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# PCEF progress update and funding recommendations

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# Summary of today's presentation

## Council Action Item:

Approve the inaugural PCEF Committee recommendation to fund 45 proposals and create a mini-grant program.

- PCEF progress update
  - Origin story and program overview
  - Development and implementation timeline
  - Guiding principles
  - RFP development and release
  - Overview of portfolio of applications recommended for funding
  - Evaluation and continuous improvement
- Committee co-chair perspectives
- Community and recommended grantee perspectives

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## What is PCEF?

- Invests in climate action that advances racial and social justice
- Ballot measure passed by more than 65% of Portland
- First climate fund measure created and led by communities of color in the US.
- Generates \$40-60M annually for clean energy investments in Portland
- 1% gross receipts tax on sales in Portland by corporations with \$1B+ sales nationally and \$500M+ in Portland. Exemptions for things like groceries, utilities.

# How are funds accessed?

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NONPROFITS



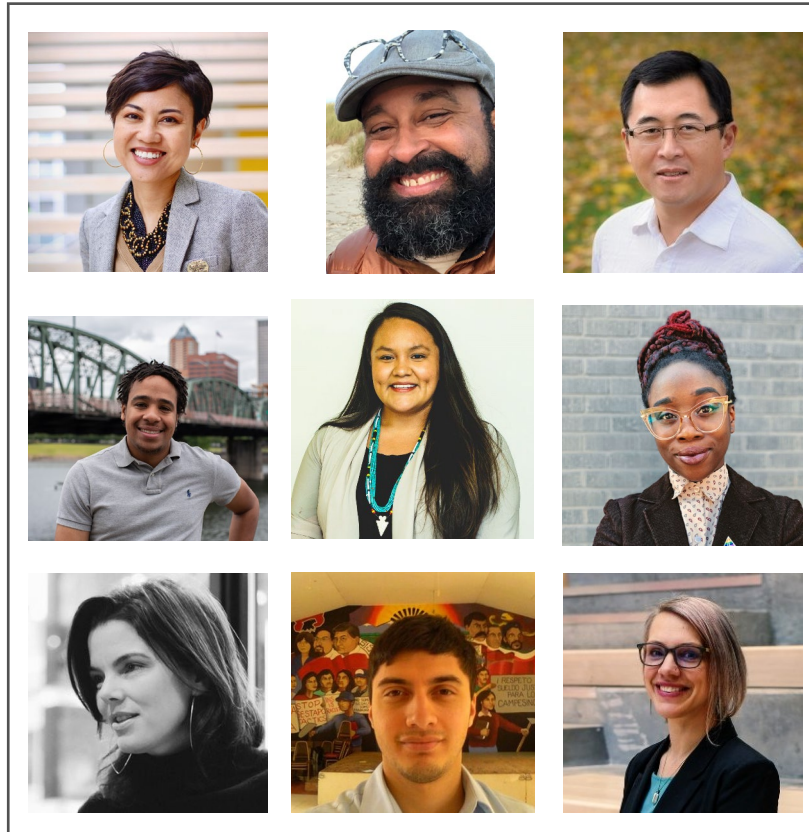
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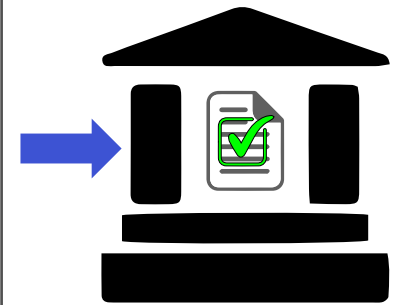
SCORING PANELS




