



**PORTLAND
CLEAN ENERGY
COMMUNITY BENEFITS
FUND**

**Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund (PCEF)
Climate Investment Plan
Preliminary Draft Public Comment**

Comments received during public workshops

- 1. Nonprofit workshop - 3/15/2023**
- 2. Community workshop - 3/18/2023**

ID	Comment	Category
N76	Cohort model is cool, what is the timeline and how many groups can apply.	Capacity building
N01	What are the criteria for a good project for the severe weather response program?	Clean energy
N02	How do you define severe weather?	Clean energy
N03	Is food a component of severe weather response? Will food be provided with shelter?	Clean energy
N04	Does the fund allow for building acquisition and then retrofitting?	Clean energy
N05	What are the parameters around the single-family program, like specific or amounts of grants based on number of homes served?	Clean energy
N06	Who administers the funds? Homeowner? Contractor? Other?	Clean energy
N08	Is this program good for helping small businesses to electrify?	Clean energy
N09	How do you define multifamily? Does that mean ownership or rental?	Clean energy
N10	Does the severe weather response include a Cascade earthquake event?	Clean energy
N11	Within the existing framework for affordable housing program, is there money set aside for people wanting to return to their historic neighborhoods, specifically owner-occupied?	Clean energy
N12	Can you define what the contributions need to be from homeowners?	Clean energy
N15	Does unregulated also apply to ADUs?	Clean energy
N16	If someone lives in an ADU and they want an EV charger, how could that work?	Clean energy
N20	In regulated multifamily, what kind of outreach has taken place? Residents need to be contacted too to build positive relationships and create buy-in.	Clean energy
N53	What kind of requirements are there for contractors to do this work?	Clean energy
N54	What about new or first time contractors? Mentorship opportunities?	Clean energy
N55	What about homeowners who may not qualify for MFI but they have been historically displaced from NE Portland?	Clean energy
N56	What contributions would be required for folks at higher AMI?	Clean energy
N57	What about ADUs? How do they fit in for energy efficiency upgrades? What about e-car access for ADUs?	Clean energy
N58	Who will be dispersing the funds?	Clean energy
N59	How many homes would be required?	Clean energy
N60	Questions about health, life, safety type of needs.	Clean energy
N61	Would the funding go to the households or to organizations?	Clean energy
N62	How does this relate to City's regulatory efforts?	Clean energy
N63	Resident engagement in this process? There is often difficult relationships between the residents versus the owners or regulators.	Clean energy
N64	Building acquisition	Clean energy

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N65	Who would qualify, types of sites?	Clean energy
N66	What constitutes a severe weather event?	Clean energy
N67	Are seismic events included?	Clean energy
N86	On single family homes are you looking for 1yr 3yr or is it flexible as we determine adjustments as we move forward?	Clean energy
N68	Seems like a lower fund than expected for the amount	Green infrastructure
N70	Want to uplift the green maintenance and would like to see more funding going to this. - Sam explained the benefits of this program.	Green infrastructure
N71	For Green infrastructure It looks like individual home owners can apply for funding yet renters can't and also there needs to be a better reach to various languages and culture.	Green infrastructure
N75	Maintenance reserve there are some streets where the cars are parked, some need to be replaced. If the homeowner is low income who is responsible for maintenance/ Also community safety so that they don't hurt people and what types of trees and more tree education.	Green infrastructure
N07	How do the PCEF investments work with other City, County, Metro, State, or other regulatory policies?	Other
N17	Is there a timeline for this CIP process?	Other
N18	If someone is on the PCEF email list, will they get regular updates on the process?	Other
N19	Are there other code changes taking place right now?	Other
N21	How can people benefit from what PCEF is doing? What if the tenant doesn't know there are even issues in the first place to seek out solutions? Nonprofits can also be a source of information to let people know these PCEF programs exist.	Other
N22	Is there a resource page where nonprofits can point people to for help and information?	Other
N27	What about when projects that fall into multiple funding categories? Do we fill out multiple applications or just one?	Other
N42	Repeat of question re project falling into more than one category, do they need to apply for 2 grants)	Other
N43	Will accessibility be a consideration/part of criteria for funding?	Other
N49	Question about PCEF code changes, have they happened?	Other
N50	What is the timeline for releasing these new grant program funds?	Other
N51	How will the people benefit from what we are doing? How do uninformed people engage in these types of processes? Example of engaging with people on gardening as an entry point.	Other
N52	Resource sharing list that PCEF can offer?	Other

