



PORTLAND
**CLEAN ENERGY
COMMUNITY BENEFITS
FUND**

CLIMATE-FRIENDLY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Supporting K6-12 public schools in Portland to lower emissions and make our schools more climate resilient.

Our students deserve green spaces, adequate shade, safe transportation, and comfortable classrooms. Our decisions on climate today will impact our youth's future, so they should have a voice in solutions to help mitigate the catastrophic impacts of climate change.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

What are the opportunities?

There are **two** opportunities in this program.

- Student-led initiatives:
 - \$10,000 to fund student-led climate initiatives.
 - \$5,000 to for teacher/district support students.
- Physical improvements:
 - Buildings
 - Transportation
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What are the five categories?

There are five categories:

- Clean energy
- Transportation decarbonization
- Regenerative agriculture and green infrastructure
- Workforce and contractor development
- Capacity building

Where can I learn more?

Visit our website to get more information:

- Read the full Student-Led Initiative Toolkit on our Climate-Friendly Public Schools program page.
- Check out our YouTube channel.
- Read stories about our grantees' work in the community.

portland.gov/bps/cleanenergy



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What must the student-led projects include?

Project must fit the following parameters:

- Must include decision-making process that clearly demonstrates student empowerment and leadership, like through participatory budgeting, student elective class, and student clubs.
- Must demonstrate connection to emissions reduction or sequestration.
- Must demonstrate connection to one of the following categories: clean energy, transportation, regenerative agriculture and green infrastructure, workforce and contractor development, or capacity building.
- Must be implemented within Portland city boundaries.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If I have questions for PCEF, who should I contact?

You should first connect with your school advisor for this project. You may also connect with PCEF staff at PCEFSchools@portlandoregon.gov.

Can students use these funds to pay themselves for work they conduct on their student-led initiative?

Students can't be paid an hourly rate yet stipends for work can be offered.

Do I need permission from my school to do this project?

You will be working with a staff advisor to help negotiate the funding and to approve your project proposal. If you would like to propose a physical improvement, please work with your school facilities team to obtain permission prior to submitting your project proposal.

When do I need to provide my project proposal, and when does my project need to complete?

Project proposals can be submitted every year. The deadline to submit proposals is before the start of the school year, and projects need to be completed before the following school year begins (example: summer 2024 proposal with a summer 2025 completion date). If you submitted a project proposal and need additional time to complete your project, please discuss your timeline with your school staff advisor.

Does the project need to be at my school?

The project must happen within Portland city boundaries. You also will need to have the school project advisor review and approve of the project before you can start.

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