



Sustainability, Climate Action & Resilience

Boulder County Environmental Sustainability Matching Grant Program

List of Policy Examples

The following policies are examples of high impact policies in the Boulder County Environmental Sustainability Matching Grant program. This list is not exhaustive and municipalities may also propose other policies in their application and describe how the policy will make significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and/or meaningful climate resiliency. Municipalities will need to describe in their application what process was used to determine the racial equity impact of the proposed policy and describe any modifications to the policy based on potential impacts.

Buildings

- Electric-Preferred Building Code Package for New Construction (Metro Regional Cohort package)
- Building Performance Standards for Existing Buildings
- Commercial Equipment Replacement Low- or Zero-Emissions Requirements
- Roadmap to Zero Emissions Buildings
- All-Electric New Affordable Housing
- Residential Rental Housing Energy Efficiency and/or Electrification
- Municipal Building Electrification
- Large Homes Electrification
- Exterior Energy Use Reduction Policy

Land Use

- Exceed State Minimum Requirements of Accessory Dwelling Units for Increased Housing Density (HB24-1152)
- Exceed State Minimum Requirements of Increase Multi-Family Housing and Mixed-Use Development near transit (HB24-1313)
- Exceed State Minimum Requirements of Eliminate or Reduce Minimum Parking Requirements (HB24-1304)
- Custom Policy Idea: Pursue policies that allow increases in density over time in residential neighborhoods.

Nature-Based Solutions

- Boulder County will share example policies once available.

Transportation

- Municipal Fleet Electrification and Associated Charging
- Exceed State Minimum Requirements of Electric Vehicle Charging System Permits (HB24-1173)
- Custom Policy Idea: Increase in walkability scores for local neighborhoods, including transportation infrastructure and amenities close to residential neighborhoods
- Custom Policy Idea: Adopt other parking reduction strategies, not already covered by HB24-1304 Eliminate or Reduce Minimum Parking Requirements

Waste and Circular Economy

- Universal Recycling Ordinance
- Construction & Deconstruction Policy
- Exceed State Minimum Requirements of Management of Plastic Products (HB21-1162)