Youth Climate Action Microgrant Application Form

The Chatham Climate Action Network (ChathamCAN) is offering microgrants of up to $250 for youth-led projects that raise awareness and understanding of climate change, risks and solutions in Chatham county. Projects can be focused on local education and outreach, on hands-on efforts to contribute to solutions, or a combination of both. While there is no current application deadline, applications will be considered in the order they are received and the grant opportunity will close when all funds have been dispersed. We plan to highlight all completed projects in a community event In May 2027 (exact date to be determined).

Before you start

You can apply if:

- At least **2 or more** young people are responsible for running your project.
- There is an adult sponsor/supporter to help with logistics and to receive funds.
- The project raises awareness of climate change, climate risks, or climate solutions through education or a hands-on project in Chatham county.
- The work happens between **now** and **May 1, 2027.**

You don't need: past grant experience, a finished plan or to be a registered organization. We fund first-time organizers.

Projects will be evaluated and funded based on the following criteria: being clarity, relevance, reach, feasibility, having a realistic budget and being youth-led.

Section 1: About you

1st Lead Applicant's name (at least 2):
Age:
Email:
Phone (optional):
City/Town:
School, group, or organization (if any):

2nd Lead Applicant's name (at least 2):
Age:
Email:
Phone (optional):
City/Town:
School, group, or organization (if any):

Other applicants' names:

How did you hear about this grant? *[Optional]*

Section 2: Adult supporter (*This person helps with logistics and receives the funds for youth applicants. They do not run the project.)*

Name:
Relationship to you:
Email:
Phone:
School, group, or organization (if any)

☐ Our adult supporter has read this application and agrees to support the project.

Section 3: Your project

1. Project name:

2. In one or two sentences, what will you do?

3. What climate issue does this address, and why is this important in your school, town, neighborhood or county?

4. Who are you trying to reach, and roughly how many people? *For example: club, about 12 people; students at our high school, about 400 people.*

5. What will actually happen? List your main activities, when they'll happen, who will lead them.

6. How will you know if it worked? *Name one or two things you'll count or notice — attendance, sign-ups, pledges, trees planted, feedback from participants.*

7. Who else is involved? *Partners, venues, teachers, local groups - confirmed or hoped-for.*

Section 4: Budget

Total amount requested: $_____

What you'll spend it on	Cost
	$
	$
	$
	$
Total	**$**

Are you receiving money or in-kind support from anywhere else for this project?

☐ No ☐ Yes - please describe:

Section 5: Agreement

☐ The information here is accurate and the project is led by the young people named above.

☐ If funded, we will send a short report about outcome of the project (1-2 paragraph description with a few photos or a brief video) within **30 days** of finishing.

☐ We agree that **ChathamCAN** may share information about our project in social media and/or newsletter and may showcase our work in a community event next June.

Lead applicant 1 signature: _____ Date: _____

Lead applicant 2 signature: _____ Date: _____

(*you may add more lines for additional names…*)

Adult supporter signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit to chathamclimateaction@gmail.com. We'll respond to lead applicants and adult supporter within 2 weeks of application. If you'd rather send a short video instead of writing your answers, email us - that's fine.