



# The Proposed Clean Air Program Outcomes and Actions

The intended outcomes for a City of Portland Clean Air Program, in collaboration with other jurisdictions, community organizations and the business community, include:

1. **Cleaner air contributing to decreased rates of asthma, cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, and cancer over time, especially for impacted communities. Work to ensure the Portland region stays in compliance with National Ambient Air Quality standards. This will be achieved by:**
  - Implementing policies and projects identified in the Ensuring Healthy Air study to reduce emissions and exposure from key areas with high density of sources and impacted populations living or working in proximity.
  - Supporting programs to address nexus of clean air and climate resilience, such as:
    - Expand access to air filtration and cooling systems.
    - Address tree disparities in neighborhoods in partnership with Parks and BES.
    - Provide safe and cooling community centers for heat and wildfire events, prioritizing East Portland.
2. **Communities and businesses have access to increased resources to reduce air pollution, including technical assistance. This will be achieved by:**
  - Initiating a Clean Air Grant Fund to reduce community exposure to air pollution
  - Supporting industry and community in developing Good Neighbor Agreements.
3. **Reductions in exposure to pollution from motor vehicles, construction equipment, residential wood combustion, wildfire events, and heat with a priority focus on most impacted communities. This will be achieved by:**
  - Implementing policies and projects identified in the Ensuring Healthy Air study
  - Coordinating with local, state, and regional partners to maximize clean air results and resources, such as supporting Multnomah County on residential wood smoke ban and woodsmoke reduction programs by helping with communication and additional resources
  - Expanding work to reduce diesel emissions through public contracting requirements and support availability and MWESB access to grant funding for exhaust retrofits and engine conversions.
  - Supporting Oregon Department of Environmental Quality on state regulatory programs and rulemaking
  - Partnering with C40 Air quality Network and other national and international cities on actions and seeking to bring investment to Portland
4. **Improved community understanding of air quality data and information and communication methods that are responsive to different community needs. This will be achieved by:**
  - Developing data tools for communities to gain insights and information about air pollution (past sources and levels, current sources and levels, and potential future exposures) to increase community capacity and technical expertise to engage in permit processes and propose technological solutions more effectively.



5. Improved access to data and information for City staff across bureaus to inform engagement, project, and policy decisions, like Transportation and Freight Planning. This will be achieved by:
  - Using air pollution assessment methods to understand disparate impacts and increased health risks of air pollution on different communities.
  - Developing data tools and perform project level analyses for City staff. Run air pollution modeling and health risk analyses for projects and scenarios for policy decisions. Identify needs and synergistic work of partner agencies, community organizations, businesses, and researchers to improve accessibility of such tools.

## The Proposed Funding Solution

To establish a Clean Air Program to respond to this need and implement the above actions, Portland is developing a policy proposal to raise the required revenue through a Clean Air Fee. The proposal would charge a fee on approximately 71 entities in the City of Portland who hold Simple, Standard, or Title V Air Contaminant Discharge Permits (ACDP) with Oregon DEQ. The proposed fee levels are shown in the table below.

Air Permit Holders	Description	Estimated number of facilities subject to fee	Emissions subject to fee (tons)	Base fee	Per-ton fee	Annual revenue
Simple ACDP	Fixed annual fee for each permittee	28	n.a.	\$20,000		\$560,000
Standard ACDP	Fixed annual fee for each permittee	25	n.a.	\$20,000		\$500,000
Title V	Fixed annual fee plus per ton fee on regulated pollutants subject to DEQ fee	18	3,000	\$20,000	\$250	\$1,110,000
						\$2,170,000