PCEF COMMITTEE



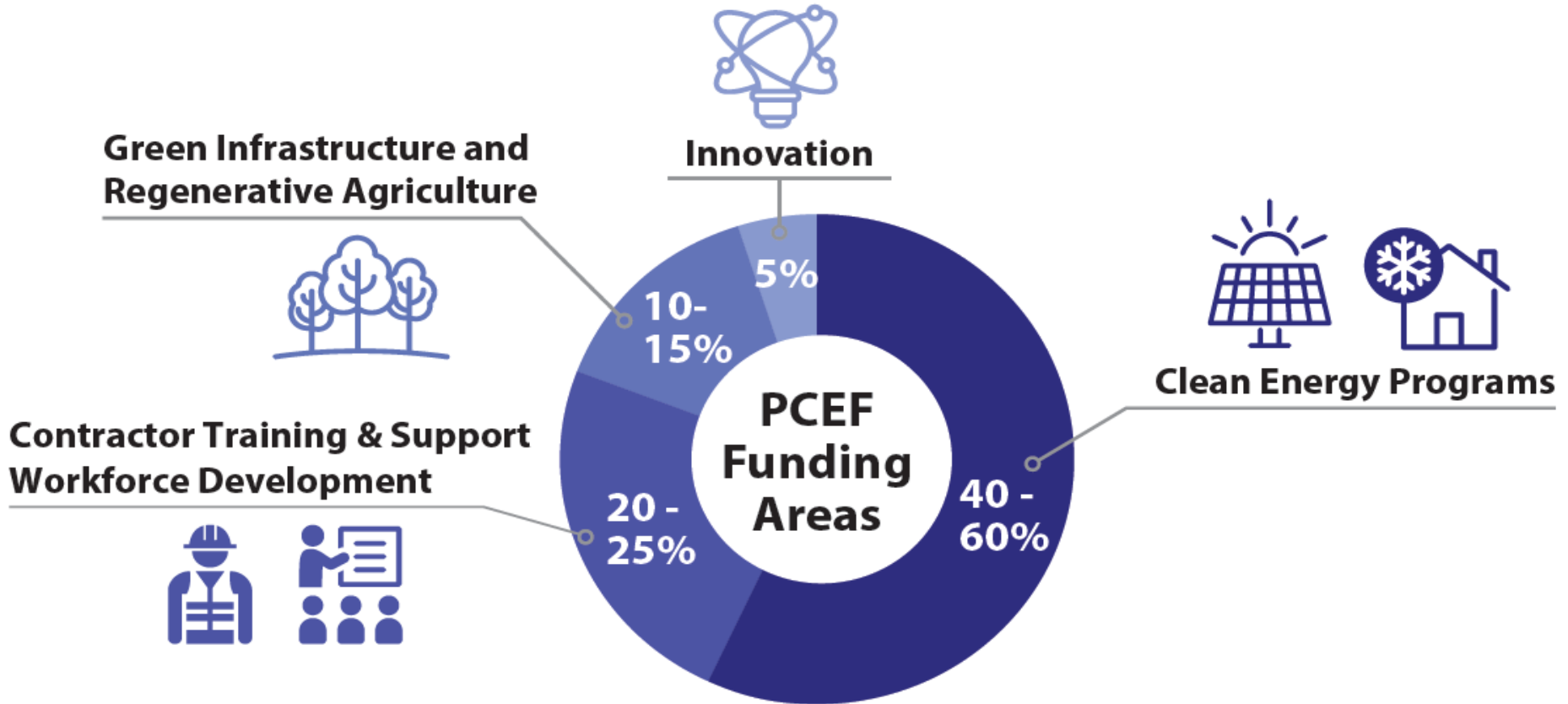
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## What is the role of the PCEF Committee?

- To evaluate applications;
  - To make final funding recommendations to the City Council;
  - To review our performance and report that performance to the public and City Council; and
  - To make recommendations on changes to the PCEF code.
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# What kinds of projects can be funded?









# History of prior City Council action on PCEF

- February 21, 2019:** Council codifies Portland Clean Energy Fund in Portland City Code
- September 25, 2019** Council approves appointment of first five members of inaugural PCEF Committee
- November 7, 2019** Council approves appointment of final four members of inaugural PCEF Committee
- December 11, 2019** Council amends PCEF code refining category of entities who are subject to the Clean Energy Surcharge
- June 17, 2020** Council approves \$200k application support grant program to support smaller BIPOC serving organizations develop applications

