



We Have the Power

About the Colorado Carbon Fund

The Colorado Carbon Fund provides high quality carbon offsets to Coloradans as a way to support new energy efficiency and renewable energy projects to reduce carbon emissions in our state.

Why donate to the Colorado Carbon Fund?

The Governor's Energy Office created the Colorado Carbon Fund to meet the unique needs of our state and to position us to lead the New Energy Economy. The Colorado Carbon Fund has many benefits.

- **Homegrown**—Supports only new offset projects in Colorado
- **Quality of life**—Protects Colorado's environment and economy
- **Community**—Provides reinvestment funds for environmentally beneficial projects diverse communities in our state
- **Innovation**—Supports new low-carbon technologies
- **Value**—Provides high quality offsets at a competitive price with added promotional benefits
- **Philanthropy made easy**—Tax-deductible donation is a click or call away

What kind of projects does the Colorado Carbon Fund support?

Donations to the Colorado Carbon Fund help fund new clean energy projects that reduce carbon, with an emphasis on energy efficiency, renewable energy, and community-based initiatives. Examples are:

- **On the farm**—We want to work with farms and to turn farm waste into energy, such as projects that convert methane from cow manure into electricity using biogas technology.
- **In the boiler room**—The mountain pine beetle is decimating our lodgepole pines. Those downed trees can replace fossil fuels as an energy source for commercial boilers in schools and businesses.

Why is the price \$20 per metric ton?

The price for offsets ranges from about \$5 to \$30 per metric ton. At \$20 per metric ton, the Colorado Carbon Fund is priced competitively with other high quality offsets. All donations are tax-deductible.

Are there any additional benefits if I donate?

The following promotional opportunities are available:

- Project C window decals
- Media opportunities and project dedication events
- Your logo/link posted on ColoradoCarbonFund.org
- Project C logo available for your promotional materials

What Is Global Warming?

Global warming is an increase in the average global temperature that causes unnatural changes in climate and weather patterns, affecting everything from food production and water supply to biodiversity and public health. This phenomenon is occurring because we are emitting too much carbon into the atmosphere by burning fossil fuels such as gas for cars.

What Is an Offset?

An offset represents the reduction, removal, or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions from a specific project that is used to compensate for emissions occurring elsewhere.

Why Choose Offsets?

The use of carbon offsets is a market-based solution to combating climate change. Offsets can help transform our economy to a low-carbon sustainable future by providing investment in new low-carbon technologies and by providing real and verifiable reductions in global emission levels.

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