



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
CITY OF PORTLAND
working for clean rivers



Utility Rate Hearing

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Mission and Budget Objectives



Mission:

Manage Portland's wastewater and stormwater infrastructure to protect public health and the environment.

Objectives:

- Maintain existing levels of service
- Advance Equity Plan priorities
- Continue asset maintenance and reinvestment
- Ensure regulatory compliance and environmental leadership
- Promote long-term financial sustainability

Mission and Budget Objectives



Mission:

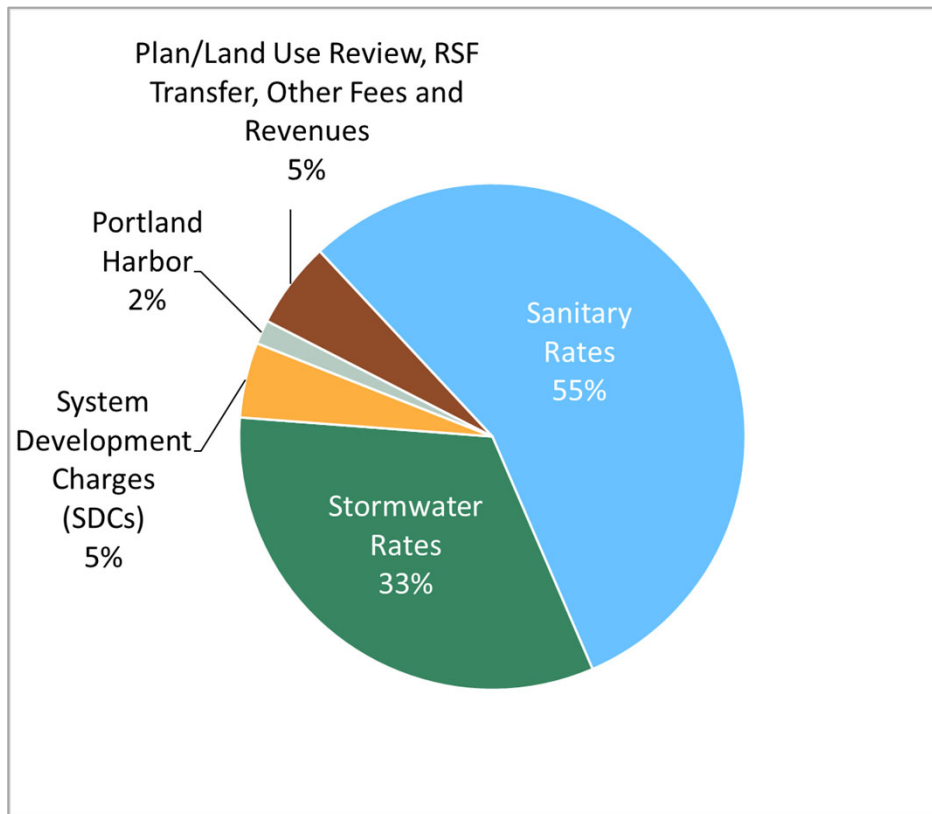
Serve excellent water every minute of every day.

Objectives:

