



2027 COHORT

Turn Your City's Clean Air Ambition Into Action

This fall, we are inviting a small group of cities to develop ambitious, durable indoor clean-air projects for students and schools—and become national exemplars in this work. We are approaching cities where we already see important building blocks for success, including committed leaders, relevant local initiatives, strong institutions and relationships, and a clear opportunity to build momentum.

Our goal is to work with this inaugural cohort in 2027—and perhaps beyond—to make clean air in classrooms a reality in these cities. We believe these cities can become leaders in the field, demonstrating what is possible when existing assets are brought together.

What an Early Round partnership can unlock

- **A stronger project.** Shape a high-impact project around local priorities, existing assets, and a clear path to results.
- **A ready coalition.** Bring city, school-system, public-health, facilities, community, and funding partners around a shared plan.
- **A funding pathway.** Define the investment case and work together to pursue aligned local and national philanthropy.
- **A durable model.** Build ownership, operations, measurement, policy, and budget pathways into the work from the start.

A working partnership to close the gap between a compelling opportunity and a fundable, implementation-ready project.

What Clean Air Capitals can bring

- **Tailored technical assistance.** Project development, technical and implementation planning, procurement, measurement, and operations.
- **Coalition and fundraising support.** Help to strengthen alignment, define the investment case, and pursue resources together.
- **A small peer cohort.** Cross-sector experts, shared learning, and a planned in-person working session in spring 2027.
- **Strategic communications.** Support building local momentum and making the city's leadership visible beyond its borders.

How we would start

The process begins with exploration of a mutual fit: a small number of collaborative conversations to define the local opportunity, understand what is already in place, identify gaps, and determine fit.

What we ask of partners

Committed local leadership; the right cross-sector partners; willingness to build an implementation-ready, sustainable plan; and participation in shared learning, measurement, and storytelling.

Can your city become a national leader in demonstrating what clean air for every child can look like?