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PCEF Grant Committee Meeting

June 29th, 2023, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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- Committee meetings open to the public
- Public invited to comment at around 6:05 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).



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Introductions

Agenda

- 6:00 Introductions
- 6:05 Public comment
- 6:10 Meeting minutes approval – 5/18 and 6/2
- 6:15 CIP public comment overview
- 6:25 Public sector feedback on CIP - City Council, Bureaus, and others
- 6:45 Proposed changes to the CIP, including new strategic program 15
- 7:00 Break
- 7:15 Proposed changes to the CIP (continued)
- 8:15 Committee roles and accountability
- 8:30 Meeting close

Public comment

Those joining via zoom, please indicate your interest in providing public comment by raising your hand or indicate your interest through the zoom chat function.

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Prior meeting minutes approval

- 5/18 PCEF Committee meeting
- 6/2 PCEF Committee worksession

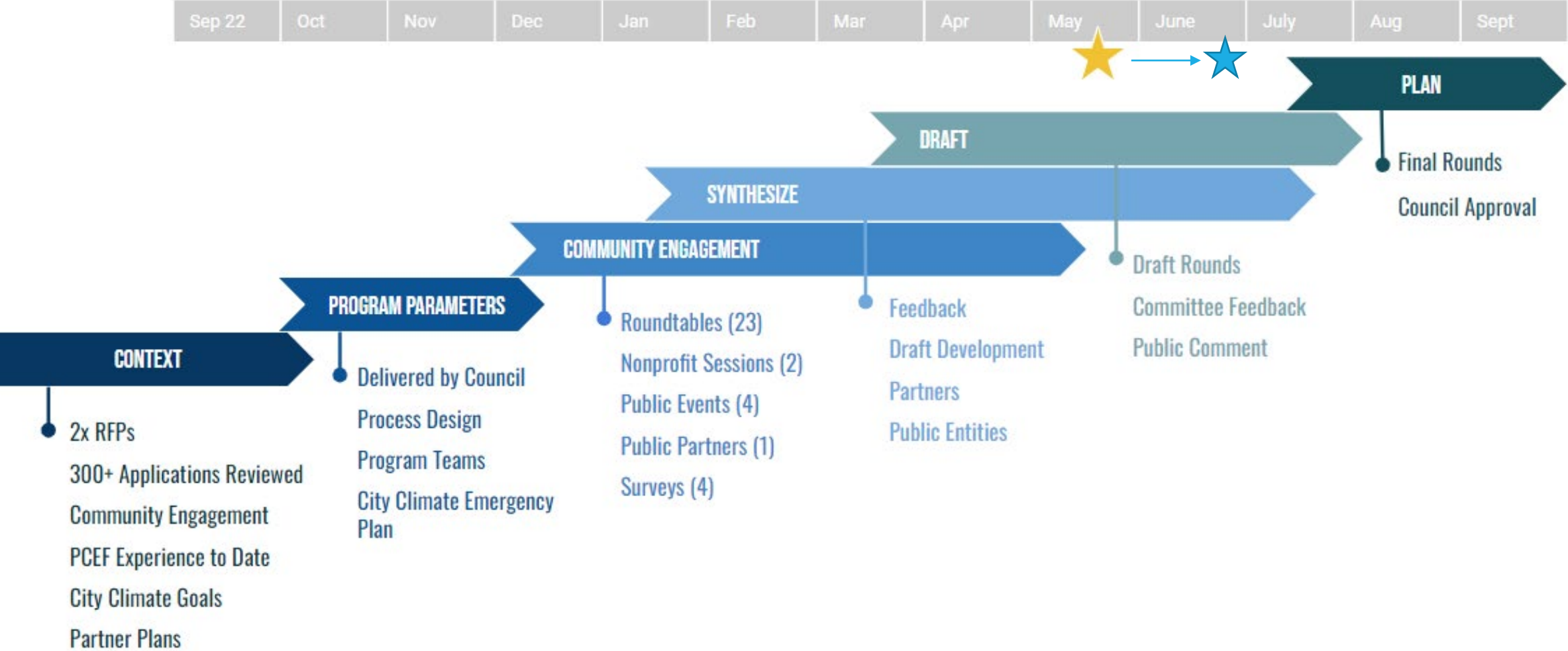
May 2023 draft Climate Investment Plan - public comment overview

