

1.6 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

5 Points

10 Points

15 Points

20 Points

Action Updates

This action has been revised for the **current certification cycle**. A version of this action from the prior program year is [available for comparison](#). Edits are highlighted in yellow. (Last update 2020)

Objective

Empower your community's commercial property owners to reduce energy consumption by making clean energy improvements such as energy-efficient boilers, upgraded insulation, new windows, or solar installations, with affordable, long-term financing from Commercial Property Assessment Clean Energy (C-PACE), a program of Connecticut Green Bank.

Complementary actions:

- [Benchmark Energy and Water Use for Multifamily Properties](#)

What to Do

If you collaborate with other municipalities or other stakeholders to implement this Action, please describe the partnership in the "partners" box of your submission. Please also consult this [guidance document](#) to help your municipality earn points for actions pursued in partnership. Regional collaboration and other forms of partnership are highly encouraged.

The more you do, the more points you earn.

1. Pass a municipal resolution to opt-in to C-PACE, sign a legal agreement with C-PACE, and post a link to information about C-PACE on your municipality's website. **(5 points)**

Submit: A certified copy of your municipality's legal agreement with C-PACE. Please also submit a screenshot of a link to <https://www.cpace.com/Building-Owner> on your municipality's website.

2. Encourage local building owners to access C-PACE financing by organizing an educational event, conducting educational outreach to individual property owners, or working with the Connecticut Green Bank on a [marketing partnership initiative](#). **(5 points)**

Submit: Depending on the specific strategy or combination of strategies you chose, submit a list of the names of any education events and the dates that they were held; or any other documentation that verifies your municipality's efforts to encourage local building owners to access C-PACE financing.

3. Earn credit for C-PACE projects approved by the Green Bank for commercial and industrial buildings undertaking clean energy improvements on their property. Municipalities with fewer than 5 projects may earn 5 points, and those with 5 or more projects may earn 10 points. **(5 or 10 points)**

Submit: A list of buildings approved for and closed on C-PACE financing. The list may be obtained by contacting the Connecticut Green Bank, could be a screenshot of projects listed on the Connecticut Green Bank's website, or any other list of relevant buildings.

Credit for Past Action

For spring certification, count back from February 1st of the current year. For fall certification, count back from August 1st of the current year. For further clarification on determining if your prior work is eligible to earn points, [click here](#).

- Points will be earned for legal agreements, regardless of when they were adopted or executed prior to application submission. However, your municipality may only receive points once for opting into C-PACE and posting information about C-PACE on your municipality's website; points may not be earned again in future certification cycles.
- C-PACE-specific educational efforts must have been conducted within the past year.
- Buildings should only be included that received C-PACE closed on financing within the past 3 years.

Potential Municipal and Community Collaborators

Your municipality's legislative body, legal counsel, and community stakeholders, such as business owners, nonprofit leaders and multifamily property owners, should collaborate with the Connecticut Green Bank.

Funding

Below are potential funding sources specific to this Action. For a complete listing of potential funding opportunities to assist with implementing Sustainable CT Actions, please visit the [Sustainable CT Grants Portal](#), which is searchable by Action. Please also visit the [Sustainable CT Resources for Certification](#) page for opportunities for technical assistance and other supports.

- [Urban Act Grant Program](#)
- [Municipal Grant Program \(MGP\)](#)
- [C-PACE Financing](#)
- [More About C-PACE Financing](#)

Resources

Toolkits, Calculators, Guidance Documents

- [CPACE Resources for Municipalities](#), providing a Sample Municipal Resolution, Sample C-PACE Agreement, Program Guidelines and FAQs for Municipalities
- [The Community|EnergyVision Action Guide](#)

Organizations and Relevant Programs

- [C-PACE](#)
- [Connecticut Green Bank](#)

Benefits

Your community's commercial property owners reduce energy consumption by making clean energy improvements in local residential and industrial buildings, resulting in positive environmental impacts, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and improved community health and economic well-being.

CT Success Stories

- [2018 West Hartford - Resolution and Agreement](#)
- [2018 Westport - Workshop and Resolution](#)

- [A list of C-PACE municipalities](#)
- [Listing of C-PACE projects](#)