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N69	With the city going through 2 RFP's is there value in finding more cohorts for more collaboration	Other
N72	Wanted more clarity on the difference between responsive grants and strategic Plans.	Other
N73	A lot of nonprofits always have to create "new" projects and we'd like to create more long-term capacity – how does this funding reflect the theme to creating greater capacity and community building.	Other
N77	Page 24 community responsive grants – would a nonprofit be able to get both CRG and strategic funding	Other
N79	Couldn't hear org name, Is it possible that my people don't have access to funds for food and transportation and education that there is funding to reach these communities. He wants to be able to find connection to elders that need services	Other
N80	For Strategic plans is there a time frame? - Sam; the broader plan is currently 5 yet some of these may not hit the street until 2024 5 yrs overall yet we're still working on the timeline and some of these things will move beyond the 5 yr plan. The community RG can be 2-3-4 yr and the Strategic programs are aimed to cover the 5	Other
N81	How do we make sure that people that have been traditionally left out have access to this?	Other
N82	Some of the programs and orgs reach across multiple counties. How does PCEF feel about funding programs outside of the Portland area.	Other
N84	Meals on Wheels, As far as how we reach out to get funding, do we need to focus on one single sector like transportation or can we apply for funding that focuses on both transportation and solar?	Other
N85	Heather Central City Concern Are there caps for larger projects and when they are complex? Sam went over the process and timeline for current grants and how they generally are roughly \$35 mil per year.	Other
N23	Important for PCEF to consider support resource for repair, maintenance, and sustainability of e-bikes	Transportation
N24	Lithium mining for EV batteries- need to think about environmental impacts to tribes. What are the unintended impacts that might be created with the clean energy transportation decarb?	Transportation
N25	Would a project that focuses on serving isolated community members with access to an organization's programming (e.g., community gardens and locally sourced food) fit into a transportation decarb project if they wanted to buy a EV? Yes, as a community responsive grant application	Transportation

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N26	PCEF is focusing on charging stations for low-income neighborhoods but are they thinking about opportunities in business districts in Portland (Powell, Division, etc.) that make it convenient for people to charge?	Transportation
N28	Will TriMet qualify for projects focused on transitioning to EV and for operators? No, while PCEF would love it if TriMet to electrify their vehicles, the community responsive grant is geared towards serving nonprofits	Transportation
N29	Our organization delivers meals to community members in Portland, Gresham, Vancouver, etc. would EV vehicles be a grant application for community responsive grants? Yes, it could be considered in the community responsive grants	Transportation
N30	Can we provide e-bikes to staff who are running programs? Yes, that could be part of the e-bike program	Transportation
N31	Transportation Wallet and e-bikes: are you looking for a large organization that can redistribute the resources to other nonprofits? If so, what is the lower threshold for organizations trying to tap into these programs? Have heard that having orgs redistribute the funds can be a barrier. Thresholds are not determined at this time but we need feedback on what those levels should be. Community members advocated for doing both (working with a larger org who can redistribute the resources but also directly funding orgs)	Transportation
N32	Will PCEF have requirements of Uber and Lyft if the City is providing resources for them?	Transportation
N33	Would multimodal applications be eligible for community responsive grants? Yes	Transportation
N34	Would bike storage and locks be part of the e-bike program? Yes, that can be included in the grant as an eligible expense.	Transportation
N35	Is there funding set aside for reliable and accessible charging? Yes, through community responsive grants.	Transportation
N36	Bike Town has a funding gap and they are expanding territory but not the number of bikes which impacts accessibility to bikes (+1 from another grantee). Grantee has concerns with people not being able to access e-bikes like Bike Town even with this benefit. Equitable Transportation Access is intended to expand the types of transportation options for people, so if people want to access various forms of transit there are options.	Transportation
N37	Question related to phasing-in opportunities and categories since funding is expected to be spent within 5 years: What does the allocation per year look like? Considerations to ramping up with staffing, projects, organizations recognizing what they need, so there will likely be less spending up front and then more spending in the later years. Some of the grants can be multiple years	Transportation

