



**Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance Grants Program
2019 Investment Summary**

Fund Overview. Since 2015, the Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance (CNCA) Grant Programs have supported cities to collaborate and share lessons in planning for and implementing deep carbon reductions and provided opportunities to accelerate best practices in deep decarbonization. Proposals are solicited through an annual RFP process. As of December 2019, the CNCA grant programs have awarded \$3,253,583 to fund 51 projects.

2019 Grant Programs. A volunteer committee of CNCA members has guided the evolution of this grant program and manages the awards selection process. 2019 committee members are as follows:

CNCA Innovation Fund Selection Committee

- Björn Hugosson - Stockholm
- James Hardy - London
- Kate Johnson – Washington DC
- Nik Midlam - Sydney
- Pedro Rolim – Rio de Janeiro

CNCA Game Changer Selection Committee

- Simon Wyke, London
- Björn Hugosson, Stockholm
- Debbie Raphael, San Francisco
- Pedro Rolim, Rio de Janeiro
- Chris Derksema, Sydney

2019 Awards. In July, the CNCA Innovation Fund (IF) awarded \$304,660 to support 4 grants for participants from member communities, shown in Table 1. CNCA IF products are available [here](#).

Table 1. CNCA IF 2019 Awards.

Grant Name	Amount	Lead	Grant Purpose
Building Energy Consumption Tool	\$81,290	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	To develop an online platform for calculating energy consumption in buildings, allowing the visualization of their consumption performance in comparison with typological and market patterns, to identify improvements and prioritize reforms.
Comprehensive GHG Reduction Tool	\$76,370	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	To develop a digital platform to calculate the performance of specific elements of Urban Interventions in the contribution to the reduction of GHG emissions and other benefits for cities and citizens.
Carbon Neutral Challenge	\$100,000	Sydney, Australia	To develop a place-based challenge that uses collaborative competition to encourage all stakeholders to work together to drive buildings and businesses to net-zero. It connects corporate vision to on-ground action and engages workers in a way that is simple and inclusive.
Yokohama City Renewable Energy Promotion Project	\$47,000	Yokohama, Japan	To address feed-in tariff issues by creating a platform for residents and businesses to promote the introduction of renewable energy without the help of city subsidies.



In September, CNCA invested \$40,000 in technical assistance funding to support 1 Game Changer projects, and \$131,000 in a special project to expand Mobility Hub deployment (Table 2). These projects strengthen CNCA cities by:

- supporting efforts to scale major, fundamental change in cities resulting in zero carbon systems;
- increasing CNCA member access to funding/external resources that support system transformation;
- leveraging philanthropic funding, city co-funding, partnerships, and CNCA influence and staff support to generate large scale investment in CNCA cities’ ability to achieve carbon neutrality; and
- communicating the ambition and achievements of CNCA members to support replication and scaling of successful “game changers’ globally.

Table 2. CNCA Game Changer and Special Project 2019 Awards.

Funding Source	Amount	Lead	Grant Name
CNCA Game Changer Fund	\$40,000	San Francisco, CA	Zero Emissions Building Sector
CNCA Special Project Funding	\$131,000	Minneapolis, MN Stockholm, Sweden	Mobility Hub Project