

#### PCEF Grant Committee Meeting July 21, 2021, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.





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# **Virtual Participation Check**

Guidelines for public participation

- Committee meetings
  open to the public
- Public invited to comment at around 6:05 p.m.
- Public invited to participate in conversation during break at 7:00 p.m. Must join via Zoom to participate.
- Opportunities for public engagement in other forums/meetings

#### - Guidelines applied to virtual meeting:



**Chatbox:** open for introductions and public comment. All other times, host-only chats (PCEF Staff).



Raise Hand: used by Committee only.



Video: on for Committee only.



**Microphone:** public members muted unless giving public comment or for introductions.



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# Introductions & opening



# Agenda

- 6:00 Open
- 6:05 Public comment
- 6:15 Timeline/program updates
- 6:20 Discuss June 2021 heat emergency and potential PCEF response
- 6:55 Break
- 7:00 Open Committee and community conversation in breakout rooms
- 7:15 Discuss evaluation findings and staff recommendations
- 8:20 Committee member comments
- 8:30 Meeting close

# **Public comment**





| Date         | Topics   | Notes                    |
|--------------|--|--------------------------|
| June 2       | Minimum scores, threshold review, innovation/other   |                          |
| June 16      | Anti-displacement, threshold review, audit response  |                          |
| July 7       | Land/building acquisition, workforce development and contractor support grants, return to grant caps |                          |
| July 21      | Evaluation findings, recommended improvements, review first draft RFP                                |                          |
| August 4     | Release draft RFP for public comment   | Committee decision point |
| August 18    | Potential Committee public comment listening session   |                          |
| September 1  | Review public comment and recommended changes to final RFP   | Committee decision point |
| September 22 | Target goal for release of RFP #2  |                          |



# Discuss June 2021 heat emergency and potential PCEF response



# **Break (20 minutes)**

Members of the public joining via Zoom can participate in conversation with Committee members and each other in breakout rooms.



# **Evaluation findings and staff recommendations**



#### **RFP #1 Evaluation Elements**

- Debriefs
  - Review panels
  - Eligibility screen
  - Technical review
  - Greenhouse gas emissions scoring
- Interviews
  - Applicants
  - Committee members
- Analysis of Application Data



#### **Key Themes: Things Folks Appreciated**

- Community engagement in building RFP
- Resources to support folks to apply (webinars, grants)
- Centering of equity and BIPOC
- Mix allowed different projects and organizations
- Feedback step
- Responsive staff
- Transparency and integrity



#### **Key Themes: Areas for Improvement**

- Application questions to clarify
- Application questions to drop or score differently
- Streamline the application
- Additional ways to connect and tell story
- Additional application supports



### **Specific findings and recommendations**

#### Deeper dive areas noted in Committee memo:

- 1. Financial review
- 2. GHG emissions impact
- 3. Employee benefits
- 4. Organization is reflective of community served and project benefits priority population
- 5. Workforce and contractor utilization questions
- 6. Workforce and contractor development proposals
- 7. Holistic approach to the assessment of the project story
- 8. Application support resources

Potential improvements discussed in 6/22 community workshop:

- 1. Non-written application material
- 2. Applicant support
- 3. Shifting to planning grants



# **Committee member comments**





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## **Guiding Principles**

#### Focused on climate action with multiple benefits.

Justice Driven

Advance systems change that addresses historic and current discrimination. Center all disadvantaged and marginalized groups – particularly Black and Indigenous people Invest in people, livelihoods, places, and processes that build climate resilience and community wealth, foster healthy communities, and support regenerative systems. Avoid and mitigate displacement, especially resulting from gentrification pressures.

# Community-powered

Trust community knowledge, experience, innovation, and leadership. Honor and build on existing work and partnerships, while supporting capacity building for emerging community groups and diverse coalitions. Engage with and invest in community-driven approaches that foster community power to create meaningful change.

#### Accountable

Implement transparent funding, oversight, and engagement processes that promote continuous learning, programmatic checks and balances, and improvement. Demonstrate achievement of equitable social, economic, and environmental benefit. Remain accountable to target beneficiaries, grantees, and all Portlanders.

#### Modified consensus decision making process

- **Proposal** put forth for consideration by Committee member
- **Temperature check** each Committee member indicates how comfortable they are with making an affirmative decision
- **Discussion** additional discussion if needed
- Amendments Committee members can offer amendments to the original proposal
- **Decision** each Committee member can 1) affirm the proposal, 2) stand aside, or 3) indicate that "no" they do not support the proposal. Note that standing aside is counted as a decision to affirm for the purposes of approving a proposal.

The following minimum number of affirmative decisions is required for a decision to represent the position of the PCEF Committee.

- When 6 or 7 Committee members are present : 5 Affirmative decisions
- When 8 or 9 Committee members are present : 6 Affirmative decisions