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N38	If an org wants to electrify their fleets, will the charging stations need to be publicly accessible, or will there be considerations to security and locking the stations? We don't know at this time but need to hear more of your thoughts during public comment.	Transportation
N39	Need to lower VMT, go beyond EV cars, but people are not going to choose other modes w/o the infrastructure improvements, street safety, and people will continue dying. What do the partnerships with PBOT, TriMet look like with regards to infrastructure, service increases? Some communities have low TriMet access. Long-time discussion of free transit, but currently proposed fee increase.	Transportation
N40	Request for more description around fleet electrification	Transportation
N41	Where do we draw the line with what infrastructure could be eligible? Answer (needs further definition)	Transportation
N44	Comment to encourage taking learnings from Denver e-bike program. Excited about e-bike plan.	Transportation
N46	Is PCEF identifying locally based bike businesses or BIPOC owned bike businesses? Or will it be ran through the City of government? For the retailers, will it be a RFP process or does the City have those relationships developed? We are envisioning there would be a RFP process for the community responsive grants. For retailers, something similar to what Denver, CO has done with a rebate program where you need to have a physical store location that is selling bikes and giving rebates. Not an online business but we are still determining the qualifications. A potential pitfall would be large-scale retailers that are eyeing this upcoming opportunity- could this be a unintended consequence	Transportation
N47	For workforce development: electric bike retailers, energy bike installers, etc	Transportation
N48	Can this funding incentivize builders, developers, new home buyers to create more options for multimodal forms of transportation? Big land use question that PCEF cannot solve on its own but a good question	Transportation
N78	Ebikes and Scooter – will there be safety training and more bike pathways?	Transportation
N13	What are the requirements for workforce contractors to do the work?	Workforce and contractor development
N14	What about smaller contractors that are just starting out? How can they be helped to meet the requirements? Bigger contractors aren't always hiring smaller contractors just starting out, and when they do, often those contractors leave due to hostile working environments. How will this program incentivize big companies to hire the smaller companies and retain them?	Workforce and contractor development

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N45	Love the emphasis on education. Is any funding earmarked for outreach materials? Such as curriculum development, materials, surveys, educational videos, distribution of educational resources? Yes, the details are not yet determined but it can show up in the transportation wallet program and community responsive grants.	Workforce and contractor development
N83	Can the training happen in Beaverton or Tigard?	Workforce and contractor development