# Timeline

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Nov 2019 – April 2020



Committee onboarding

Jan 2020 – April 2020



Guiding principles

March 2020 – Aug 2020



Grant process and criteria development

July 2020 – Aug 2020



Application support grant solicitation

Sept 2020 – March 2021



\$8.6M Inaugural RFP solicitation and review

April 2021 – summer/fall 2021



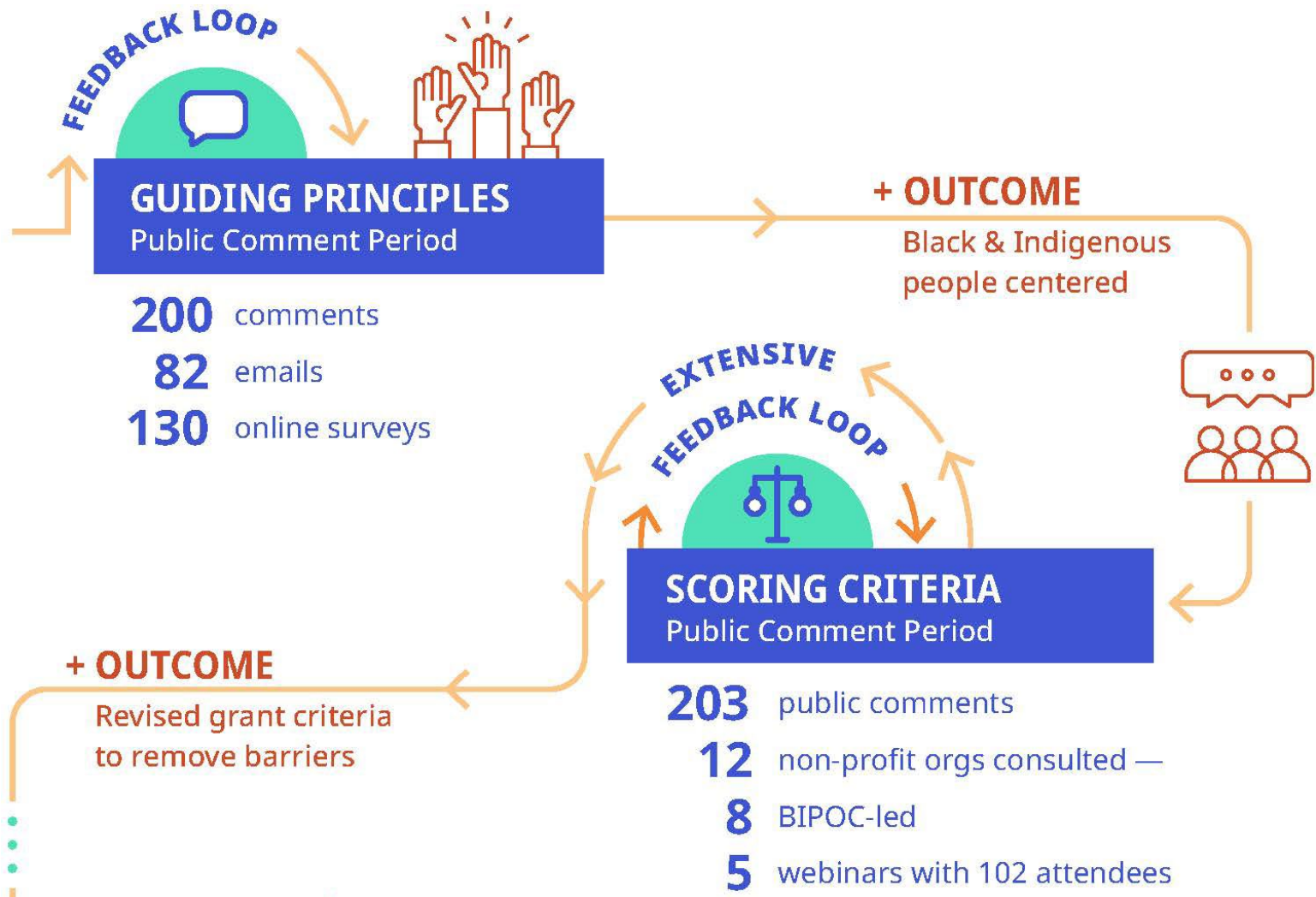
Grant award implementation, next RFP development, and systems improvement





