

ORDINANCE No. 190343 As Amended

*Authorize the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability Director to execute grants focused on clean energy, green infrastructure and workforce development for a total allocation not to exceed \$9,235,400 from the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) shapes Portland's future and advances climate protection for a more prosperous, healthy, equitable and resilient city now and for future generations.
2. In November 2018, Portland voters created the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits (PCEF) program, which invests in community-originated climate action solutions that advance racial and social justice (Ballot Measure 26-201). City Council codified non-taxation elements of the Measure in Portland City Code (PCC) 7.07.
3. BPS anticipates that PCEF will generate \$44 to 61 million annually in new revenue to support grants to qualified non-profit organizations for projects and programs that reduce carbon emissions, advance resiliency and promote equity for all Portlanders, with a focus on low-income communities and communities of color.
4. A nine-member PCEF Committee makes funding recommendations to Council and measures and evaluates the effectiveness of the PCEF program.
5. Over the past 16 months, PCEF staff have hosted numerous community workshops, online input sessions, one-on-one check-ins and public comment periods to get input, direction and feedback in the development of the PCEF grant program. In those venues, community-based organizations expressed a consistent need for planning grants, which are often lacking in communities that have been excluded from the clean energy economy, like low-income communities and communities of color.
6. Based on the consistent community feedback described above, the PCEF Committee has recommended the creation of a mini-grant program that funds low-risk projects and activities including but not limited to attendance costs for educational events and capacity-building trainings, materials and supplies for climate-related events and resources to support emerging organizations that represent priority populations as the organizations prepare PCEF grant proposals.

7. In early September 2020, PCEF staff released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the inaugural round of grant funding, with an approximate total allocation of \$8.6 million. By the time the RFP closed in late November, approximately 140 community-based organizations responded to the RFP.
8. In September and November 2020, PCEF staff hosted six informational webinars on the RFP and six trainings on grant narrative and budget development. 170 organizations participated in the webinars and trainings. Staff answered 156 unique questions which were posted weekly on the PCEF website.
9. In December 2020, January and February 2021, nine scoring panels reviewed 133 grant proposals that met PCEF program eligibility and technical feasibility criteria. Each of the nine scoring panels had at least one PCEF Committee member, one PCEF staff member, one subject matter expert, and included a majority of BIPOC/non-white identifying individuals. Scoring panel members spent approximately 1000 hours in scoring and considering grant proposals prior to the full PCEF Committee deliberation.
10. On February 24 and March 3, 2021, the PCEF Committee deliberated on several different iterations of grant portfolios – or packages of grant proposals – before arriving at the Committee’s final recommendations.
11. On March 3, 2021, the PCEF Committee approved its inaugural funding recommendations and progress report to City Council, set forth in the “2021 inaugural PCEF funding recommendations and progress report”, attached as Exhibit A. The total recommended grant funding is \$8,635,400.
12. After Council approves grant proposals, PCEF staff will work with grantees to finalize grant agreements. PCEF staff may identify additional project needs related to grant reporting, administration, and technical assistance. Because grant reporting, administration, and technical assistance needs may result in additional project costs, PCEF staff may recommend an increase in the grant award up to 10% above the grantee’s requested funding. The total recommended contingency fund to support this flexibility is \$200,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. The BPS Director is authorized to execute grant agreements with the community-based organizations recommended for funding on pages 12 and 13 of Exhibit A for amounts not to exceed 110% of the requested funding and a total not to

exceed amount of \$8,835,400 (\$8,635,400 of requested funding and a contingency fund of \$200,000).

- b. The BPS Director is authorized to execute grant agreements, with individual grants capped at \$5,000 and for a total amount not to exceed \$400,000, for grants that meet the objectives of the mini-grant program described on pages 10 and 11 of Exhibit A.
- c. Notwithstanding PCC 7.07.060(C), small, limited-purpose grant agreements equal to \$5,000 or less do not have to include terms related to renewable energy products, workforce equity agreements and family wage standards.
- d. Amendments to the grant agreements, including scope of work, budget and grant amount, may be executed by the BPS Director, provided those amendments do not increase the fiscal risk to the City or increase funding as authorized above.
- e. In the event that a grant recipient, for any grants equal to \$5,000 or less, is unable to execute an agreement authorized by this ordinance, the BPS Director is hereby authorized to terminate the agreement in accordance with its terms and execute a new agreement with a different grant recipient, provided that the funding is equal to the amount of unspent funds and the scope of work is substantially the same as the scope of the work in the terminated agreement.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because it is in the public interest to get these funds out the door as quickly as possible; therefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by Council.

Passed by the Council: April 1, 2021

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Prepared by: Sam Baraso

Date prepared: March 17, 2021

Mary Hull Caballero
Auditor of the City of Portland

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Deputy

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<p style="text-align: center;">COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p>	Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland Keelan McClymont Deputy ACTION TAKEN:
Mayor—Finance & Administration - Wheeler	
Position 1/Utilities - Rubio <small>Carmen Rubio Digitally signed by Carmen Rubio Date: 2021.03.23 11:20:41 -07'00'</small>	
Position 2/Works - Ryan	
Position 3/Affairs - Hardesty	
Position 4/Safety - Mapps	
<p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU APPROVAL</p>	
Bureau: Bureau Head:	
Prepared by: Sam Baraso Date Prepared: 3/17/2021	
Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances	
City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, comp plan, charter <small>Digitally signed by Maja Haim Date: 2021.03.18 11:43:11 -07'00'</small>	
Council Meeting Date April 1, 2021	

AGENDA
TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Start time: <u>2:00</u> p.m. Total amount of time needed: <u>2 hours</u> (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
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REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Rubio	✓	
2. Ryan	✓	
3. Hardesty	✓	
4. Mapps	✓	
Wheeler	✓	