2026 Methane Mitigation RFP

About Wren

Wren is a Public Benefit Corporation on a mission to address the climate crisis. We make climate action easy for businesses and individuals via a range of products and services. We fund diverse climate solutions that deliver maximum climate impact per dollar through the purchase of carbon credits and direct donations to non-profit organizations.

Our funding philosophy considers near-term greenhouse gas reductions, carbon dioxide removals, and durable systems change. We seek to finance solutions that are scalable, durable, cost-effective, feasible, and catalytic.

Overview

Wren invites carbon credit project developers to apply for our 2026 Open Call for Proposals. We are seeking high-impact industrial and waste methane projects to add to our portfolio. Selected organizations will receive a spot, offtake, or pre-purchase commitment from Wren, with the possibility of renewal contingent on verified delivery, strategic alignment, and demonstration of project quality. The expected deal size is between $100,000 and $500,000 per project (USD) over a three to twelve month period (payment terms negotiable).

Indicative Timeline

Initial expressions of interest are open on a rolling basis until June 30, 2026. We will review submissions as they arrive and fund organizations as soon as possible. Applicants are encouraged to apply early. August 2026 is our target date for funding decisions.

2026 Methane Priorities

We are open to hearing from developers implementing methane mitigation projects in the industrial, waste, and biodigester sub-sectors. *Soil carbon and agricultural-related projects are invited to visit our NBS RFP.* However, priority is given to projects generating emissions reduction credits in the following sub-sectors:

Gas Leak Detection & Repair (LDAR)

We seek projects that detect and permanently repair fugitive methane leaks from oil and gas infrastructure. We value projects where credit revenue accelerates action ahead of incoming regulation, serving as a catalytic stopgap that builds the operational capacity and data infrastructure that regulation will eventually require. Eligible approaches include:

- Satellite-based or aerial leak detection (e.g., MethaneSAT, Tanager-1) paired with ground-level repair programs.
- Comprehensive facility-level LDAR programs in geographies with no existing regulatory mandate.
- Programs targeting super-emitter events at oil and gas facilities using continuous monitoring.
- Projects using AM0023 (Leak reduction from natural gas pipeline compressor or gate stations) or equivalent credible methodlogy.

Coal Mine Methane Mitigation

Projects that capture and destroy methane venting from active or abandoned coal mines. We value projects that convert captured methane to energy or destroy it via flaring or catalytic oxidation. Eligible approaches include:

- Projects using the ARB compliance offset protocol for mine methane capture projects or equivalent credible methodology.
- Capture and destruction of methane that would otherwise be vented into the atmosphere, resulting from mining operations at active underground and surface coal and trona mines, and abandoned underground coal mines.

Landfill Gas Capture and Destruction

Projects that capture and destroy methane generated by decomposing organic waste at municipal solid waste landfills. We value projects that convert captured gas to energy (electricity or renewable natural gas) or destroy it through enclosed flaring, with continuous monitoring of gas flow and composition. Eligible approaches include:

- Gas collection systems at active or closed landfills with no existing capture infrastructure, in geographies where landfill methane regulation is absent or unenforced.
- Projects using CCP-approved methodologies, or equivalent credible methodology.
- Conversion of landfill gas to renewable natural gas (RNG) or electricity, with continuous monitoring demonstrating displacement of fossil fuel energy.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible projects must demonstrate:

- **Feasibility:** high probability of delivering first verified credit issuance within 3 months of contract signing.
- **Cost effectiveness:** all-in cost of $3–15/$tCO_2e$ (USD), inclusive of MRV and buffer deductions. This is a target range; projects outside this range may be considered if other quality factors are exceptional.
- **Credible standard and methodology:** use of an ICVCM-approved standard and a credible methodology (e.g., AMS-III.G, ACM0001, AM0023, or equivalent).
- **Track record:** verified issuance history using a credible and established methodology, plus demonstrated experience operating carbon projects and sufficient capitalization to execute.
- **Eligible geography:** projects must be located in countries at U.S. State Department Travel Advisory Levels 1, 2, or 3 at the time of contract signing. Projects in Level 4 countries are ineligible.