# PCEF grant public input process

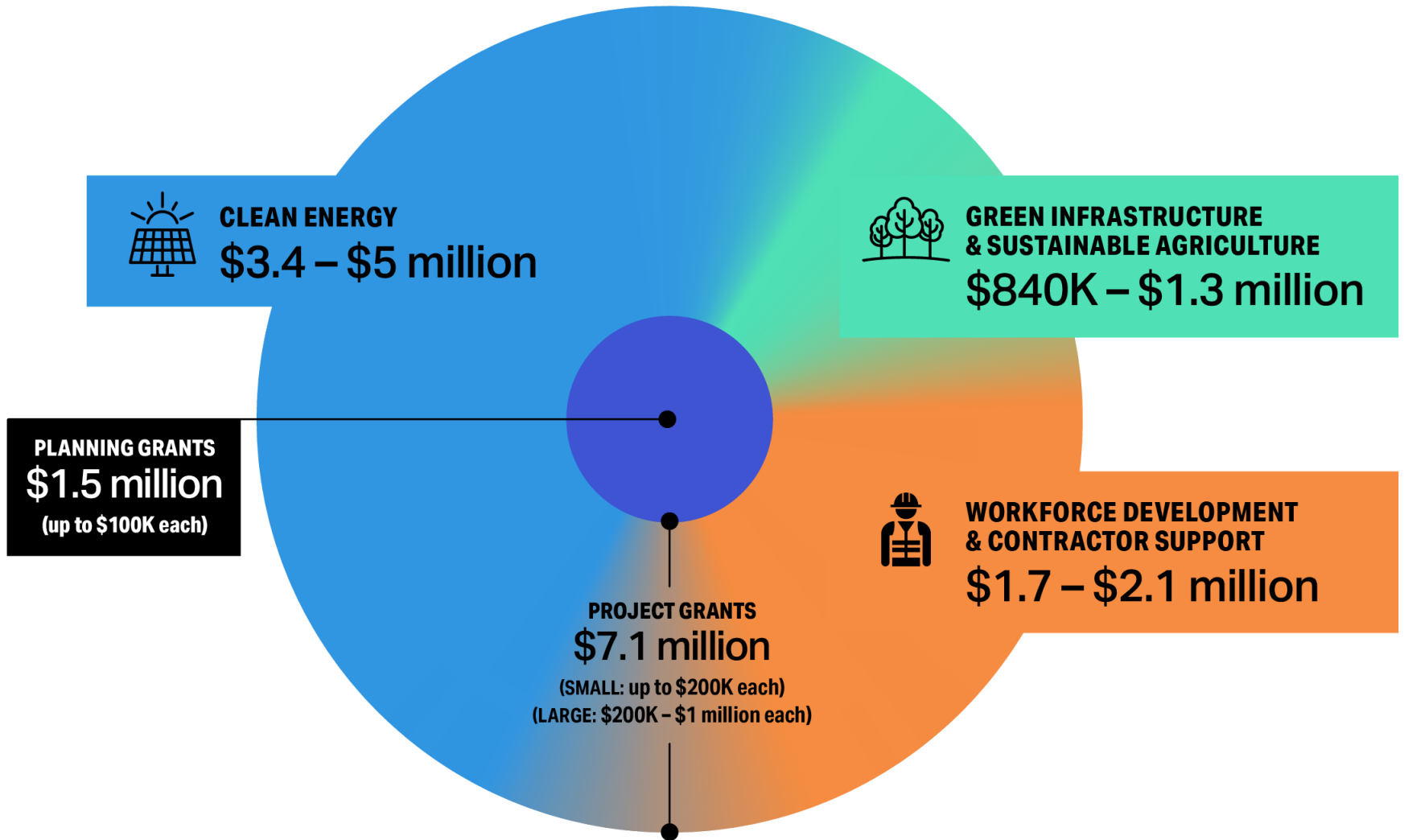
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# \$8.6 million available in inaugural RFP

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RFP solicitation: September 16 – November 23, 3030