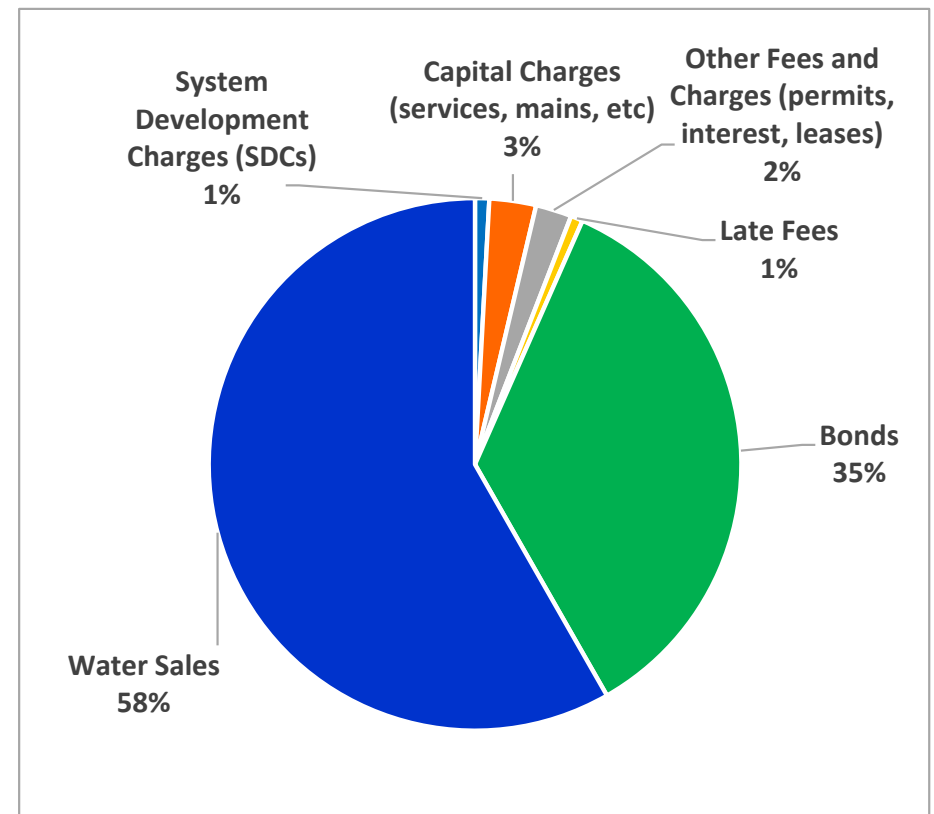
- Prioritize public health
- Meet or exceed regulatory standards
- Maintain our system, now and for future generations
- Increase seismic resilience and improve infrastructure
- Use resources wisely to ensure affordability

