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PCEF Grant Committee Meeting

February 28th, 2024, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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Guidelines for public participation

→ Guidelines applied to virtual/hybrid meeting:

- Committee meetings open to the public
- Public invited to comment at around 6:10 p.m.
- There will be a break at 7:00 pm, online participants will see a break screen. There will be no online discussion available during break.



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



Raise Hand: used by Committee/presenters only.



Video: on for Committee, presenters and those providing public comment.



Microphone: public members muted.



Recording: this meeting is being recorded.



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Agenda

- 6:00 Agenda overview / Introductions
- 6:10 Public comment (2 min each)
- 6:20 Program updates
- 6:25 Process for 2nd set of allocations
- 7:00 Break (10 min)
- 7:10 Process for 2nd set of allocations (continued)
- 7:30 Committee meeting in-person/virtual cadence
- 7:40 Committee workgroup and subcommittee assignments:
 - Recruitment Subcommittee
 - Workgroups:
 - Strategic Program 8: Equitable Tree Canopy
 - Strategic Program 15: Federal climate and equity funding opportunities
- 8:00 Meeting close

Introductions

PCEF Committee members

Public comment

Please indicate your interest in providing public comment by raising your hand or indicate your interest through the zoom chat function.

For those joining the meeting by phone, please enter *9 on your phone to indicate your interest in providing public comment.

Please limit your comments to 2 minutes.

Program updates

- Sustainability and Climate Commission
- RFP #3 – applications received
- Staff recruitments
- What's next for Set 1 allocations recommended on 2/2

Process for 2nd set of allocations

Goal for this meeting: process agreement

Key timelines

Committee meeting schedule:

- December 12 & 14: small group meetings
- January 18: small group meetings
- January 25: PCEF Committee meeting
- January 31: PCEF Committee meeting
- February 2: PCEF Committee meeting
- February 15: PCEF Committee meeting
- February 28: PCEF Committee meeting
- March 21: PCEF Committee meeting
- May 16: PCEF Committee meeting

City budget schedule:

- April 11: final submissions to City Budget Office for FY24-25 Mayor's proposed budget
- Late April: Economic forecast update released
- May 2: Mayor's proposed budget released
- June 12: Council adopts FY 24-25 budget
- September 2024: Fall Budget Monitoring Process (BMP)

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CLIMATE INVESTMENT PLAN

Portland Clean Energy
Community Benefits Fund (PCEF)
Climate Investment Plan

August 2023



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The Climate Investment Plan (CIP) allocates \$750 million in climate investments over the next five years.








The plan includes allocations to 16 strategic programs, a tree maintenance reserve fund, and to the Community Responsive Grants (CRG) program.

Strategic programs may be implemented through partnerships with nonprofit organizations, **government entities**, or businesses.

The CRG program is the designed to exclusively invest in projects by community based nonprofit organizations.

Climate Emergency Workplan – Strategies and Actions

- Reduce carbon from the sectors that produce it (like transportation, industry, and buildings)
- Reduce carbon from the consumption of food, goods, and materials
- Sequester carbon in trees and green spaces
- Build Portlanders’ resilience to the impacts of climate change, focusing on those most vulnerable

Sources of emissions:	
	Electricity supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity • Natural gas
	Buildings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • Multi-family dwellings • Single-family homes
	Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diesel (commercial trucks, buses) • Gasoline (passenger vehicles, delivery vans)
	Industry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturing • Processing • Materials management
	Embodied carbon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building materials • Food • Purchases of goods and services
Sequestration:	
	Forest carbon storage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant nearly 100,000 acres by 2050
Resilience actions	
	<p>We must also help Portlanders become resilient to day-to-day impacts of climate change like excessive heat, wildfire smoke, power outages, flooding and more. Our actions must respond to the reality that Black, Indigenous and communities of color are being hit first and hardest by these events.</p>



WHAT'S NEXT:

Most of the priority actions in this plan will require City Council consideration. City bureaus and departments will approach Council with specific requests over the next three years.

Reminder of draft options for consideration

- ~~Option 1:~~

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- Staff summary of gaps in funding

Draft processes for options 2 and 3

Process to align with Mayor’s proposed budget:

Process Step	Dates (Option 2)	Number of Days
Solicit proposals over a two-week period	March 4 – March 18	15 days
Committee deliberation of proposals*	March 20 - April 11	23 days

- Would need 1-2 additional Committee meeting dates in March/April.

Process Step	Dates (Option 2)	Days	Dates (Option 3)	Days
Review proposal solicitation criteria for applications	April 18	--	March 21	--
Solicit proposals over 60 days	May 1 – June 30	61	April 1 – May 31	61
Staff evaluation of proposals	July 1 – July 29	29	June 3 – July 8	36
Committee deliberation of proposals	July 30 – August 30	32	July 9 – August 30	53

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What else do we need?

Next up are process priorities we've heard from Committee members

First - temperature check

What are Committee members leaning towards?

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4. Preserve and grow community-centered approach

- Foster robust government-community collaborations
- Cultivate meaningful partnerships between government entities and community organizations to enhance collaborative efforts
- Encourage the formation of coalitions that identify and leverage opportunities that address multiple goals concurrently

Break

Meeting will reconvene at 7:12

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Proposed Committee meeting schedule:

- **March 21:** PCEF Committee meeting – REMOTE
 - April 18: Small groups - REMOTE
- **May 16:** PCEF Committee meeting - **IN PERSON**
 - June 20: Small groups - REMOTE
- **July 18:** PCEF Committee meeting – REMOTE
 - Aug. 15: Small groups - REMOTE
- **Sept 19:** PCEF Committee Meeting – **IN PERSON**
 - Oct. 17: Small groups - REMOTE
- **Nov 21:** PCEF Committee Meeting – REMOTE
 - Dec. 19: Small groups - REMOTE

Notes:

- Alternating every-other-month meetings in person
 - IN PERSON every 4 months
 - 3 of 6 annual public meetings
- Small group meetings convert to public meetings if needed
 - Converted meetings are REMOTE
- If meeting monthly – option to switch to every 3rd meeting in person
 - IN PERSON every 3 months
 - 4 of 12 annual public meetings
- Option for annual retreat – IN PERSON
- Annual informal gathering – IN PERSON (summer)
- 6 annual in-person gatherings including retreat (public) and informal gathering (no business, not public)

Committee subcommittees and workgroup liaisons

Needed near term assignments

- Recruitment Subcommittee
- Workgroups:
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Committee engagement areas

- Workgroups
 - Equitable tree canopy workgroup
 - Federal funding matching workgroup
 - Transportation decarbonization workgroup
- Subcommittees
 - Recruitment
 - Performance and evaluation

Other potential Committee engagement areas:

- Grant RFP review panel
- Contract RFP review panel
- Liaison for annual review of Bureau progress reports:
 - BES, PWB/BHP, PBOT, PHB, BPS, OMF

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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