



Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

# Summary of changes to Climate Investment Plan full draft

We received feedback from various sources including community members, nonprofit organizations, business owners, and government institutions. Access a summary of public comment and all submitted comments on our webpage: [Community Feedback of PCEF's Preliminary Draft of the CIP](#).

## General

- Added an executive summary to increase content accessibility
- Added expected carbon emissions reduction or sequestered
- Added and updated goal measures for strategic programs, and clarified distinction between outcomes and measures
- Added a visual diagram on the CIP development process
- Added clarity on the importance and role of community partnerships and workforce and contractor equity
- Added workforce and contractor equity goals
- Emphasized accountability as a key aspect of the plan with details on the approach
- Demonstrated alignment of actions in the CIP with the Climate Emergency Workplan
- Safety on jobsites addressed in "Program-wide contractor and workforce equity approach and goals" section
- Footnotes included to offer additional details on program design choices and/or assumptions
- Updated chart graphics for better readability. Note: additional visual design improvements including graphics, illustrations, photos, and callout boxes will be made for the September 2023 version of the plan

## Clean energy

### Community responsive grants

- Added more detail to the types of projects this investment would fund

### SP1: Clean energy in regulated multifamily affordable housing

- No changes as the public comment period on this strategic program was closed as one of the two fast-tracked programs. Information was presented for context and informational purposes only.

### SP2: Clean energy in unregulated multifamily housing

- Added the expected number of units that would receive clean energy improvements through this program
- Added guidelines for when renewable energy would be considered
- Added detailed program-specific workforce and contractor equity considerations and goals
- Clarified that the 25% match from property owner could come from any source, including other grant funding, e.g., utility, other government.
- Changed eligibility from being based on renter household income to being based on range of rent charged.

### SP3: Clean energy improvements in single family homes

- Added the expected number of single-family homes served by this program
- Added expected investment per home, targeted reduction in energy use per home, and eligible activities based on household type
- Clarified that up to 30% of the construction budget for each home can be used for life, health, safety, accessibility or enabling repairs (e.g. electrical panel upgrades) with the remaining used for energy improvements
- Detailed program-specific workforce and contractor equity considerations and goals

### SP4: Clean energy in small commercial buildings

- Added a target for the number of businesses and commercial buildings served by the program
- Clarified that the required property owner match can be from any source including utility, state, and federal programs as well as finance products
- Updated goal measures to include goal for # businesses served that are BIPOC owned
- Increased size of eligible buildings to 40,000 square feet with priority for those under 20,000 square feet
- Added electric vehicle charging stations as an eligible clean energy improvement as part of a comprehensive energy efficiency scope

### **SP5: Building upgrades for community severe weather response**

- Clarified that up to 30% of budget can be used for life, health, safety upgrades. An additional 20% of the construction budget can be used for eligible disability accessibility measures.
- Defined that applicants must have publicly accessible spaces within the building that could be used during climate-related disaster events.
- Priority given to organizations who primarily serve people with disabilities.
- Priority given to organizations whose buildings are suitable for solar.

## **Transportation decarbonization**

### **Community responsive grant program**

- Clarified that grant proposals may allocate up to 40% of their budget towards eligible life, health, safety, and accessibility upgrades, which could include infrastructure-related elements
- Added a requirement that PBOT be advised for any projects that impact the right-of-way
- Emphasized that alternative transportation projects, projects that intersect with disability and/or youth, and projects that address mobility challenges will be given strong consideration and priority in the application scoring process
- Provided rationale for prioritizing youth and projects that increase access for those with disabilities
- Identified when workgroup member applications will be solicited
- Clarified that a program evaluation of this funding category will be done ahead of a larger program evaluation as this is a new funding category for PCEF
- Funded decreased by \$500,000, which was re-allocated to regenerative agriculture funding category

### **SP6: Comprehensive e-bike access and support**

- Clarified opportunity for funds to be spent on e-bike parking / charging at multifamily properties
- Named the additional efforts at State and Federal level to support e-bikes, and complimentary elements of potential programs
- Clarified some of the program roles envisioned, with further elements to be determined by transportation decarbonization workgroup
- Added workforce goals specific to this sector

### **SP7: Equitable clean transportation access**

- Clarified the role of taxis and Uber/Lyft as a Transportation Wallet Access for All based on user feedback
- Added information on how the program will increase accessibility for individuals experiencing mobility challenges

- Clarified that PBOT will be expanding the Transportation Wallet “Access for All” program as it operates multiple Transportation Wallet programs
- Emphasized that the program will be focused on low-carbon transportation modes in the program
- Added information on program evaluation elements for this program

## Green infrastructure

### Tree canopy maintenance reserve

- Revised the program name to “tree canopy” maintenance reserve to align more accurately with the intended purpose of the funding, which is focused on providing low-income property owners access to funding for the maintenance of existing established street trees

### Community responsive grants - green infrastructure

- Allocated \$2.2 million as additional funding for community responsive grants for green infrastructure projects located within 0.25 mile west and 0.5 mile east of the 82nd Avenue corridor as part of SP 11: 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave Climate resilience initiative

### SP 8: Equitable tree canopy

- No changes as the public comment period on this strategic program was closed as one of the two fast-tracked programs. Information was presented for context and informational purposes only.