# PCEF RFP solicitation process

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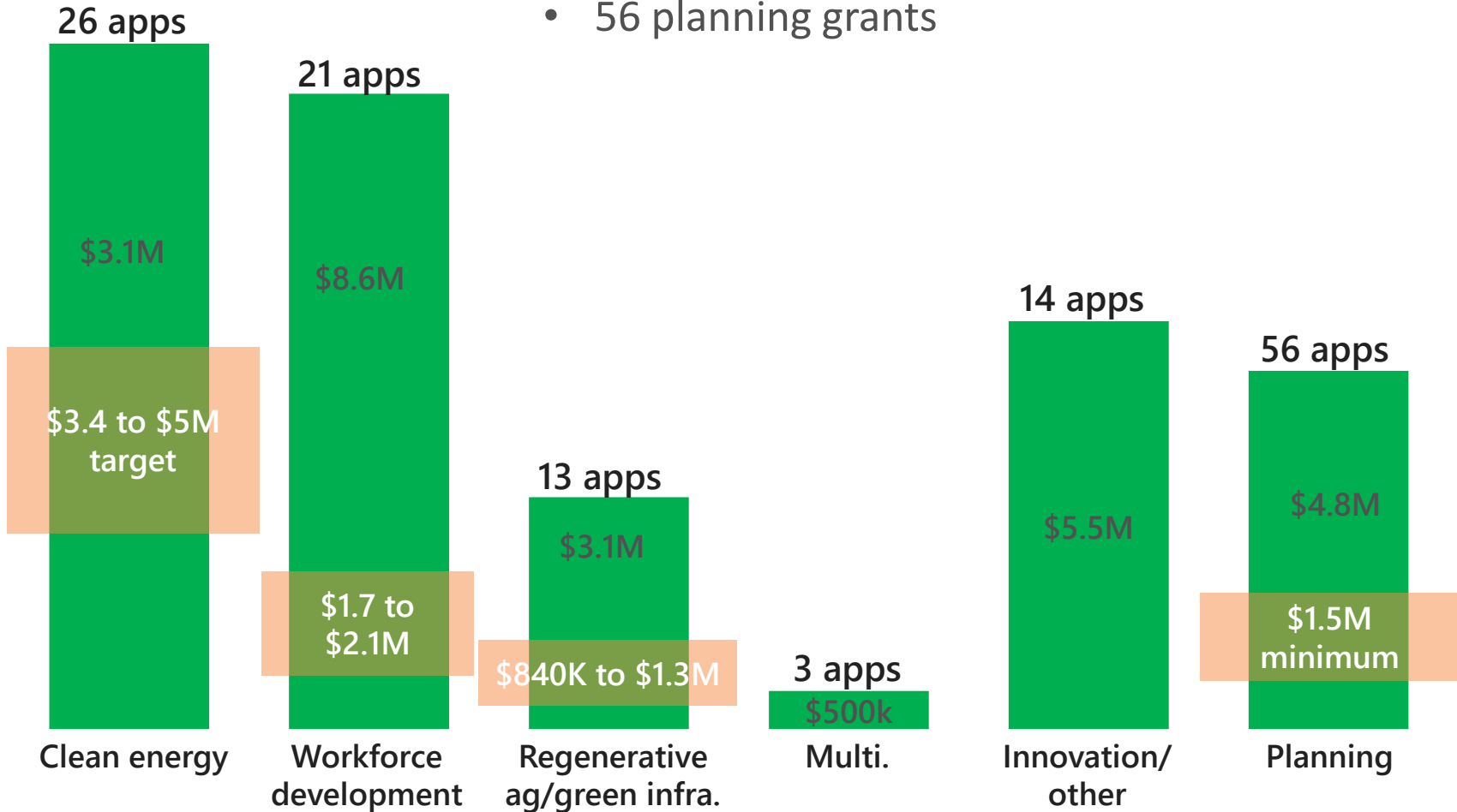
# Applications received