- Including timeline and community engagement update

Committee Briefing Timeline as of 6/29/23

Month	CIP Briefing	Meeting Date
May	CIP comment discussion (con't) Workforce and contractor development in CIP	5/18/2023
June worksession	Final comments on current CIP draft Clarify Committee role in CIP accountability, evaluation, oversight throughout implementation	6/2/2023
★ June	Specific feedback on Committee's approach to evaluation of outcomes CIP draft final iterations based on public comments/input	6/29/2023
July	Final CIP Recommendation	7/20/2023
August	Tentative: Administrative Rulemaking (informational), market study overview	8/17/2023

CIP Process Overview



CIP Engagement by the Numbers

- Accessibility survey (December - January):
 - 176 respondents (95 frontline community members, 8 youth)
- Community visioning and priorities (January – February)
 - 150 survey respondents, 67 frontline community members
 - 418 comments
 - 50 people from in-person public workshop
 - 41 people from virtual workshop
 - 60 people from non-profit workshop
 - 2 in-person public workshops
 - 1 virtual workshop
- Roundtables (January – June)
 - 24 roundtable meetings
 - 11 topics
 - 123 participants
- Preliminary draft (March)
 - Over 500 comments categorized
 - 118 public comment submissions (40 letters, 94 survey respondents)
 - 2 in-person public workshops
 - 1 virtual workshop
- Full draft (April – May)
 - Over 130 comments categorized
 - 48 public comment submissions (5 listening session, 25 survey responses, 17 emailed letters)
 - 1 public workshop
 - 1 online information session
 - 1 virtual listening session
- Community review panels to review March and May 2023 drafts (March – May):
 - 8 meetings
 - 13 participants on the frontline community panel
 - 10 participants on the youth panel (<25 years old)

Public comment overview

- Global comments:
 - Desire for additional edits to improve readability
 - Concern regarding community benefit without community leadership resulting in a for us, without us outcome.
 - Seeking additional clarity/detail
 - Providing details and criteria more appropriate for future RFPs
- Funding area specific comments:
 - SP2, 3, 4: increase critical home repair allowance
 - SP3: include condominiums
 - SP5: Allow for both day-use and overnight responses during climate emergencies. Increase funding amount for seismic retrofit projects
 - TD: include electric car sharing as eligible project
 - RA: fund baseline assessment and sector convening for regenerative agriculture sector

Public comment overview

- Funding area specific comments (cont):
 - SP9: Make program's approach and language more inclusive of diverse cultural practices related to food cultivation
 - SP15 (now SP 16): Desire to see participatory budgeting explicitly called for. Concern for maintaining student leadership
 - WCD goals: concerns on thresholds that goals kick in, comments both seeking higher and lower thresholds.
 - WCD grants: can program can clarify that career development or job retraining for people interested in changing careers is also a focus

Public sector feedback on CIP from City Council, Bureaus, and others

City Council, Bureaus, and other public sector partners

1. Public sector partners are:

- Critical institutions with meaningful opportunities to support substantial GHG emissions reductions and create community benefits.
- Have access to data and information on public assets that may be utilized to meet PCEF's goals.
- Can leverage expertise and institution to support PCEF goals

2. PCEF approach guided by the Equity + Climate framework:

- Developed based on feedback from the Committee, revised based on public input
 - Benefits to frontline communities
 - Community leadership
 - Implementation feasibility
 - Climate impact: GHG reductions
 - Accountability

City Council, Bureaus, and other public sector partners

Equity + Climate framework:

- ***Benefits to frontline communities.*** Will the program create clear, significant, and measurable benefit to frontline communities?
- ***Community leadership.*** Are there meaningful opportunities for community members to participate in decision making and/or provide leadership in program implementation? Does the program invest in building capacity within communities most impacted?
- ***Implementation feasibility.*** Can the program be realistically implemented at scale with existing City staff, partners, or contractors over five years?
- ***Climate impact: GHG reductions.*** Will the program result in meaningful and measurable GHG reductions/sequestration?
- ***Accountability.*** Do accountability mechanisms exist to ensure that communities of color, low-income populations, people with disabilities, and other vulnerable communities benefit from the strategic program? Is this program additional to existing or planned efforts?

