

Evergreen Climate Innovations: Chicagoland Climate Investment Alliance

About Us

Evergreen Climate Innovations is a nonprofit headquartered in Chicago, IL with a mission to bring cleantech innovation to market by **finding**, **funding**, and **growing** high-impact cleantech startups from the Midwest.

Evergreen is a founding partner of the Chicagoland Climate Investment Alliance (CCIA), a public-private partnership that addresses climate challenges by supporting the commercialization of climate technologies and strengthening the region's innovation ecosystem.

Minimum Viable Project (MVP)

Through this EPIC award, Evergreen's MVP will support the CCIA's mission to grow the Chicagoland innovation ecosystem by:

- uncovering the unmet needs of today's energy startups;
- designing educational programs that cover topics tailored for ecosystem stakeholder groups;
- convening diverse stakeholder groups through a regular cadence of networking events; and
- matching expert mentors with nascent energy startups.



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Implementation Plan

Evergreen will leverage our network relationships to identify relevant companies to participate, recruit existing subject matter experts to provide educational and consulting support for participating companies, and host impactful events.

Through the MVP, Evergreen will:

- Create high quality sector-specific programming and networking opportunities by drafting a 3-year event calendar and hosting 3 networking events in year 1
- Create a curated list of expert mentors and design a startup intake form to collect details about interested startups
- Pilot a commercialization support program to address current ecosystem gaps and help startups accelerate their success