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C115	Is there a reason why begin on 82nd?	82nd Ave
C116	Why 82nd only? What about other streets?	82nd Ave
C055	What kind of small business qualified for this grants?	Access to capital
C075	Does this impact the growth of the current economy? How?	Access to capital
C078	Can there be a formation of BIPOC CDFI fored and or a BIPOC CDFI supported to be formed	Access to capital
C079	How do we provide and ecological infrastrucutre for Moors of African descent as a reparations agenda?	Access to capital
C083	Reparations to people of African Descent through the PCEF programs	Access to capital
C120	Have program director who can actively reach out to industry in columbia south shore to promote loan opportunities to decarbonize fleets	Access to capital
C008	External insulation for building enclosure airtightness	Clean energy
C012	Require land lords to maintain occupied space temp in liveable comfortable rance i.e. 65 - 85 degrees F	Clean energy
C013	Are these funds available for homeowner who are building ADU Housing	Clean energy
C015	Is this realistic? Will landlords participate?	Clean energy
C016	Research and study how rooftop solar can be brought to each tennants utility bill and fund solar for the residents	Clean energy
C035	Why just clean energy? Why are we not aiming for carbon neutral or net zero buildings? Clean energy buildings are not enough.	Clean energy
C036	Are we going to bail out slumlords and invest in their neglected properties?	Clean energy
C037	Reduced utility rates for tenants	Clean energy
C038	How much money does a small business have to make annually to fit in this category?	Clean energy
C039	Using solar panels the electricity will go down and be cheaper	Clean energy
C040	Should reduce	Clean energy
C057	What is the income level for single family low income owner to qualify for this grant?	Clean energy
C060	Can rent stability be more years?	Clean energy
C061	3 year rent stability should be throughout and after construction	Clean energy
C062	Prioritize multifamily homes along Sandy 122nd - 161st that boarder Columbia South Shore Industrail zone, are next to union Pacific Trackas and lie under PDX flight path	Clean energy
C063	Small commercial building to include strip mall and tenant space within NE 141st and Sandy Blvd. Focus on tenants that border industrial zones that may not be represented by non-profits	Clean energy
C064	Small scale neighborhood hubs for solar generated electricity	Clean energy
C065	Get a lobbying organization	Clean energy

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C066	Can this be implimented as a reparations platform	Clean energy
C067	Get international support	Clean energy
C068	Help renters and homeowners get off natural gas (fossil gas). Support appliance upgrades and solar	Clean energy
C069	Walkable 15 min neighborhoods in East Portland Neighborhood Centers for public gathering - build community connection leading to place based resilience facilities	Clean energy
C070	I will said finding after programs for teh communities reduce the energy bills	Clean energy
C071	Having some experiece with round 1 funding, outreach, outreach, outreach! Community orgs need help connecting program \$ to community members and recipients	Clean energy
C072	Can we put pressure on teh vacant lots to use for PCEF sponsored projects	Clean energy
C073	When winter season comes, will renewable work for homes?	Clean energy
C074	Go beyond LEED. More greenspace around buildings, less parking	Clean energy
C011	Who will own the land?	Green infrastructure
C031	Is there land held by the City, Metro, etc that could be used to create these projects? How would a program director access or know where to find this property	Green infrastructure
C032	Is there a way to incentivize tree conservation? Folks do not have accountability when they take trees down.	Green infrastructure
C033	More education for younger kids to learn how they can help protect the planet and things they can do everyday to help	Green infrastructure
C034	Give work to the homeless to get them off the street and keep environment clean	Green infrastructure
C048	Can PCEF provide research and technical assistance to meet these obligations as part of the organizational funding award?	Green infrastructure
C049	What organizations? Need more qualifiers	Green infrastructure
C050	\$4 Million doesn't seem like enough to plan and acquire land	Green infrastructure
C051	50 miles of unimproved streets - part of why it cost \$1 Million / mile of traditional sidewalk construction is b/c expenses in directing stormwater. Lets build sustaible sidewalks on these streets that create aquaducts instead of sending the water to the sewer. But lets not continue to just ignore the issue of unimproved roads. I should be able to walk my kids the .5 miles to school instead of drive.	Green infrastructure
C097	Include tree maintenance fund to make tree planting more feasible	Green infrastructure
C098	Menos tola de arboles para construccion de casas	Green infrastructure
C099	Why are not all community based organizations who are BIPOC people and have a mission to support BIPOC not all getting support	Green infrastructure