Rate and Fee Revenues - FY 2022-23

BES
\$432.7 million



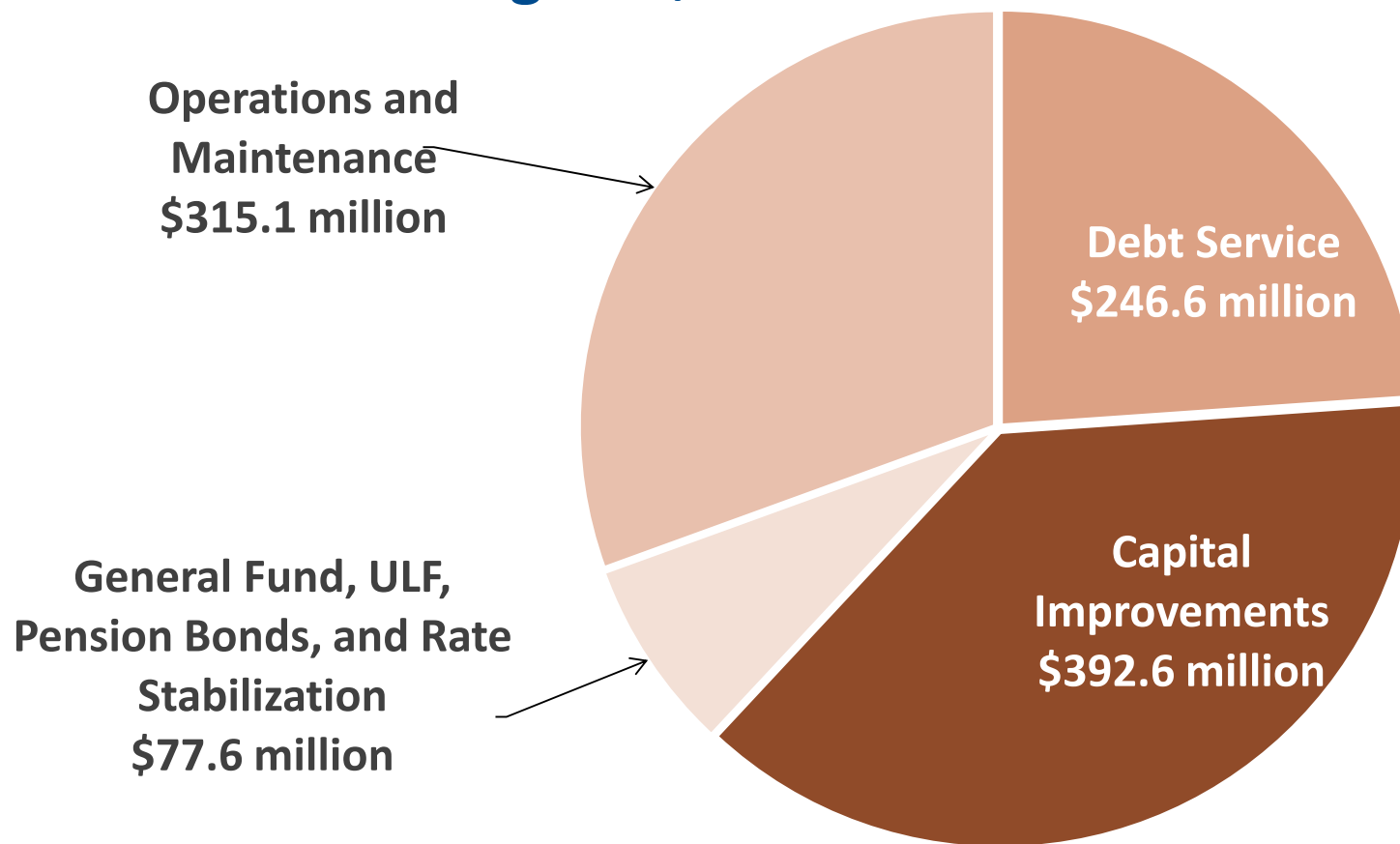
WATER
\$383.1 million



Combined Annual Rate + Fee Revenue =
\$815.8 million

Total Budgeted Expenditures - FY 2022-23

Combined utilities budget = \$1 Billion

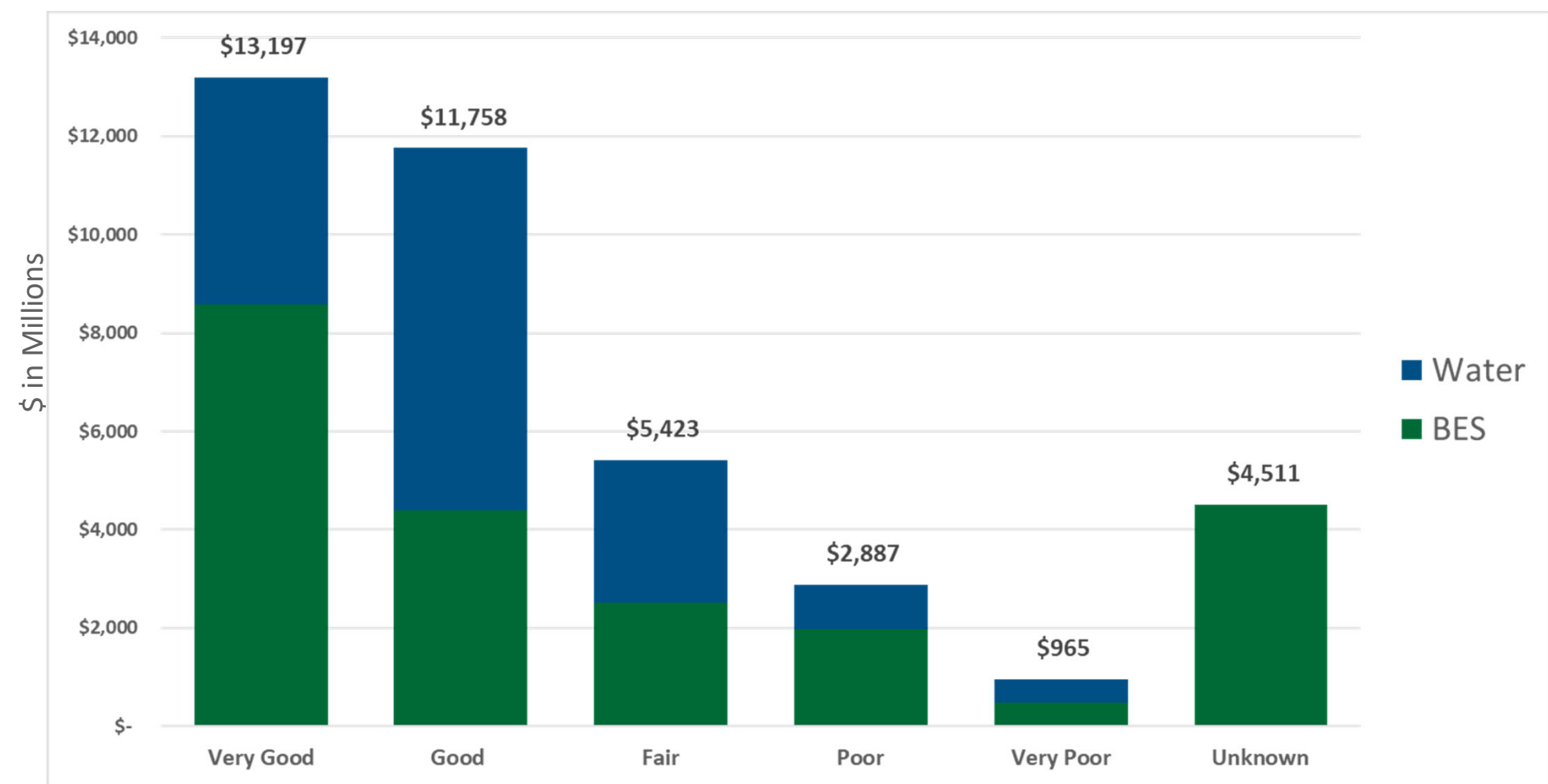


BES Requested Budget — \$648.8 million

Water Requested Budget — \$383.1 million

Condition of Assets by Bureau

Estimated Combined Asset Value: \$30.1 Billion



Source: 2021 Asset and Condition Report

Infrastructure Investment

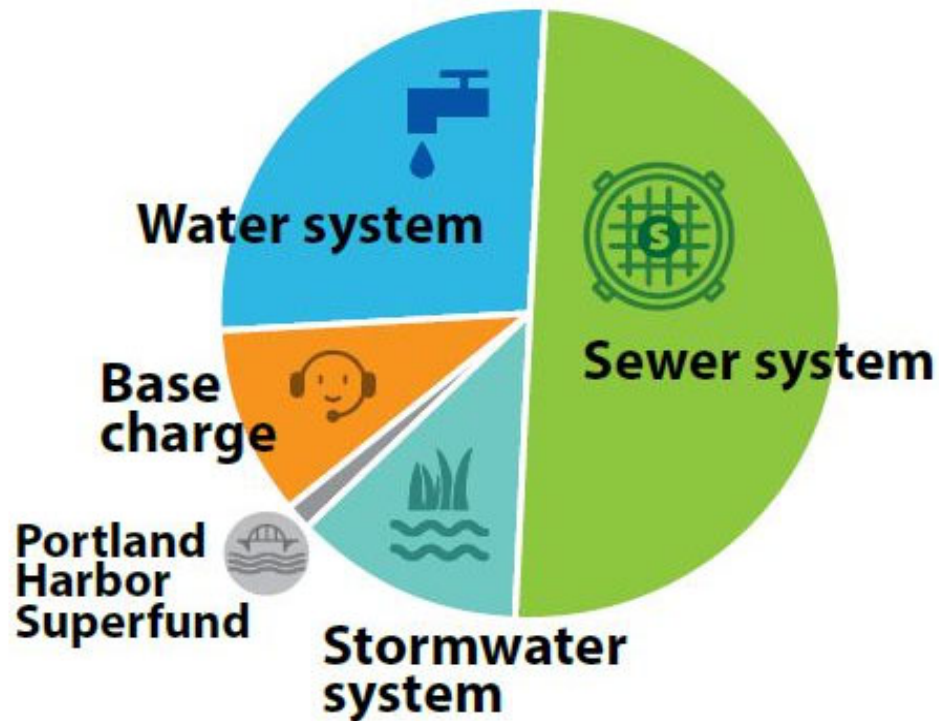


- Ongoing system maintenance
 - Regulatory compliance
 - Seismic and climate resiliency
 - Equitable economic recovery
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**Water/BES Combined 5-Year
Capital Improvement Plan = \$2.7
Billion**

Understanding Your Utility Bill

Where does the money go?



Water system, including water treatment, protection of drinking water sources, pipes, tanks, and fire hydrants



Sewer system and sewage treatment, including pipes that keep sewage out of Portland's rivers



Stormwater system, which manages water runoff from hard surfaces like streets, roofs, and parking lots



Portland Harbor Superfund, helping clean up the Portland Harbor



Base charge, to provide customer service, billing, and water meter reading

FY 2022-23 Rate Ordinance

Retail Rates

Water Request: 7.7%

BES Request: 3.14%

Combined utility bill increase: 4.85%

System Development Charges

Water Request: 23.4%

BES Request: 2% to 10%

Example 1:

Combined SDC for a single-family residential dwelling increases by 9.2%

Example 2:

Combined SDC for a 30,000 square ft. office building increases by 8.1%

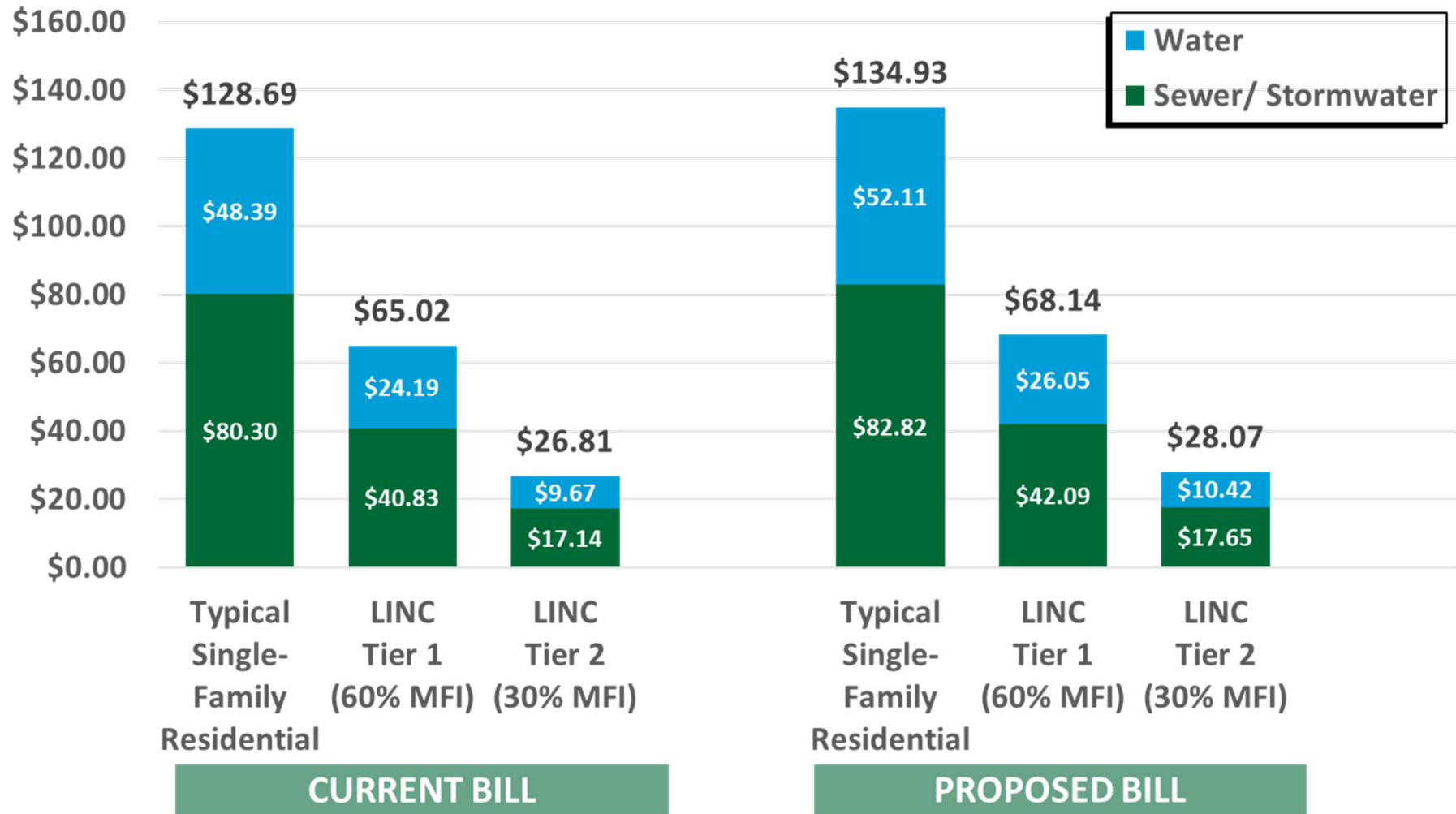
Other Fees and Charges –

Water Request: At full cost recovery