City Council, Bureaus, and other public sector partners

Highlighted comments:

- Revisit the CIP annually to assess effectiveness and make revisions
- Dedicate funding for City infrastructure sites, such as PPR community centers and Fire department buildings.
- Support EV charging infrastructure at Parks
- Make income eligibility for Tree Canopy Maintenance Reserve more flexible
- Add a funding source to be used by Bureaus as match to unlock federal and state funds that will both compliment PCEF and make PCEF funds go farther
- Provide funding for active transportation infrastructure improvements
- Contribute to Frog Ferry's pilot efforts to launch ferry service
- Invest to expand water bureau's water leak detection and repair program
- Provide financing to create City mitigation bank that will offset development impacts to the riparian area

City Council, Bureaus, and other public sector partners

Questions and reflections:

- Have we applied the Equity + Climate framework well from your perspective?

Proposed changes to May 2023 draft CIP

Including an overview of new strategic program 15 - Federal climate and equity grant opportunities

Discussion questions to consider:

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Federal climate and equity grant opportunities

Summary

Invest \$20 million through City bureau leverage of Federal grant funding opportunities focused on climate action in alignment with PCEF goals.

OPPORTUNITY

- The next few years are a time of historic investment and opportunities in climate action, with billions of federal dollars available through dozens of programs and initiatives from the Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
- Additional City investments in renewable energy, energy efficiency, green infrastructure and transportation decarbonization/ safety would be eligible to apply for grant funding or Federal incentives.
- Grant match funding requirements vary but are often in the range of 25-50%, and direct pay mechanisms are now available to municipalities.

Federal climate and equity grant opportunities

PROPOSAL

- \$20 million in PCEF funds will be available to City bureaus or offices for the purpose of leveraging additional climate-related funding opportunities.
- Bureaus and offices will provide proposals with adequate time for review and consideration by the workgroup, and indicate the amount of funding required and decision timeframe.
- PCEF will maintain information about what portion of funds from this strategic program have been committed to grant opportunities.
- Upon successful award of a funding opportunity, funds would be transferred through Interagency Agreement (IAA) to the recipient bureau or office for implementation.

Outcomes & Metrics

Outcomes:

- Increased City investment in decarbonizing buildings, infrastructure, and operations throughout Portland.
- Reduced emissions and pollution from City operations.
- Reduced operating costs for City buildings, transportation fleets, and facilities.

Metrics:

City bureaus or offices requesting match funding must articulate draft goal measures in their request for match funding. Once applications are approved for federal or state funding, the receiving City bureau or office will be required to finalize specific investment goals prior to the disbursement of funds.

Roles

- City of Portland bureaus and offices may access funds.
- A workgroup composed of City staff and a PCEF Committee member will use the CIP Climate + Equity framework when making match award decisions, including :
 - Benefits to frontline communities
 - Community leadership
 - Implementation feasibility
 - Climate impact: GHG reductions
 - Accountability

Questions

Break

Meeting will reconvene at 7:15

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Global changes

- Equity + climate framework:
 - Add a fifth prompt, “community leadership”, that a strategic program (SP) concept must answer affirmatively to be considered for inclusion in the CIP.
- Accountability: transparency, measurement, reporting, and evaluation:
 - Elaborate on the Committee’s oversight role and reporting timelines.
- Additional sections:
 - Glossary
 - Description of the CIP in context to related City efforts.
 - Table of the detailed funding allocations
- Additional global changes incorporated throughout:
 - Document readability and accessibility
 - GHG reduction and sequestration projections
- Added language to Appendix 1 allowing for strategic program-specific workforce and contractor goals that are higher than those defined in Appendix 1.

Climate jobs, workforce, and contractor development

Community responsive grants – \$30 million

- Added other City government entity to list of eligible administrators based on the availability of complementary services that enhance program delivery.
- Clarified that apprenticeship programs receiving PCEF funding should be BOLI-registered and focused on training for residential heat pump technicians and weatherization technicians.
- Expanded definition of eligible contractor/business to include contractors that produce goods (in addition to services) that reduce or sequester greenhouse gases.

Energy efficiency and renewable energy

General/community responsive grants - \$92 million

- Clarified budget that can be used for health, safety, accessibility or enabling repairs, as specified below.

SP1: Clean energy in regulated multifamily affordable housing – \$60 million

- No changes proposed.

SP2: Clean energy in unregulated multifamily housing - \$50 million

- Clarified scenarios under which more than 30% of PCEF funded construction budget can be used for non-energy improvements.

SP3: Clean energy improvements in single family homes - \$140 million

- Clarified scenarios under which more than 30% of PCEF funded construction budget can be used for non-energy improvements.
- Clarified that condominiums are eligible for program.
- Added new category of eligible households: “Small in-home childcare (i.e., daycare and preschool) facilities and congregate housing” with a goal of 50 homes in this category.
- Reduced target for homeowners with incomes of 121-150% AMI from 500 to 450.

