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# City of El Paso Joins Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund Initiative Supports Youth-Led Climate Projects and Expands Opportunities for Civic Engagement

**EL PASO, Texas**—The City of El Paso has been selected to join Bloomberg Philanthropies' Youth Climate Action Fund, a global initiative that provides funding and technical assistance to help cities engage young residents in developing local climate solutions.

El Paso is one of 300 cities selected to participate in the program, which supports municipalities in mobilizing residents ages 15 to 24 to design and implement projects that address local climate challenges and align with citywide priorities.

Through the program, the City will launch a youth innovation competition inviting young residents to submit climate-focused project ideas. Selected proposals will receive funding and technical support from Bloomberg Philanthropies, with City staff assisting youth participants through implementation.

"This is an opportunity to turn ideas into action and place young people at the center of solutions that will shape El Paso's future," said Mayor Renard U. Johnson. "As our community continues important work around resilience, sustainability and youth engagement, this initiative gives young residents a meaningful way to lead, serve, and strengthen the city they call home."

The Youth Climate Action Fund comes as El Paso continues advancing several community priorities, including implementation of the recently adopted Chihuahuan Desert Climate Action Plan and ongoing efforts to elevate youth voices through the City's Youth Advisory Council. While separate initiatives, together they reflect the City's broader commitment to sustainability, civic participation, and long-term community resilience.

Projects may focus on enhancing public spaces, improving sustainability, supporting resilience, reducing waste, expanding green spaces, or advancing neighborhood-level climate solutions. Cities that move quickly to deploy initial funding may be eligible for an additional \$50,000 to support more youth-led projects.

"The Youth Climate Action Fund is helping city halls around the world work alongside hundreds of thousands of young people to take action on city climate challenges and improve their communities," said Patricia E. Harris, CEO of Bloomberg Philanthropies. "They are showing how local government can be a partner on issues youth and residents care deeply about – and they are building trust along the way. We look forward to expanding on these efforts and inspiring a new generation of civic leaders."

The City will now begin developing the local process for accepting and reviewing project ideas. Once finalized, the City will share details with young residents ages 15 to 24 and encourage them to submit ideas for projects that can help shape a more sustainable and resilient El Paso. For more information, visit [EPClimate.org/](https://EPClimate.org/).

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