

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: * Authorize application to the U.S. Department of Energy for a grant of up to \$300,000 to implement the Climate Action Plan building energy actions.

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The ordinance would authorize the City to apply to the U.S. Department of Energy in response to the Funding Opportunity Announcement titled, “Cities Leading through Energy Analysis and Planning (Cities-LEAP)”.

The funding is intended to “support the development and piloting of data-driven decision frameworks across all clean energy sectors.” This aligns well with the 2015 Climate Action Plan and the City’s longstanding work to improve energy efficiency and increase renewable energy supplies.

Because the solicitation was only released at the end of March, BPS is still developing the specifics of the project to be proposed, but it is likely to involve analyzing public data sets around building characteristics (building type, age, size) and permit activity (when a major building system was replaced, for example) to target specific opportunities for energy efficiency. BPS is in discussion with Portland State University about partnering on the analysis.

This potential new project would build on past and current BPS programs that worked with Portland building owners and managers to improve building efficiency, including financial incentives to small commercial building owners and the commercial energy reporting requirement.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

A successful grant application would result in bringing up to \$300,000 in additional resources to the City. The grant requires a match of 10%, which will be provided from Clean Energy Program funding included in BPS’ General Fund base budget request for 16-17 in the form of salary and benefits. It would not require any additional City resources.

Community impacts and community involvement:

If the City’s grant application is successful, it would result in improved services to building owners who have the biggest opportunities to reduce energy use. One outcome of the project is a better understanding of the characteristics of “low-performing” buildings—for example, are there patterns based on geography, age of structure, size, ownership, or other factors that will help the City understand how best to realize the opportunities and ensure that benefits reach underserved communities? In developing the proposal, BPS will engage with community organizations as well as energy technical experts. Because the proposal is only now in development, this engagement is just beginning.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet**Does this action change appropriations?**☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount