

Climate Smart Cities Challenge

The Climate Smart Cities Challenge Open Call - Example Entry Form

Creating healthy, thriving and climate-neutral cities

Thank you for your interest in the Climate Smart Cities Challenge Open Call. Please note that applications to the Open Call will close on **Friday 22 January 2021 at 17:00 GMT** and we will not be able to accept applications after this deadline.

Please read all the information on the [webpage](#), including the FAQs, eligibility criteria, privacy policy, and terms & conditions, before completing this application form. All applications will be assessed against the same criteria.

You can save a draft at any time and come back to your application later. Once your application has been submitted you will receive a confirmation email. You will not be able to edit your application once it has been submitted.

There are three sections in this entry form:

1. Your details
2. Your proposal
3. Declaration

(*) indicates required fields

If you have any further questions relating to the Open Call that have not been answered in the FAQs, please email: climatesmartcities@nesta.org.uk

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Section 1: Your details

This section will not be assessed.

Please note we will use these details to contact you about the application.

- I confirm that I and any co-applicants (if entering in partnership with other organisation(s)) have read the terms and conditions and privacy policy and agree to these.
- I confirm that I and any co-applicants have read the eligibility criteria, are eligible for the Open Call now and that, should we cease to comply with the eligibility criteria, we will immediately inform Nesta.

Applicant(s) details

1.1.1 Name of City:

The geographical place your proposal focuses on. The term 'city' includes a settled place of any size population (there is no minimum population size). A 'city' can be a multi-city region or metropolitan area comprising more than one contiguous municipality or local authority or equivalent.

1.1.2 Country:

The country the city is situated within. (dropdown menu)

1.1.3 Continent:

The continent the city is situated within. (dropdown menu)

1.1.4 City Population Size:

If unknown please provide an estimate. There is no minimum population threshold.

1.1.5 Lead Application Organisation:

1.1.6 Organisation type:

- Private sector
- Public sector

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Other

If other, please describe:

1.1.7 Mailing address:

1.1.8 Organisation website:

Main contact details

Must be affiliated with the lead application organisation.

1.2.1 Main contact name:

1.2.2 Main contact job title:

1.2.3 Main contact email address:

1.2.4 Main contact phone number:

1.2.9 Is your organisation applying with any co-applicants?

- Yes
 No

Co-applicant organisation details

Please provide details about your co-applicant.

1.3.1 Partnership Organisation Name:

1.3.2 Partnership Organisation Type:

Private sector

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- Public sector
- Other

If other, please describe:

1.3.4 Mailing address:

1.3.5 Partnership Organisation website:

1.3.6 Main contact at partnership organisation name:

Must be affiliated with the partnership organisation

1.3.7 Main contact at partnership organisation job title:

1.3.8 Main contact at partnership organisation email address:

1.3.9 Main contact at partnership organisation phone number:

Please note: the online form includes the option to add more partner organisations.

1.310 Please let us know how you heard about the open call

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Section 2: Your proposal

This section will be assessed.

SECTION 2.1: Summary and suitability for an open innovation competition

Your answers in this section should provide an overview of the problem, challenge or barrier in your city and why it is suitable for an open innovation competition.

2.1.1 What is the problem, challenge or barrier to reducing or eliminating greenhouse gas emissions in your city which you propose to address? No more than 250 words.

Please be as specific as possible. We want to know about problems that could be solved in the near-term (within about five years).

2.1.2 Why is this problem, challenge or barrier suitable to an open innovation competition? No more than 400 words.

The objective of the open call is to find cities to partner with us to run an open innovation competition based in their city, invite participants to compete to test and demonstrate solutions, and bring the most successful ones to scale.

Please briefly explain how the challenge

- Has a clear goal that's open to multiple solution providers using different approaches
- Would benefit from new people working on it (e.g. there is not enough innovation in the field, or there is expertise from other fields or contexts you want to bring in)
- Would be able to attract new people to work on it (e.g. it would create business opportunities for them, or you are able to offer a route to procure the solutions)
- Would support new work (not just fund existing or planned efforts)
- Can create solutions that have a sustainable business model

SECTION 2.2: Impact, scale and innovation

Your answers in this section should provide an overview of how solving your challenge would be impactful, promote scaling and invite innovation in your city.

2.2.1 Would solving this problem be impactful in reducing greenhouse gas emissions? No more than 250 words.

Please describe how solving your proposed challenge will reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. We'd like you to:

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- Describe the outcomes you want to achieve, with metrics if possible
- Describe the types of solutions you anticipate could be developed

2.2.2 Would solving this problem promote other social benefits? No more than 250 words.

Explain the potential ways in which solving this challenge would promote your city's goals around equitable development and social inclusion.

2.2.3 How will solving this problem be useful to other cities? No more than 250 words.

To the best of your knowledge, please describe how widely shared your challenge is among cities around the world, and whether potential solutions to your challenge are likely to be transferable to other contexts, other geographies or other cities.

Please explain whether there are likely to be cost, regulatory or cultural barriers to adoption, or whether solutions are likely to be highly context-specific.

2.2.4 Would the challenge support the development of solutions with a sustainable business case? No more than 250 words.

Please describe how solutions to your challenge are likely to have an investable business model that could potentially help them scale to other contexts.

2.2.5 Tell us why existing solutions aren't sufficient. No more than 250 words.

Please explain how your problem is one that needs a new approach (for instance new technology or business models, or adapting approaches that have worked elsewhere); and why existing solutions (if any exist) are not adequate.

2.2.6 Are solutions feasible in the near future (within five years or less)? No more than 250 words.

Please explain what level of development, testing or scale is likely to be technically or economically achievable within five years, if appropriate resources are provided.

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SECTION 2.3: Your capacity to partner

Your answers in this section should help us understand if your city has a good understanding of the challenge and what it will take to solve it, and if your city has capacity to work with us to help run this challenge.

2.3.1 Does your challenge have support from senior decision-makers in your city? No more than 250 words.

Please explain the level of support that this proposal has from senior decision-makers, such as city managers, department heads, elected officials or official committees in your city or public body. Does this proposal align with the city plan, a specific city policy, or approved budget?

If possible, please upload a letter of support from the city:

This letter should be from a local elected official such as mayor, city councillor or equivalent, or a senior official in city government with decision-making authority. If a letter is not possible please explain why in your answer.

2.3.2 Will you devote resources to partnering with us to run an open innovation competition based on your challenge in your city? No more than 250 words.

Please explain how you would approach resourcing to support a potential partnership to address the challenge in your city, which could include human resources, financial commitment, and any relevant partners.*

2.3.3 Have you developed a comprehensive city-wide approach to the issue of climate change? No more than 250 words.

Please describe your city's commitment to reducing greenhouse gases and promoting sustainability and improved quality of life for all. Is your city signed up to international or national city commitment frameworks, such as the Global Covenant of Mayors, or members of global climate city networks such as C40, ICLEI, or other initiatives, and if so, would any of these commitments help your city expedite running a challenge on this theme?

2.3.4 How would you support entrants to a challenge in your city with testing, trialling and/or demonstrating solutions? No more than 250 words.

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Please explain any appropriate support you can give for testing, hosting or supporting an innovation being trialled in your city. For example, this could be a physical testbed, access to datasets to experiment with, access to city assets or infrastructure, regulatory permission to test out an innovation, or an expedited route to public procurement, or something else relevant to your challenge.

Section 3: Declaration

To be completed by the Lead applicant on behalf of all involved in the proposal.

- I confirm that all the information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.