December 2023.

Point of Contact: For questions, please reach out to Carolina Velasquez, the Partnership & Operations Manager, at Cvelasquez@pacificenvironment.org

About Pacific Environment:

Pacific Environment is a 501(c)(3) public-benefit corporation, headquartered in San Francisco, with regional offices in Anchorage, Alaska, and Chongqing, China, and regional staff in Vietnam, Republic of Korea, Singapore, the Philippines, and Thailand. Founded in 1987, Pacific Environment serves people, wildlife, and ecosystems by promoting grassroots activism, strengthening communities, leading strategic campaigns, and reforming international policies.

For decades, Pacific Environment and our local partners have been fighting fossil fuels and advocating for renewable energy, and we have a strong track record of achieving local and international climate wins. In collaboration with many partners, we have founded and led major campaigns. To learn more about some of our campaigns please see the below:

- [Ports for People](#)
- [Ship It Zero!](#)
- [California Must Phase out the Dirtiest Ships & End Fossil Fueled Shipping by 2040 to Save Lives](#)