

## Special PCEF Grant Committee Meeting

January 3, 2022, 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.





## Virtual Meeting Guidelines

- Committee meetings open to the public
- There will be <u>no public</u> <u>comment opportunity</u> in this special Committee meeting

- **→** Guidelines applied to virtual meeting:
  - **Chatbox:** host-only chats for technical support (PCEF Staff).
  - Raise Hand: used by Committee only.
  - Video: on for Committee only.
  - Microphone: public members muted.
  - Recording: this meeting is being recorded.
  - **Captioning:** this meeting is being captioned; settings > show subtitles.

## Agenda

12:00	Meeting opening
12:05	Overview of Earth Advantage proposal for Equipment Purchasing Partner role in Heat Response Program
12:15	Committee discussion on affirming support for Earth Advantage playing the role of equipment purchasing partner
12:30	Meeting close



# 2022 PCEF Heat Hazard Response – Equipment Purchasing Provider

#### **Heat Response Grant Program**

#### Goals:

- 1. Reduce heat related risk to vulnerable populations by distributing and installing portable heat pump/cooling units in households, prioritizing those with seniors among PCEF priority populations (BIPOC and low-income people).
- 2. Use PCEF Guiding Principles in design and deployment.
- 3. Begin distribution in May/June 2022 with implementation taking place over a period of up to 5 years to distribute up to 15,000 portable heat pump/cooling units.
- 4. Promote energy efficient installation and use, as well as connection to programs that lower energy bills.
- 5. Provide support that maintains product life, efficient operation, and usability.

### **Summary of Roles**

#### **Equipment Purchasing Partner (1)**

- Identify product specifications and features to meet program goals
- Coordinate contracts with manufacturers for purchasing/ logistics
- Coordinate data and tracking of units
- Contract with and reimburse CDPs for installation
- Develop maintenance, warranty, and equipment replacement procedures with partners

#### **Community Distribution Partners (15-30)**

- Coordinate with EPP for number and type of units required
- Take delivery / pick up units
- Drop off and install cooling units at people's homes/ apts
- Provide information about efficient use, install additional weatherization where available
- Verify and collect basic info about who received units



## **Overview of proposal**

#### **Earth Advantage approach**

- Key roles led by internal staff, with contracted services during launch. 4.5 5.02 FTE total
- 13 staff in temporary roles during startup phase, followed by transition to full-time implementation staffing through new hiring. Specific staff roles for engaging both affordable housing providers and community-based organizations as distribution partners.
- Procurement approach focused on using 2-3 HVAC equipment distributors/ retailers for logistics. CDPs would pick up units from distributors, some would be drop-shipped. Temporary warehousing services secured if needed in East Portland.
- Organization and staff have verified track record of successful program delivery with experience in direct installs, contractor management, technical support and tenant education with affordable housing providers.
- Leadership have strong experience in financial practices, cashflow management, and invoice payment.
- Database and inventory tracking using customized internal Salesforce platform, with licenses provided to CDPs
- \$3.02 million cost for 5 years of services in EPP role.

### **Budget**

Estimated funding picture shared with Committee on October 6, 2021:

• \$9-9.5 million over 5 years for equipment procurement, management, and logistics

Prior EPP budget authorized by City Council on December 1, 2021: \$11,495,820

Earth Advantage EPP budget total: \$10,020,289

Direct personnel labor		2,229,624
Travel	\$	9,600
Equipment, supplies, and materials		64,800
Contracted work	\$	216,000
Other (Allowance for inventory line of credit))		23,000
Overhead		477,265
Total EPP Role		3,020,289

Equipment Purchasing Partner Role	\$ 3,020,289
Equipment Budget	\$ 7,000,000
Total	\$ 10,020,289



Discussion on affirming support for Earth Advantage to play equipment purchasing partner role in the heat response program