

Application - Community Resilience through Small & Rural Libraries: Building Partnerships for Impact

This pilot training program from the Sustainable Libraries Initiative is designed to help public and tribal library staff in smaller and rural communities plan and implement locally relevant community resilience activities with community partners. The program, with training and project development support over six months in 2026 will result in up to 40 library-led initiatives to mitigate or adapt to climate hazards and stronger relationships between libraries and local community-based organizations for the purposes of climate adaptation, integrating the National Climate Action Strategy for Libraries (NCASL) into daily operations.

Read more about the specifics of the program here: <http://bit.ly/4sCpyUT>

Applications are now open for staff from 40 public and tribal libraries serving populations of 25,000 or fewer.

To apply, please continue.

* Indicates required question

Eligibility

1. Are you currently employed (full- or part-time) at a public or tribal library? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No
Skip to section 5 (Thank you for your interest in Community Resilience through Small & Rural Libraries: Building Partnerships for Impact!)

Eligibility

2. Does your library serve a community population of 25,000 people or fewer? *

(Please note: Branches of systems **are not eligible** for this pilot. Tribal libraries that serve the public **are eligible** to apply.)

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

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Eligibility

3. Is your library located in one of the following states: *

California

Iowa

Massachusetts

New York

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Yes *Skip to question 4*

No

Thank you for your interest in Community Resilience through Small & Rural Libraries: Building Partnerships for Impact!

Based on the project requirements and your responses to the previous question, you are not eligible to apply for this pilot at this time. Thank you!


Participant Application

4. First name *

5. Last name *

6. Email address *

7. State

 Dropdown

Mark only one oval.

California

Iowa

Massachusetts

New York

8. Library name *

9. Full library address *

10. Estimated population in service area *

Statement of Interest

11. How did you learn about this opportunity? *

Mark only one oval.

- Sustainable Libraries Initiative (SLI)
- Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL)
- California State Library
- Iowa Library Association
- Massachusetts Library System
- New York Library Association
- WebJunction
- Word of mouth
- Social media
- Other:

12. I understand that the award of \$750 will be **directed to my library** to support work related to this project, and not to me as an individual. *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

13. Please provide contact information for the award payment designee (e.g. library, friends group, etc.)

14. Provide a brief statement detailing your interest in this opportunity, potential community partners you would hope to engage, and any outcomes you would like to achieve. (Please limit responses to 200 words or less.) *

15. Describe where you and your library are at on your sustainability journey. (Select all that apply.) *

Check all that apply.

This is a personal, professional development journey to help influence my career and/or library getting started on this journey.

I am a team leader/administrator working to infuse the core value of sustainability into my team's work.

I am a member of my library's green/sustainability team and we have been tasked with infusing the core value of sustainability into our workplace

My library has a sustainability policy, sustainability is part of my job description, and I'm looking to accelerate work in progress on the topic of sustainability in my work/workplace.

My library is enrolled in or has finished the Sustainable Library Certification Program.

Other: _____

16. Please provide any additional context about your library's sustainability journey related to your above selection(s) that you'd like to share. (Please limit responses to 200 words or less.)

Please submit your application below!

Please **submit** the application with the button below. If you have any questions, please reach out to sliadmin@suffolknet.org.

Thank you for applying to *Community Resilience through Small & Rural Libraries: Building Partnerships for Impact!*

We anticipate notifying applicants of a decision by the end of May, 2026.

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