

## Power Ahead Colorado's Community Advisory Group

*Make a meaningful impact on climate resilience and pollution in your community*

Power Ahead Colorado is an ambitious multi-year program led by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) to improve air quality and community health by reducing climate pollution from the building sector, mainly by supporting the installation of heat pumps. Power Ahead Colorado's community engagement work will be informed by a Community Advisory Group (CAG) that supports the development and implementation of a community-responsive and relevant engagement strategy and grant program.

### Member Profile

Community Advisory Group members...

- Want to make a meaningful impact on climate resilience and pollution in their communities; support access to information about clean, efficient home heating and cooling systems; and build relationships with other leaders in the Denver metro area
- Represent the diverse geographies of the DRCOG region and have strong networks in a specific neighborhood(s) or across the region
- Do not need to have a background in building policy or building decarbonization, though their interests or organizational mission should connect to Power Ahead Colorado's mission
- Might be representatives from public health nonprofits, environmental justice organizations, capacity building organizations, grassroots organizing groups, affordable housing groups and organizations, neighborhood organizations, faith-based organizations, school districts or education groups, workforce development organizations, academic institutions, local governments, and youth-serving organizations—though this list is not exhaustive

### ? Want to learn more?

Join us for a virtual information session on June 24, 2026 at 12 pm MT.

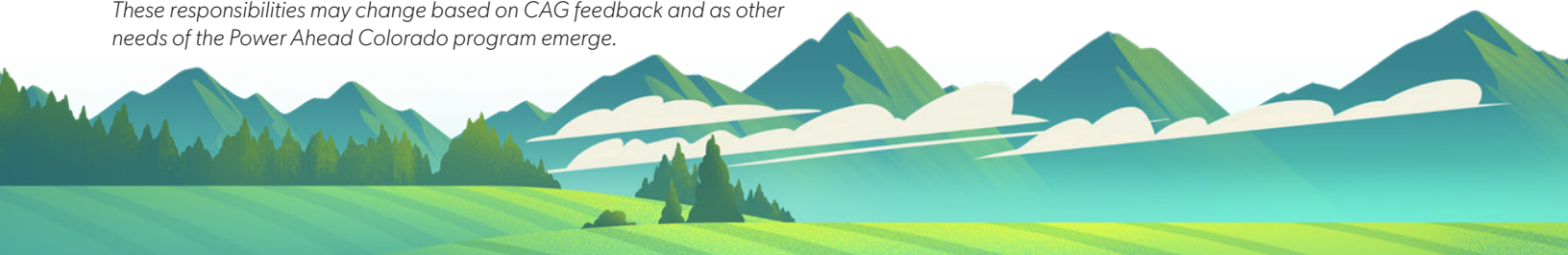
[Click here to register](#) for the session.

### Responsibilities

- Provide feedback on the design of specific elements of a \$2.2 million grant program that supports community-based organizations in outreach aligned with Power Ahead Colorado's mission
- Advise on the design and implementation of a community engagement plan for Power Ahead Colorado
- Help process feedback from grantees and engagement events and recommend improvements
- Provide technical assistance for grantees as appropriate, possibly including mentorship and support at events
- Support general awareness of Power Ahead Colorado and its offerings

! Over the next three years, DRCOG will give out \$2.2 million in grants to organizations to help increase accessibility and understanding of Power Ahead Colorado programs.

*These responsibilities may change based on CAG feedback and as other needs of the Power Ahead Colorado program emerge.*





### Questions?

Email [mhuggins@kearnswest.com](mailto:mhuggins@kearnswest.com) with any questions about the CAG.

### Time Commitment

CAG members will be expected to serve for at least one year, committing an average of four to eight hours per month to their role.

Time will be spent on a combination of CAG meetings, document review, and grantee support. Members will have the possibility to renew their membership after their initial one-year term.

Some work will be in person in the Denver metro area, while most will be virtual. Most CAG meetings will be two hours, on the day and time that works best for members. The CAG will usually meet monthly. The first meeting will likely be the week of July 20.

### Stipend

CAG members from community-based organizations and/or individuals who would not otherwise be paid for their work are eligible for a monthly stipend.

### Grant Program Eligibility

A policy will be in place to address potential conflicts of interest between CAG members and grant applicants so that organizations affiliated with CAG members are able to apply for grants.

## How to Get Involved

**To express your interest in participating in the CAG, please fill out this brief form by July 3.** Final selection will be made by the community engagement project team, with a focus on capacity and diversity of geography, expertise, and lived experience.

### Power Ahead Colorado

Power Ahead Colorado is an ambitious multi-year program led by the Denver Regional Council of Governments to improve air quality and community health by reducing climate pollution from the building sector, the largest contributor to the region's end-use climate pollution emissions. Weatherizing buildings and switching from fossil fuels to electric systems will also lower costs, improve air quality, and support housing equity by prioritizing households with the greatest needs.

Power Ahead Colorado will achieve its mission through rebates and incentives; energy advising; free, full-service home decarbonization to qualifying homeowners; workforce development; and policy coordination across the region.

### Community Engagement Team

DRCOG has hired consultants to lead community engagement across all Power Ahead Colorado programs. This work is led by [Kearns & West](#), a national facilitation firm with a local office in Denver; [Emoza Community Planning](#), a bilingual and equity-oriented community planning firm based in northern Colorado; and [Steven Winter Associates](#), a national energy efficiency-focused consulting firm with experience training and supporting the building sector workforce.

Their community engagement work is anchored by a grant program, through which \$2.2 million will be granted over four years to community-based organizations to increase accessibility and understanding of Power Ahead Colorado programs.