## Regenerative agriculture

### Community responsive grants - regenerative agriculture

- Allocation reduced from \$15,000,000 to \$14,000,000

### SP9: Increasing urban farming opportunities - planning and land acquisition

- Funding allocation increased from \$4,000,000 to \$6,000,000
- Added openness to cooperative models and community land trusts to provide equitable long-term access to land

## Workforce and contractor development

### Community responsive grants – workforce and contractor development

- Added a description of the types of projects the youth climate careers exposure allocation and the job training and contractor support allocation is intended to support
- Updated and added specific goal measures for community responsive grants, in addition to workforce/contractor grant goals associated with strategic program suballocations
- Added diverse contractor and workforce utilization goals via link to Appendix 1.

- Moved the explanation of the three main ways PCEF invests in workforce and contractor development to the background section "Program-wide contractor and workforce equity approach and goals"

## Organizational capacity building

### Mini grants

- Allocated \$300,000 as additional funding for mini grants for projects located within 0.25 mile west and 0.5 mile east of the 82nd Avenue corridor as part of SP 11: 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave Climate resilience initiative

### SP10: Community-based organization capacity building program

- Priority given in cohort selection to organizations whose capacity needs align with PCEF's program offerings.
- Clarified that select capacity building resources and services will be made available to other PCEF grantees who are not cohort members.

## Multiple funding categories/other carbon emissions reducing projects

### Community responsive grants

- Reduced by \$500,000, which was re-allocated to regenerative agriculture

### SP 11: 82nd Ave Climate resilience initiative

- Proposed five-year allocation: \$5,000,000
- Provided background context to explain the 82nd Ave geographic focus area to address the question, "Why 82nd Ave?"
- Added more information on the distribution of \$5M for grants to existing programs and targeting 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave: (1) \$2.2 million will be allocated as additional funding for community responsive grants for green infrastructure projects located within 0.25 mile west and 0.5 mile east of the 82nd Avenue corridor and \$300,000 for mini grants and (2) \$2.5 million will be allocated to Prosper Portland for administration of business grants and community event grants in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave corridor
- Included private property planting as an eligible project that can be funded
- Provided clarification on who would be eligible for climate infrastructure investments
- Integrated SP11 and SP4 for greater program efficiencies through marketing and outreach efforts that increase access to SP4: Clean energy in small commercial buildings

### SP 12: 82nd Ave street tree expansion

- Proposed five-year allocation: \$5,000,000
- Provided details on the background and scope of the investment including sidewalk expansion, tree planting, and community-involved decision making

- Provided clarity on the relationship on the functions of this strategic program in contrast to SP8: Equitable tree canopy

### **SP 13: Targeted Electric Vehicle Financing Tools (newly clarified strategic program)**

- Built out the \$35M allocation for EV financing previously in Access to Fair and Flexible Capital as a strategic program.
- Added details about the intended beneficiaries of the program, focusing on people and businesses that drive a significant number of miles annually.
- Eligibility defined and expanded to include a broader range of financial institutions to participate as eligible entities, with focus on those that align with PCEF goals and values

### **SP 14: Access to fair and flexible capital**

- Provided more detail about pathway to determine needs in different markets and communities
- Included a broader range of financial institutions to participate as eligible entities, with focus on those that align with PCEF goals and values
- Clarified and provided examples about the range of Federal and State funding opportunities, along with matching requirements that intersect with PCEF and needs for financing.

### **SP15: Climate-friendly public schools**

- Adjusted proposed funding allocation for physical improvements based on feedback from school districts. Formula is based on a school funding formula that prioritizes PCEF priority populations within school populations but does not rely on Title I status.
- Proposed a funding allocation for student-led projects of \$15,000 per year for five years for schools with grade levels 6-12 (for example, K-8 schools, 6-8 schools, high schools) with \$10,000 available for students to direct and \$5,000 available to schools to support student-led initiatives.
- Opened up student-led initiative funding to all public middle and high schools within Portland
- Used free and reduced meals % threshold of 50% to qualify schools for physical improvement investment funding