Energy efficiency and renewable energy (cont'd)

SP4: Clean energy in small commercial buildings - \$25 million

- Clarified scenarios under which more than 30% of PCEF funded construction budget can be used for non-energy improvements.
- Added other government entity to list of eligible administrators based on the availability of complementary services that enhance program delivery.

SP5: Building upgrades for community severe weather response - \$30 million

- Removed requirement that limited applicants to those willing to provide overnight sheltering.
- Combined and simplified allowable spending on non-energy benefits so that up to 50% of the construction budget can be used for eligible non-energy life, health, safety, and accessibility upgrades.

Transportation decarbonization

Community responsive grant clarification - \$35 million

- Electric vehicles should be replacing shared vehicles with high annual mileage.
- 40% of grant may be used for safety infrastructure.

SP6: Comprehensive e-bike access and support - \$20 million

- No changes proposed.

SP7: Equitable clean transportation access - \$25 million

- No changes proposed.

Green infrastructure

Community responsive grants - \$5 million

- No changes proposed.

Tree canopy maintenance reserve - \$5 million

- Modified and simplified income qualification so that 100% of pruning costs would be covered for owner-occupied homes with income up to 100% AMI, prioritizing lower income households.

SP 8: Equitable tree canopy - \$40 million

- No changes proposed.

Regenerative agriculture

Community responsive grants - \$14 million

- Added support for collaborative research, planning and community engagement process.
- Expanded language to include cultivation of culturally important fibers and materials, in addition to food production.

SP9: Increasing access to urban regenerative agriculture opportunities - planning and land acquisition - \$6 million

- Clarified language to be inclusive of diverse cultural practices.
- Clarified that program will support early site development and land management.
- Removed the use of a cohort approach.

Organizational capacity building

Community responsive grants- \$5 million

- Clarified that up to \$5M may be allocated to organizational capacity building as needed.

Mini grants - \$1 million

- No changes proposed.

SP10: Community-based organization capacity building – \$10 million

- No changes proposed.

Multiple funding categories/ other carbon emissions reducing projects

Community responsive grants, other - \$2 million

- No changes proposed.

SP 11: 82nd Ave Climate resilience initiative - \$5 million

- No changes proposed.

SP 12: 82nd Ave street tree expansion - \$5 million

- No changes proposed.

SP 13: Targeted Electric Vehicle Financing Tools - \$35 million

- No changes proposed.

SP 14: Access to fair and flexible capital - \$45 million

- Reduced allocation by \$20M reallocated to new SP15
- Clarified all businesses eligible, priority for small businesses.
- Added public agencies with financing experience as eligible administrators
- Clarified that lending institutions including banks are eligible to apply to administer funds
- Added CPACE as potential financing mechanism.

Multiple funding categories/ other carbon emissions reducing projects cont'd

SP 15: Federal climate and equity grant opportunities – \$20 million

SP16: Climate-friendly public schools (formerly SP 15) - \$50 million

- Increased timeline for physical improvement project proposal submission to two years.
- Added up to \$150,000/district for implementing participatory budgeting process.
- Clarified requirement for standard reporting/verification based on project type.
- Added examples of student-led decision-making.
- Clarified student-led initiative must be within the City of Portland boundaries.

Discussion

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Committee roles and accountability

CIP Implementation: Committee Role Draft

Spirit	Shape	Accountability	To Be Determined	Meet
<p>Stay high level</p> <p>Accountability</p> <p>Guidance</p> <p>On the same team</p>	<p>Represent community needs, desires, objectives</p> <p>Sort out competing demands</p> <p>Protect purpose of the fund</p> <p>Oversight in the mode of learning and improving</p> <p>Resource to stay true to mission</p>	<p>Culture of productive accountability</p> <p>Updates on RFPs; results</p> <p>Dashboard reporting and metrics</p> <p>Support decisions if a program needs additional directions or adjustment</p> <p>Carbon reduction</p> <p>Community benefit</p>	<p>Cadence of reporting</p> <p>Reporting overall vs per program</p> <p>Onboarding for new committee members</p>	<p>Quarterly?</p> <p>Deeper engagement via committees</p> <p>Environment for additional learning</p> <p>Resource for staff on direction / as liaison</p>

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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