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C100	We need trees in heat vulnerable neighborhoods but we cant wait 30 years for maturity. How will PDX Parks build shaded seating esp at transit stops	Green infrastructure
C114	Give me some shade, we need shade plants as well as trees onthe commercial streets of East PDX, let's get landscapers involved in public planting	Green infrastructure
C121	Moorish farms in green infrastructure along with regenerative agriculture should be supported	Green infrastructure
C122	community investment trust and community land trust should be organized to economically benefit the entire BIPOC community	Green infrastructure
C124	Create intergovernmental agreement with ODOT to green Sandy Blvdfrom NE 99th to NE 161st	Green infrastructure
C125	Present bioswales along Sandy Blvd there is no funding for regetnerative planting and care	Green infrastructure
C126	How can there be greater tree canopy along NE Sandy from NE 99th and NE 161st	Green infrastructure
C127	In overburedened argay terrace, how can access to the PP&R natural space next to the cross levee trail be funded/created; across levee trail there is a kayak portage kayak put in location to access hte columbia slough from this point to approximately NE 164th airport way this is able to be paddled yet the hudnreds of people who live along Sandy Blvd have no access! If you look at 2020 census data you will find many people of color and immigrants in these homes	Green infrastructure
C128	Street tree planting of edible trees	Green infrastructure
C003	Remove single family zoning in all of PDX	Other
C006	I understand that there will always be homeless people, why don't we supply them with materials that will help them keep their campsite clean?	Other
C007	How is effectiveness of emission reduction and lasting impact measured and reported?	Other
C009	Does this include people with disabilities or only BIPOC	Other
C010	Is funding being prioritized in specific areas of the City? ie East Portland	Other
C014	Making sure this information reaches the bipoc community when funding comes available	Other
C017	Manufacturerers should use more compostable materials instead of plastic	Other
C019	Who will be the partners in this work?	Other
C041	Yes to all of these!	Other
C044	Provide barrier free communication to publicize financial support programs make people aware of the resources. Make processes easier for application and status update	Other
C053	Is this expected to end after 5 years?	Other
C054	How are you going to mandate the impact? Climate change is a global issue. Will be great to see the impact be measured with this innitiative	Other
C056	Can gov vs non profit be split? Seems unfair that gov can raise taxes but not CBOs	Other
C058	Is there a budget allocated for marketing adn community outreach? Timeline?	Other

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C059	Please support outreach programs to target communities - mailers, info sessions, in person, etc	Other
C076	How will this be tracked? Are there any specific KPIs? What is the realistic target	Other
C081	For the people, educate them about the issues	Other
C084	Help non profits see teh potential in areas of the city that are not traditionally part of the Portland narative.	Other
C085	Involve the Moorish Schience Temple of America 509-406-4853	Other
C091	They should make a strong decision with the homeless, it is a very big problem, but it must be something definitive	Other
C117	Can these decarbonizing projects go to projects within the region outside of Portland (i.e. land back to indigenous people)	Other
C119	Empathetic radical change!	Other
C020	Programs for students that are on the streets to do better	Schools
C077	Can there be a BIPOC operator charter school around regen farming adn PCEF ideals?	Schools
C082	More education about climate crisis in schools and public libraries	Schools
C090	Middle school and elem school technical training programs	Schools
C094	High school techincal training programs	Schools
C118	Involve school districts and REAP Inc	Schools
C123	More greening of school yards and depaving	Schools
C004	Support for bike to school programs similar to the 'Bike Bus'	Transportation
C005	Use federal school bus electrification retrofit funds rather than buying new buses	Transportation
C018	To make electric bikes, scooters, and other vehicles more affordable to the general public	Transportation
C021	For bike infrastructure east of 82nd	Transportation
C022	Focus on getting folks most disconnected from safe bike infra to put their voice on getting street improvements	Transportation
C023	Make e-bikes kid friendly so working moms have access	Transportation
C024	E-bike consider provide financing support or discount for residents in the area regardless of income level as part of encouraging measure	Transportation
C025	E-bike parking spots on street parking with power and weather proof enclosure	Transportation
C027	I suggest more public transportation from Washington to Oregon	Transportation
C028	Shouldn't we first investing in making sure the City (esp east Portland) has the safe bike infrastructure needed for folks to use? We are not solving the problem of being a car centered city we should be fully investing in making the city a bus / bike centered city	Transportation
C029	Who is this benefiting if we don't have the bike infrastructure in east Portland to use a bike?	Transportation