We Will Prioritize Projects That

- **Scale and replicate:** the project model reduces replication and/or manufacturing costs across geographies or facilities (e.g., standardized MRV, templated agreements).
- **Generate systems feedback:** the project creates reinforcing dynamics — for example, contributing to data useful for regulation, building workforce capacity, or building political constituencies.

- **Persist:** reductions are permanent, and reduction activities have a high probability of continuing beyond the crediting period (e.g., durable leak repairs).
- **Hit peak catalytic timing:** the project is at maximum leverage. For example, emissions are imminent and investment now shifts the probability of a durable reduction outcome more than it would at any other time.
- **Operate outside the United States:** U.S.-based projects are eligible but deprioritized in this cycle; projects in other geographies are preferred.
- **Deliver credits reliably:** ex-post credits are strongly preferred over ex-ante. Ex-ante credits are considered on a case-by-case basis.

Out of Scope

We will not consider:

- MRV providers, marketplaces, digital tools, or intermediary service providers (we fund interventions, not infrastructure).
- Projects in geographies where regulation has been finalized with binding compliance dates within 3 years that would render the intervention non-additional.
- Pre-issuance projects with delivery expected after Q4 2026 and projects using an unapproved or inactive methodology/protocol.

How to Apply

Submit your Stage 1 expression of interest via this link. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis through June 30, 2026; we encourage early submission. We aim to acknowledge receipt within 3 business days and to respond with a decision (advance to Stage 2, request more information, or decline) within 4 weeks of receipt.

All dollar amounts in this RFP are in U.S. dollars (USD). Wren treats all submissions as confidential and uses the information solely for evaluation purposes. Applicants not selected in this cycle are welcome to reapply in future Wren open calls.

Stage 1: Expression of Interest (2–4 pages)

- **Project and developer overview:** location, technology, methodology, crediting period, current development status, and developer track record.
- **Additionality summary:** counterfactual scenario, regulatory analysis, and financial additionality (% of project economics from credit revenue).
- **Volume and timelines:** price per tCO_2e, expected annual volume, and issuance date (expected or completed), vintages.
- **MRV approach:** monitoring technology (continuous vs. periodic), baseline quantification method, and verification timeline.
- **Third-party ratings:** if applicable — BeZero, Sylvera, Calyx Global, or MSCI ratings, plus CCP-label status or eligibility.
- **Track record:** previous projects, credits issued, and team experience.
- **Scaling potential:** expected project growth and replication pathway.
- **Project documentation:** links to public PDD, validation, and verification reports.

Due: Rolling. Final expressions of interest due June 30, 2026.

Stage 2: Full Diligence Package (invited applicants only, 10 pages maximum)

Note: additional questions and discovery calls may be requested.

- **Detailed additionality and baseline documentation:** including regulatory trajectory analysis for the project geography.
- **Financial model:** cost per tCO_2e breakdown, annual issuance projections, cost trajectory over 1–5 years, and credit-revenue dependency analysis (what happens if prices drop 50%).
- **Risk assessment:** regulatory cliff risk, technology risk, counterparty risk, and proposed mitigants.
- **Scaling plan:** standalone vs. PoA structure, number of current and planned component projects, and per-project cost reduction from replication.
- **Commercial terms:** proposed contract structure (spot, offtake, pre-purchase), volume commitment, vintage, pricing, and delivery schedule.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I submit?

Submit via **this link.**

When will I hear back?

We aim to provide a decision (advance, request more info, or decline) within 4 weeks of receipt.

Are my materials confidential?

Yes. Wren treats all submissions as confidential and uses them solely for evaluation. We will not share your materials externally without your consent.

What currency are amounts in?

All dollar amounts in this RFP and in your application should be in USD.

Can I reapply if not selected?

Yes. Applicants not selected in this cycle are welcome to reapply in future Wren open calls. Given the large number of applications expected, we cannot guarantee feedback on proposals.

What does “possibility of renewal” mean?

Renewals depend on three things: (1) verified delivery against agreed milestones or volumes, (2) continued strategic alignment with Wren's evolving priorities, and (3) demonstrated quality (e.g., third-party ratings, audit results, community outcomes). Renewal is not guaranteed.

Contact

Questions about this RFP can be sent to **rfp@wren.co** with the subject line “Methane RFP 2026”.