

**AGENDA**  
**NEW HAVEN CLIMATE EMERGENCY TASKFORCE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2024, 5:15 PM**

The New Haven Climate Emergency Taskforce (CETF) will meet on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:15 PM on Zoom (see link at end of agenda) to discuss the following items:

1. Approval of minutes from the previous 2 meetings. A majority of the CETF (6 of 10 members) constitutes a quorum.
2. Project updates from the Office of Climate and Sustainability (OCS) staff
  - a. Recycling Educator: We hired Rose Richi as a Recycling Educator. She's great!
  - b. EPA [Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program](#) – Implementation Grants.
    - i. Background on CPRG: As a reminder, [State](#) & [SCRCOG](#) put together Priority Climate Action Plans (PCAPs) for the first phase of the grant. In this “Implementation” phase, localities within the geographic territory of one of those plans can apply for funding to implement projects that reflect the climate pollution reduction measures that SCRCOG/DEEP have outlined in their PCAPs.
    - ii. The State PCAP includes a Networked Geothermal measure ([more on Networked Geothermal here](#)), so OCS is drafting an application for an Implementation grant for a geothermal loop serving Union Station and the 1,000-unit Housing Authority development planned for across the street. The loop would provide renewable, low-cost energy to serve both locations' space heating and cooling needs. Other buildings in the area can be connected to the loop in the future.

- c. I Heart My Home outreach & canvassing campaign continues. Since canvassing began, we've knocked on over 3,686 doors, and 108 participants (54 income-eligible) have enrolled and received I Heart My Home consultations. 18 participants (9 income-eligible) have received energy assessments in that time, and 18 (10 income-eligible) more participants have assessments scheduled. Some participants are part of multi-families, bringing the total number of units receiving consultations to 152 (71 income-eligible units). Numbers as of 3/22.
- d. Healthy Homes, Clean Cooktops project is underway—all participants have been using their induction cooktops for two weeks, with air quality monitors monitoring the before- and after-PM2.5 and CO2 content in the air. Monitors have been retrieved and Yale will process the results when they return from their breaks. Results will be shared with participants when they have a final close-out interview and receive their stipends.
- e. EPA Government-to-Government grant. OCS is continuing final budget negotiations with EPA .
- f. Funding the Climate Justice Schools (CJS) program directly through New Haven Climate Movement (NHCM) for Fiscal year 2023-2024. We have worked with NHCM on updated proposal and have requested proof of insurance from NHCM and a statement from NHPS stating that the CJS project continues to be an approved project by the BOE. The teachers for CJS will be paid through NHPS.
- g. Solar installations. Surveying has begun at the landfill and project planning is underway for the school parking canopies.
- h. Styrofoam enforcement: No update for this month.
- i. Shellfish shell recycling program: No update for this month.
- j. Housing Authority: Has not yet completed their inventory of the mechanical systems in their portfolio buildings.
- k. EcoPark: 2/28 Hearing before Inland Wetland Commission resulted in deferment of permit decision until their next meeting, 3/27. The firm

withdrew its New Haven City Plan application and has not yet resubmitted it.

3. Discussion Items: Report on remaining FY23-24 CETF budget and discussion of how to use remaining funds.

a. **CETF Budget Report:**

- i. \$5,993.76 remaining
- ii. \$35,000 spent to support NHS/I Heart My Home. The agreement for NHS was approved in FY22-23 but the funds were paid out in FY23-24. As a result the funds were drawn from the FY23-25 budget.
- iii. \$6,300 committed to Climate Justice Schools.
- iv. \$2,706.24 spent on the Clean Cooktops, Healthy Homes campaign.

b. **Indoor Air Quality Education Event**

- i. Per person budget for materials is \$73.50
  - 1. Filter: \$40, Fan: \$30, Weather Stripping: \$3.50
- ii. At 20 people, plus \$50 for refreshments, the total budget is \$1,550.

c. **Contribution to City Bike Share**

- i. The taskforce could fund the purchase of an electric bike for the bike share for \$2,750.

d. **Proposal on Use of Remaining Funds**

- i. The Taskforce will fund indoor air filters for all participants in the Clean Cooktops, Healthy Homes program (cost of up to \$441) and provides \$5,500 of funding to the New Haven Parking Authority for the purchase of 2 electric bikes.

e. **Potential Funding for Bicycle Education Using Funds Next Fiscal Year**

- i. Steve has reached out to Erik Patchkofsky, Physical Education, Health, and Athletics Director at New Haven Public Schools about the potential to fund a pilot of a bicycle program in a dozen K-8 schools next fiscal year. Erik will send estimates they have received.

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