

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Create the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund (Ordinance; add Code Section 5.04.560)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund (Fund) is the result of Ballot Measure 26-201 that was passed by Portland voters in November 2018. The measure requires large retailers to pay a 1% surcharge on retail gross revenues in Portland, revenues from which will be deposited in the Fund. The purpose of the Fund is to provide a consistent long-term funding source and oversight structure to ensure that the City of Portland's Climate Action Plan is implemented in a manner that supports social, economic and environmental benefits for all Portlanders, including the development of a diverse and well-trained workforce and contractor pool in the field of clean energy.

The measure stipulates that the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability will provide staff support for implementation of the prior to the establishment of the 9-member citizen advisory and oversight Committee. The staff costs and other reasonably necessary expenses incurred in calendar year 2019 and 2020 for the purpose of putting systems into place to administer the Fund and establish the program framework are to be paid for through the Fund.

This ordinance will establish the separate fund designated as the "Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund" within City Code Chapter 5.04. In addition, it authorizes four new FTE positions for staff who would design, oversee, and manage the program, and directs BPS to bring forth a budget request in the Spring Budget Monitoring Process (BMP) for those staff costs and other reasonable materials and services expenses needed to implement the program during FY 2018-19.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The ordinance directs BPS to bring forth a budget request in the Spring Budget Monitoring Process (BMP) for contingency funds equal to what it believes it will spend in staffing, materials and services by the end of FY 2018-19. Estimated expenses are up to \$185,000. Those expenses will be reimbursed from the Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund in FY 2019-20 when surcharge revenues are available for disbursement. If applicable, any necessary expenditures between now and the time those funds are allocated through the Spring BMP will be covered through savings in BPS's existing FY 2018-19 budget and will eventually be reimbursed from the Funds revenues in FY 2019-20. At this time the only foreseen expense may include approximately one or two months salary for the Program Manager staff position, depending on their hire date.