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C030	Would these charging stations be solar?	Transportation
C045	Livable Corridors - Rose quarter to Gorge Trail with affordable market rate housing adjacent to the trail is a lifestyle change by not having a car. PCEF support in allocating some funding for the RQGT would be a major step in clean energy and reducing pollution in the Portland North and NE area. Can PCEF program members contact me about discussing this? Portland City Council approved Sullivans Gulch Trail Concept Plan that is shovel ready for engineering and project management. Brad Perkins 503-317-6455 columbiiahighspeedrail.com perkins@cascadiahighspeedrail.com	Transportation
C046	More money into public transportation	Transportation
C047	Portland has 50 miles of unimproved streets. There is an opportunity here! These streets need sidewalks and bike lanes. I'd like to see sustainable sidewalks so people in my neighborhood (Montavilla) can safely walk instead of drive.	Transportation
C101	Any safety guarantee with the community transportation! I'm concerned about current situation in PDX, not safe!	Transportation
C102	E-bike program for college students and maybe high schoolers	Transportation
C103	E-cargo bikes should be designed to create energy that can be stored along the max train	Transportation
C104	Use geography to guide projects	Transportation
C105	Prioritize traditionally marginalized communities that border industrial zones	Transportation
C106	Prioritize traditionally marginalized communities that have been identified	Transportation
C107	How could e-bike access be created in this area to allow access to industrial jobs	Transportation
C108	the hottest during a heat dome event (PSU prof study of lents)	Transportation
C109	Explore very limited bike infrastructure east of 122nd -- arge, wilks, columbia south shore industrial zone	Transportation
C110	Rose quarter go gorge trail with affordable and market rate housing adjacent to the trail is a lifestyle change by not having to own a car; support in allocating funding to rose quarter trail would be major step in clean energy and reducing pollution in N and NE area; Can PCEF contact me about Sullivan's Gulch Trail concept plan that is shovel ready for engineering and project management (Bird PERkins cascadiahighspeedrail.com perkins@cascadiahighspeedrail.com)	Transportation
C111	More EV stations in E Portland and community EV opportunities for e-bikes and vehicles	Transportation
C112	Focus in better transportation it will help more	Transportation
C113	E-bikes are often heavy, this is a risk for seniors; focus on access to lighter weight bikes for older adults	Transportation
C001	I urge that these workforce and contractor equity agreements take a high road and leveling up approach	Workforce and contractor development

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C002	Important to think in terms of career pathways - not just entry level jobs. Fund pre-apprenticeship and connect with registered apprentice programs	Workforce and contractor development
C042	Does this mean livable wages or pay equity?	Workforce and contractor development
C043	Make sure you are including folks with disability in career exposure and workforce related initiatives	Workforce and contractor development
C052	How can I get involved in or participate in program of PCEF?	Workforce and contractor development
C080	More job opportunities for people with addictions and an opportunity for rehabilitation	Workforce and contractor development
C086	Are there any lobbying groups that exist that have the same ethos as you?	Workforce and contractor development
C087	Involve interfaith collaborations	Workforce and contractor development
C088	Involve the REAP Inc organization	Workforce and contractor development
C089	Involve Co-Op structures to build collective wealth growth to decrease poverty	Workforce and contractor development
C092	Include the older adult population in workforce development	Workforce and contractor development
C093	Supplement income during job training programs and ensure green jobs being promoted actually have livable wages	Workforce and contractor development
C095	Job program for homeless to help on communities so they get some work experience	Workforce and contractor development
C096	more jobs for people in recovery	Workforce and contractor development