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**PORTLAND
CLEAN ENERGY
COMMUNITY BENEFITS
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Portland Clean Energy Fund Committee Meeting

DATE: March 20, 2025		TIME: 6 pm – 7:30 pm	LOCATION: Virtual
ATTENDEES	Portland Clean Energy Fund Staff Sam Baraso Rachel Gilmore Committee Support Dr. Christine Moses Presenters Sam Baraso	Portland Clean Energy Fund Committee Members Tracy Scott Robin Wang Ranfis Villatoro Faith Graham DeAngelo Moaning Alicia Chapman Dr. Megan Horst	

Agenda

	Agenda Item	Action & Next Steps
Introductions	Dr. Christine Moses opens meeting at 6:03 pm. PCEF Committee Members introductions	
Public Comment	No public comment during public comment period	
Meeting Minutes	Action Item: Accept Meeting Minutes from January 16, 2025	Accepted
Program Updates	Strategic Program 3: Clean Energy Improvements in Single-Family Home Program Strategic Program 6: Transportation Decarbonization Program Strategic Program 14: Access to fair and Flexible Capital FY 25-26 City of Portland Budget	PCEF Committee & PCEF staff follow up about Strategic Program 14 PCEF Budget Presentation at Climate, Resilience and Land



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	2025 Community Grants Federal Impacts to current grants	Use Committee, March 27, 2025
Annual Climate Investment Plan	Update Process and Timeline	Follow up with committee members for subcommittee construction and process
Close	Adjourn 7:18 pm	

I. Program Updates

Strategic Program 3: Clean Energy in Single-Family Home Program

Critical program with different incentive programs for homeowners and renters, to serve 3,100 homes

- Contracting process is moving forward
- Developing program brand
- Kick off-meeting with partners in April

Strategic Program 6: Transportation Decarbonization Program

E-Bike Access and Incentive Program; expecting it to be very popular based on other jurisdictions

- Request for Proposal process finished
- Working on getting administrator under contract for soft launch in fall

Strategic Program 14: Access to Capital

- Partnering with Prosper Portland to launch pilot program for office to residential conversion
- Looking to understand embodied carbon and carbon savings
- Opportunity to have partnership with Prosper
- PCEF providing \$6 – 7 million for pilot from SP14 allocation, broader RFP for other financing products still to come.
- Committee request for follow-up with more information

FY 25-26 City of Portland Budget

- City Administrator Budget released end of February
- PCEF providing budget presentation to Climate, Land Use and Resilience Committee
- Co-chair notes recent media interest, they have emphasized that resources are largely allocated

2025 Community Grants

Key program

- Webpage launch forthcoming
- Grant cycles will be open for 60 days, through May
- \$70 Million expected to be distributed

Federal Impacts to Current Grants

- Climate programming and resources uncertain



- Haven't heard of any official terminations of federal funding for grantees for projects PCEF is also funding
- Will have limit for how many applications an organization can submit in a Community Grants cycle to better manage application volume and ensure broader support of organizations

II. Annual Climate Investment Plan (CIP) Update Process and Timeline



Evaluation & Reporting Subcommittee

July 2025 - Community grants and non-City led Strategic Programs

1. **Review** status of strategic programs, determine programs for targeted review
2. **Assess** Community Grant demand, Strategic Program performance, expenditures
3. **Develop** recommendations for increased, decreased, or level funding for each program. Consider staff-recommended technical adjustments, and program scope amendments
4. **Evaluate** projected available resources through June 2029 and reallocate based on surplus or deficit. Develop draft funding recommendations and adjustments in consultation with partners.



Evaluation & Reporting Subcommittee

September 2025 - City-led Strategic Programs

1. **Review** all City-led Strategic Programs
2. **Assess** performances, expenditures, and updated technical adjustments.
3. **Develop** recommendations for increased, decreased, or level funding
4. **Release** draft funding recommendations. Consider staff recommendations and public comments.
5. **Synthesize** public comments, revise, and update recommendations



PCEF Committee

November 2025 - All Programs

1. **Review** and act on subcommittee recommendations. Evaluate proposed adjustments, program scope changes, and funding shifts
2. **Recommend** amendments to the Climate Investment Plan



Discussion

- How many strategic programs to evaluate. Many are in RFP or contracting stages, so staff will report on statuses and what is ready for evaluation.
- Want full Committee to have opportunity for goal/criteria setting, oversight of funding decisions. And information sharing for the public in full Committee meeting setting. Likely need more than 2-3 touchpoints.
- Demonstrate workable process and communicate with Council committees. City Council is the ultimate decision-maker.

