

## **Public Partners Feedback Guide**

### **Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund (PCEF): Climate Investment Plan – Preliminary Draft**

#### **Background**

At the direction of Portland City Council, the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund (PCEF), in collaboration with the [PCEF Committee](#), is developing a 5-year Climate Investment Plan (CIP) to guide the investment of \$750 million in PCEF funds to achieve significant carbon reductions in ways that benefit those most impacted by the climate crisis.

Using information collected from workshops, surveys, roundtable discussions, subject matter experts, community studies, research, and best practices, a preliminary draft of the CIP was made available on March 13 for public review and comment. The purpose of this public comment period is to test concepts in the draft CIP by gathering feedback on the proposed funding allocations, strategies, and goals, and to hear additional ideas for consideration.

#### **Review the CIP draft**

Review the preliminary CIP draft to learn about the draft funding allocations and strategies. [This link will open a new window to the draft plan.](#) When you are done reviewing the plan, we encourage you to use this guide to organize your feedback.

#### **Consider with an Equity + Climate Framework**

Any strategic program concept considered for approval must align with PCEF's priorities. The four prompts below outline key elements of PCEF's equity + climate lens that a strategic program concept must affirmatively answer to be considered for inclusion in the CIP.

Exceptions include capacity building and workforce development which do not have direct GHG reductions.

- **Benefits to frontline communities** – will the program create clear, significant, and measurable benefit to frontline communities?
- **Implementation feasibility** – can the program be realistically implemented at scale with existing City staff, partners, or contractors over five years?
- **Climate impact: greenhouse gas reductions** – will the program result in meaningful and measurable greenhouse gas 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?

\* PCEF priority populations are people with low income and people of color; priority populations for workforce and contractor development projects also include people with disabilities, women, and other people experiencing gender or sex-based discrimination in the workplace.

**How to provide feedback:**

Email your feedback to [cleanenergyfund@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:cleanenergyfund@portlandoregon.gov) by April 7.

**Guiding questions for public partners feedback**

1. Which funding area are you commenting on?
  - Clean energy in regulated new and redeveloped multi-family affordable housing
  - Clean energy in single family homes
  - Clean energy in unregulated multi-family housing
  - Clean energy for small businesses and small commercial buildings
  - Building upgrades for community severe weather response
  - Transportation decarbonization
  - 82nd Avenue – a low-carbon and equitable corridor
  - Community based organization (CBO) capacity building
  - Regenerative agriculture and green infrastructure
  - Workforce and contractor development
  - Access to fair and flexible capital
  - Equitable tree canopy
2. What program elements might be missing that should be added to the preliminary draft that aligns with PCEF's climate + equity framework? In your recommendation, please describe:
  - a. How does your recommendation(s) impacts benefits to frontline communities and measurable greenhouse gas reductions/sequestration?
  - b. How would your recommendation(s) impact or improve accountability to PCEF priority populations?
  - c. If you believe your agency should administer a strategic program, please describe how you are well-positioned to do so. Please include core competencies and efficiencies for implementation.
3. Any other comments to share including what is working well in the CIP draft and how to strengthen community and climate benefits.