BES Request: Increases to no more than 15% for most

Typical Monthly Bill

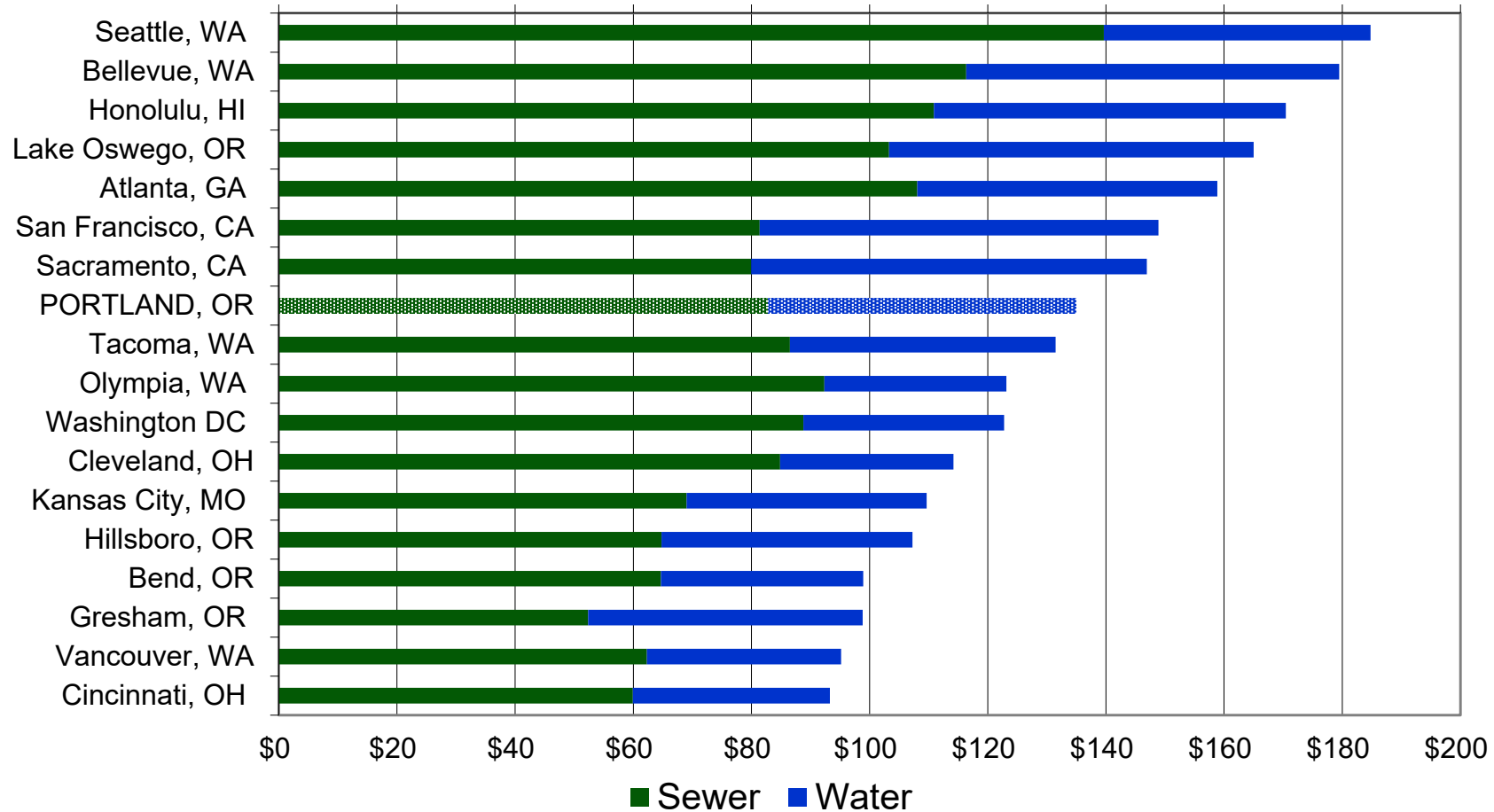
Single-Family Residential Water/Sewer/Stormwater



