

COMMUNITY IS KEY



# PCEF Grant Committee Meeting

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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# Virtual/Hybrid Participation Check

## 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 only.



**Microphone:** public members muted.



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# Agenda

- 6:00 Agenda overview, followed by introductions
- 6:10 Public comment
- 6:20 Co-chair comments
- 6:25 Initial discussion on process for 2nd set of allocations
- 7:00 Break (10 min)
- 7:10 Discussion on process for 2nd set of allocations (continued)
- 7:40 Committee workgroup and subcommittees:
  - 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 3 minutes.

# Co-chair comments

# Initial discussion on process for 2nd set of allocations

# 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
  - Initial discussion on process for 2nd set of allocations
- 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)



# Goal: process agreement on February 28

- What are our metrics for prioritizing or determining allocations for programs and projects?
  - Required:
    - Meaningful GHG emissions reductions
    - Meaningful community benefits
  - Others?
    - Benefit to PCEF priority populations
    - Implementation capacity/readiness
    - Relationship with existing programming
    - Who is implementing
    - Scale – e.g., holistic development focused on a geographic area
    - Coalitions and collaborations, e.g., CBOs, government, labor, industry
    - Leadership, innovation, and education
- What information do we already have in order to make sound recommendations?
- How can we move forward expeditiously while managing the integrity of the fund?

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# CLIMATE INVESTMENT PLAN

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

August 2023



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.

# CIP Process - getting there together

TOPIC ROUNDTABLES

PANEL REVIEW

TECHNICAL EXPERTS (sector-specific partners, Bureau partners)

COMMUNITY INPUT (virtual events, online surveys, in-person workshops)

PCEF COMMITTEE BRIEFINGS

DEC / JAN 2023

JAN/FEB 2023

MARCH 2023

MAY 2023

SEPT 2023



Kick-off: Project Overview and Accessibility



Community Vision and Priorities



Preliminary draft



Full draft for public comment



Climate Investment Plan at City Council

# Community Engagement Outcomes

## Community Vision and Priorities



- 418** comments
- 2** in-person public workshops
- 1** virtual workshop

## Preliminary Draft



- 500+** comments
- 2** in-person public workshops
- 1** virtual event








## Full Draft



- 130+** comments
- 1** public workshop
- 1** online info session
- 1** virtual-listening session

# 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:	
	<b>Electricity supply</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electricity</li> <li>• Natural gas</li> </ul>
	<b>Buildings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial</li> <li>• Multi-family dwellings</li> <li>• Single-family homes</li> </ul>
	<b>Transportation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diesel (commercial trucks, buses)</li> <li>• Gasoline (passenger vehicles, delivery vans)</li> </ul>
	<b>Industry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manufacturing</li> <li>• Processing</li> <li>• Materials management</li> </ul>
	<b>Embodied carbon</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building materials</li> <li>• Food</li> <li>• Purchases of goods and services</li> </ul>
Sequestration:	
	<b>Forest carbon storage</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant nearly 100,000 acres by 2050</li> </ul>
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.

# Process considerations

- Near term budget deadlines for FY 24-25
- Opportunities to expand on programming that is doing well
  - Early outcomes from adopted CIP programs will take 2+ years
- Implementation capacity
- Sequencing:
  1. Committee makes recommendation
  2. Council adopts/amends/rejects recommendation
  3. Any balance of available funds incorporated into future allocation process

## Considerations for soliciting, evaluating, and recommending allocation proposals:

- Solicitation
  - How do you want to call in proposals for additional funding allocations?
  - What are sideboards or criteria you want to use to ensure any additional programming aligns with or compliments the Climate Investment Plan, Climate Emergency Workplan, and our local capacity to implement?
- Evaluation
  - Are there evaluation criteria that are more relevant given the solicitation criteria?
  - How much time are Committee members interested and willing to commit?
- Recommendation
  - How do you want to make a recommendation once you've evaluated proposals?

# Draft options for consideration

- Option 1:
  - Solicit proposals with intent to allocate remaining forecasted funds (\$158M) in time for Mayor's Proposed Budget.
    - Rapid timeline
    - Narrow window for proposal submission – plans will need to already be largely understood and developed
    - Supports earlier climate action while remaining CIP programs take longer for rollout
    - Less inclusive
- Option 2:
  - Solicit proposals with intent to allocate a portion of remaining forecasted funds (\$XM of \$158M) in time for Mayor's Proposed Budget
    - Rapid timeline
    - Narrow window for proposal submission – plans will need to already be largely understood and developed
    - Supports additional early climate action for projects and programs that were excluded from first allocation process. Supports earlier climate action while remaining CIP programs take longer for rollout.
    - Creates opportunity for subsequent process that may be responsive to feedback from RFP #3 review process and or allow more community collaboration.
- Option 3:
  - Develop process that supports more collaborative proposals in time for the Fall BMP
    - Longer timeline
    - Creates opportunities for more collaboration and larger form projects, more inclusive
    - Opportunity to be responsive to feedback from RFP #3 review process

# Break

Meeting will reconvene at 7:10



# Committee subcommittees and workgroup liaisons

## Needed near term assignments

- Recruitment Subcommittee
- Workgroups:
  - Strategic Program 8: Equitable Tree Canopy
  - Strategic Program 15: Federal climate and equity funding opportunities

# 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