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140 applications received

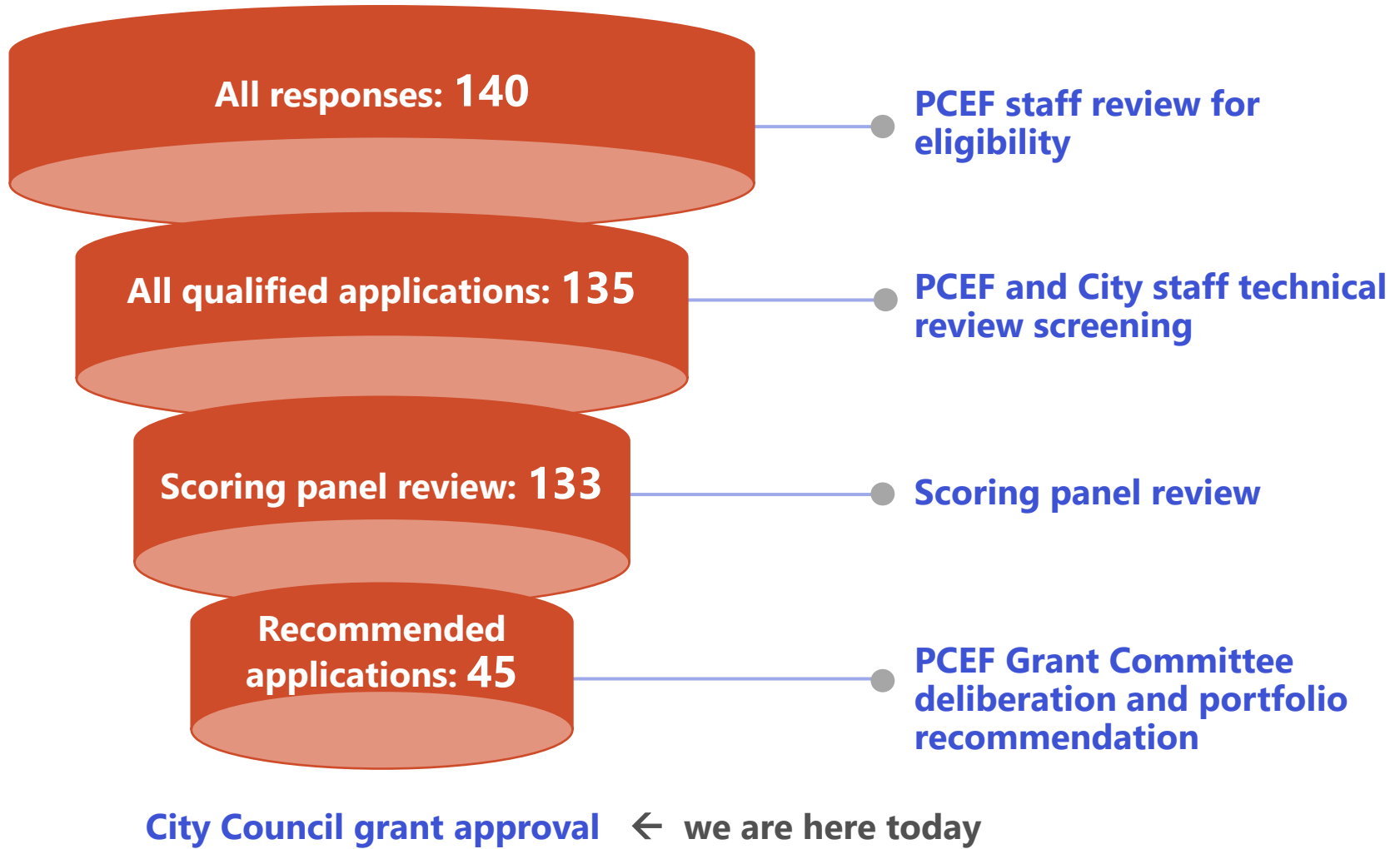
133 applications deemed eligible and technically feasible

- 77 implementation grants (small and large)
- 56 planning grants



# Overview of application review

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# Recommended portfolio:

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\$2.5M for planning, lower range for project funding areas