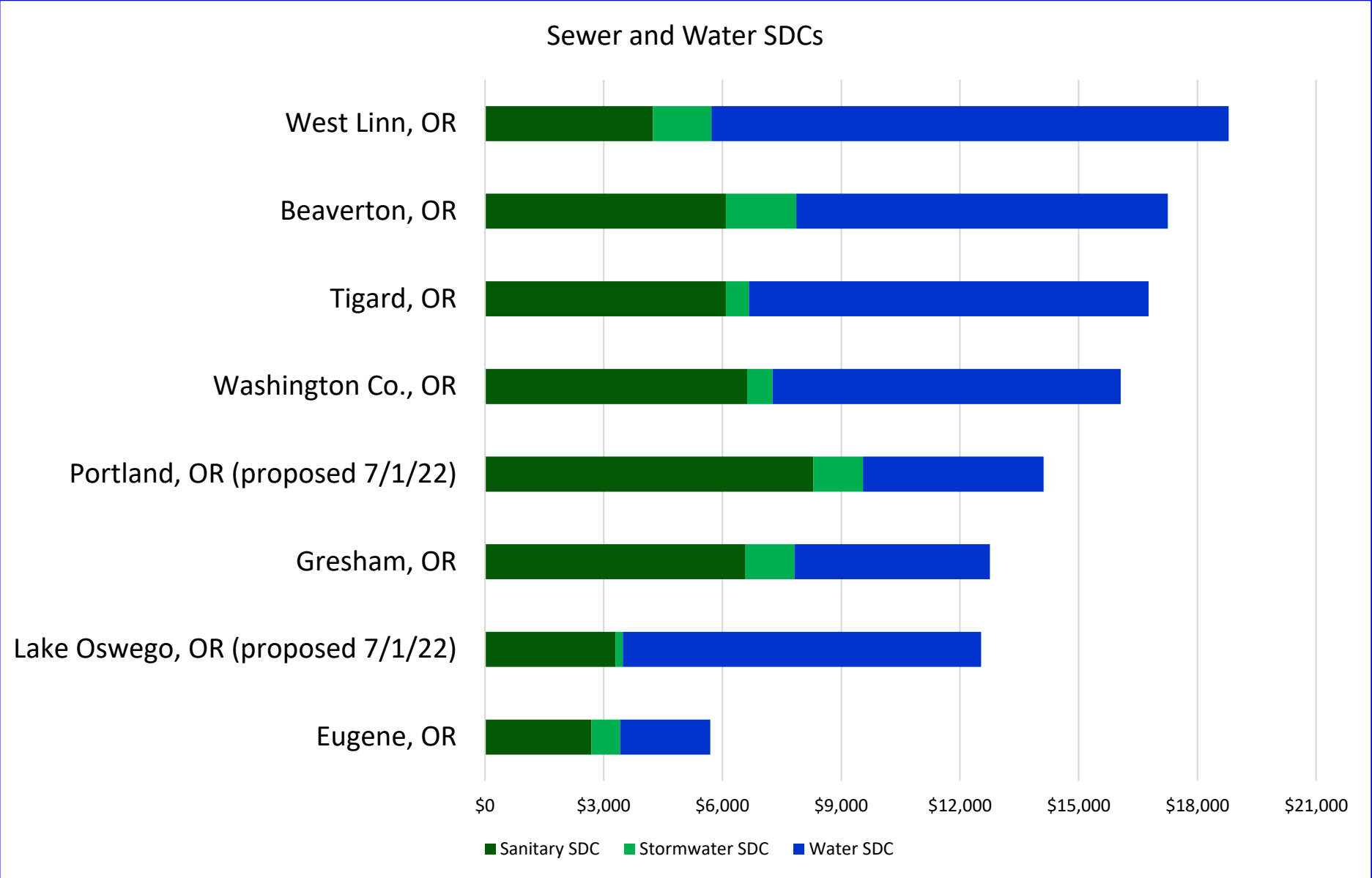
Typical Single-Family Residential Monthly
Water/Sewer/Stormwater Bill Increases by \$6.24 (= 4.85%)