## Key Portfolio Characteristics:

Total Number of Grants : **45**

Unique applicants: **38**

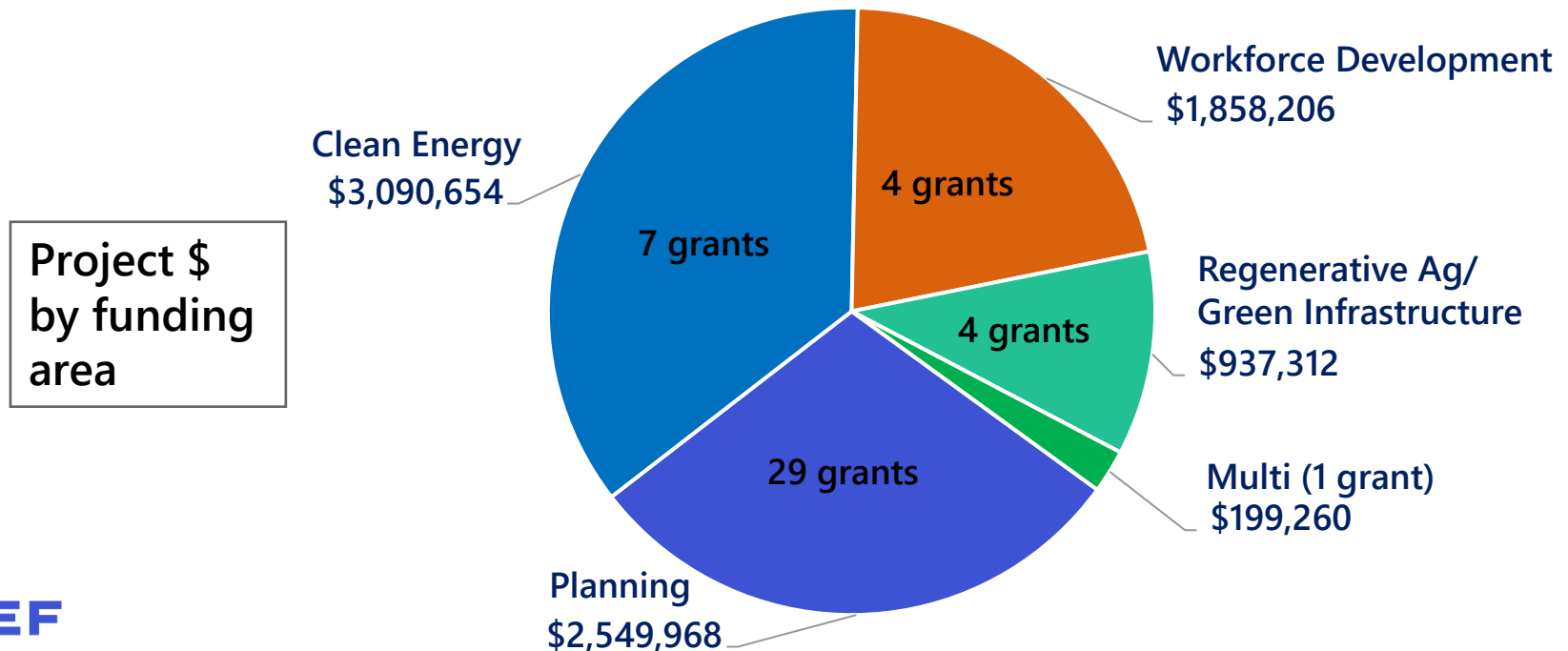
% of funds to organizations reflecting priority populations: **86%**

% of funds to small organizations: **38%**

Total estimated lifetime GHG impact: **11,500 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e**

Projects w/ physical improvements serving E of 82<sup>nd</sup> : **2 out of 3**

Total \$8,635,400





# Funding Authorization Request

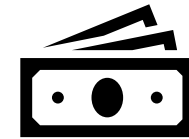
## **PCEF grant portfolio request**

- 45 grants: **\$8,635,400**

## **Additional authorization request:**

- Grant contingency fund: **\$200,000**
- Mini-grants program: **\$400,000**

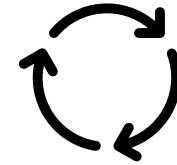
**Total requested funding authorization:  
\$9,235,400**



# What's next:

Program evaluation and continuous progress:

- Grantee onboarding
- Applicant support strategies
- Next RFP development and implementation
  - Proposed FY21-22 funding: **\$60,000,000**
- Community engagement and capacity building
- Continued systems improvement
- Implementing workforce and contractor equity standards
- Performance metrics and reporting outcomes



# PCEF Committee co-chair reflections

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# QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

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