Comparison to Peer Utilities

**Typical Monthly SFR Sewer & Water Bills
(effective 7/1/22)**

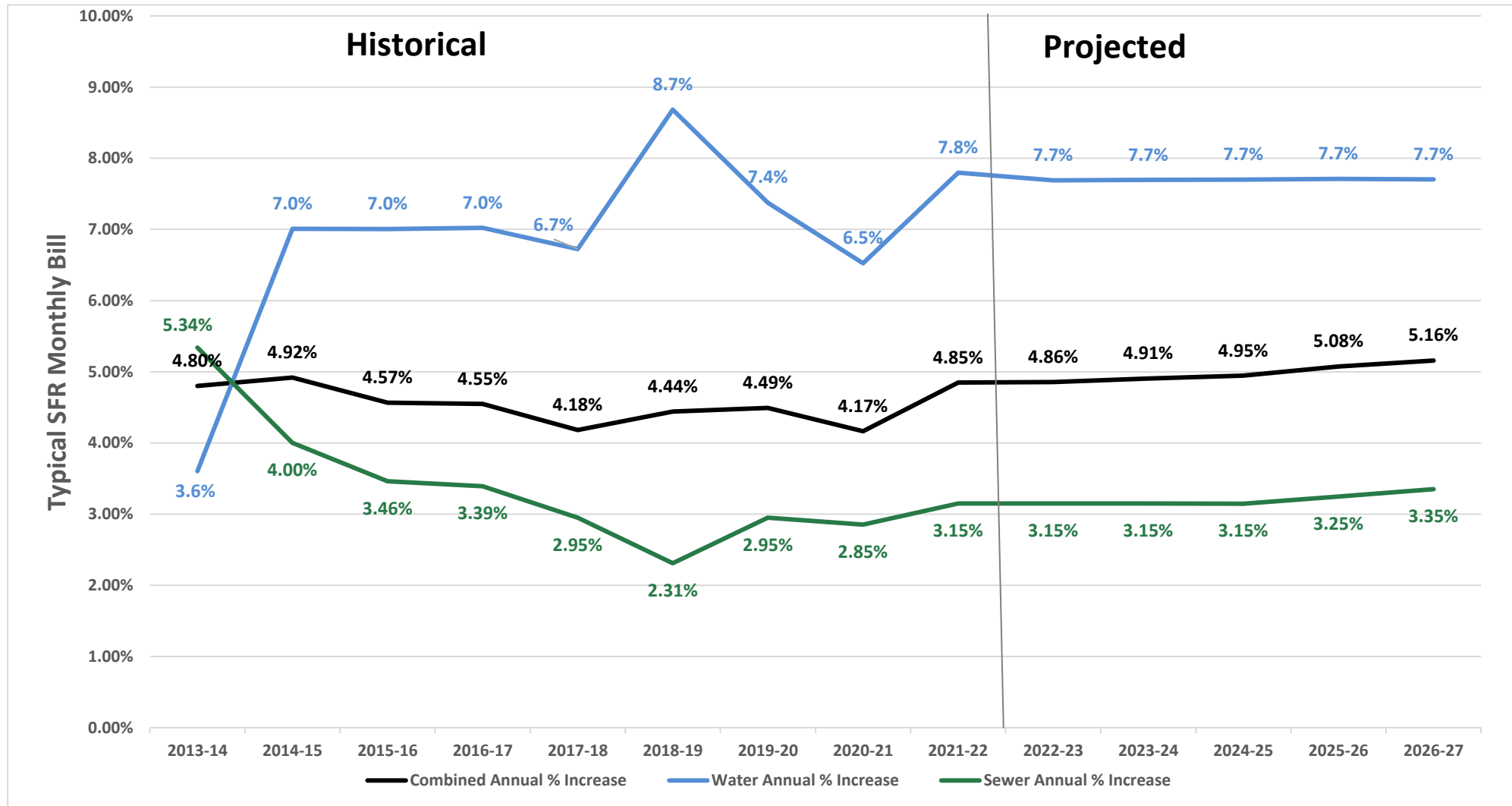


Comparison on SDCs



Combined Rate Projection

Historical & Projected Percentage Increases of Typical Single-Family Residential Monthly Bill by Services Type



Strong Headwinds

- Inflationary Pressures
- CIP growth
- Portland Harbor
- Affordability Programs
- Operation and Maintenance of Aging Systems
- Permit Compliance

Affordability



- ✓ Tier 1 & Tier 2 bill discounts
- ✓ Crisis assistance
- ✓ Utility Safety Net Program
- ✓ Leak Repair Assistance
- ✓ Payment plans and temporary waiver of eligibility requirements
- ✓ Emergency rent assistance
- ✓ Clean River Rewards

Utility Debt Relief Programs

Afloat (\$2.6 million through ARPA)

- Application-based program serving low-income single-family households.
- Designed and delivered in collaboration with community organizations.
- Application opened from March 7 through April 11.
- Received 2,601 applications (79 non-English applications)
 - 2,091 eligible applications
 - \$2.6 million in utility debt
 - 47% are from Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian, Pacific Islander, and multiracial Portlanders
 - 57% are from women, transwomen, and non-binary Portlanders
 - 19% are from Portlanders with a disability

Match (\$500,000 through General Fund)

- Pilot program to match customer payments up to \$500 for residential and small business customers.
- From March 10 through May 2, we have worked with 824 customers
 - 765 residential
 - 59 small businesses (including 33 multifamily properties)
- Distributed \$277,831, with more matches made every day.

Questions

