PCEF Grant Committee Meeting

September 4th, 2024, 6:00 – 8:00p.m.

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THE BUREAU OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

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Virtual Participation Check

Guidelines for public participation

- Committee meetings open to the public
- Public invited to comment at around 6:05 p.m.
- There will be a break at 7:00 pm, online participants will see a break screen. There will be no online discussion available during break.

➔ Guidelines applied to virtual/hybrid meeting:

Chatbox: open for introductions and for noting public comment interest. All other times, host-only chats (PCEF Staff).

Raise Hand: used by Committee/presenters only.

Video: on for Committee, presenters and those proving public comment.

Microphone: public members muted.

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Agenda

6:00	Agenda Overview and Introductions
6:05	Public comment
6:25	Meeting minutes approval **(action item)**
6:30	Program updates
6:45	Discuss Collaborating for Climate Action funding opportunity and recommended proposals for advancement **(action item)**
7:00	Break (10 min)
7:10	Discuss Collaborating for Climate Action funding opportunity and recommended proposals for advancement **(action item)**
8:00	Meeting close

Introductions

PCEF Committee members

Public comment

Please indicate your interest in providing public comment by raising your hand or indicate your interest through the zoom chat function.

For those joining the meeting by phone, please enter *9 on your phone to indicate your interest in providing public comment.

Please limit your comments to 2 minutes.

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Meeting minutes (action item)

- February 15, 2024
- February 28, 2024
- March 21, 2024
- May 16, 2024
- June 3, 2024

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Program updates

- RFP #3 at City Council
- Staff recruitment updates
- PCEF Committee recruitment
- CIP implementation milestones
- Update on 2024 City Climate Projects coming to Committee for feedback

Collaborating for Climate Action (action item)

Process and Staff Recommendation

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Overview: Collaborating for Climate Action

- High-impact, multi-stakeholder projects
- Total awards anticipated: ~$158M
- Funding requests must be between $20M - $100M per application.
- Projects must be completed by 2029.
- Two-stage application process, with a letter of interest (LOI) due May 17. Elements of complete LOI were listed as part of intake form.
- Project must result in meaningful reduction or sequestration of GHGs, except for workforce development
- Led by nonprofit organization or government entity with co-applicants, with at least one organization with more than 8 years experience in conducting community engagement in priority populations

Collaborating for Climate Action process

Letters of Intent Submitted

55 Projects
Over $2 Billion in requests

Eligible Projects (staff eligibility review with SME consultation)

32 Proposals, $1.3 Billion

Viability scoring

Scoring Panel (committee + staff)

18 projects scored by panel, top scoring from viability

Staff recommendation: 10 projects , top combined scoring in funding categories

PCEF Committee Recommendation

Invite to Full Application

Application period Sept -> Oct/Nov 2024

Guidance provided during application period

- PCEF staff held information sessions for interested applicants during the LOI open period
- The written guidance provided included that letters of interest would be evaluated on:
  - Viability of proposal.
  - Projected greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) reductions or sequestration.
  - Projected benefits, co-benefits, and beneficiaries, with a focus on benefits to PCEF priority populations.
  - Diversity of coalition and/or strength of public-private collaboration. Proposals demonstrating significant engagement with at least one public partner will be given preference.
  - Community engagement.

Eligibility, viability, and panel scoring

- Eligibility review
  - PCEF staff reviewed proposals and sought input from City subject matter experts (planners, grant managers, etc.)
  - 32 proposals met all minimum criteria for eligibility
- Viability scoring
  - PCEF staff scored viability and advanced proposals scoring at least 60% of total available points for viability
  - 18 proposals advanced to review panel
- Scoring panel
  - Six panel members (3 PCEF Committee members, 3 BPS staff members) scored proposals on coalition strength, community engagement, and project benefits

Staff recommended portfolio development

- Elevates projects that have high viability of project completion by 2029
- Provides a similar approach to Community Responsive Grants – advance top scoring proposals across PCEF funding areas
- Allows for a balance of projects to advance and be considered, not just Clean Energy and Transportation
- Creates opportunity for consideration in climate investment areas that have been under resourced and have high potential impact.

Updated staff recommendation: Top proposals from each PCEF funding category

- **Clean Energy**
  1. Bonneville Environmental Foundation – Empower PDX (Renewable Energy)
  2. Multnomah Educational Service District – City-Wide Schools Investing in Climate Resilience (Energy Efficiency)
  3. Energy Trust of Oregon – Portland Solar for All (Renewable Energy)
  4. Prosper Portland – Broadway Corridor Phase 1 (Energy Efficiency)
- **Transportation Decarbonization**
  1. TriMet – 82nd Avenue Transit Project
  2. Portland Bureau of Transportation – Sidewalks to Schools
  3. Bureau of Fleet and Facilities – Capital & Workforce Development
- **Regenerative Ag / Green Infrastructure**
  1. Community Development Corp (Rockwood CDC) - Foodways Corridor Project
- **Workforce Development**
  1. Worksystems Inc - PDX Clean Energy High Road Training Partnership
- **Other / Innovation**
  1. Bureau of Planning & Sustainability – Clean Industry Community Program

Project Applicant: Bonneville Environmental Foundation

- CO-APPLICANTS or COALITION: Port of Portland, APANO, Unite Oregon
- PRIMARY FUNDING AREA: Clean Energy (Renewable Energy)
- AMOUNT REQUESTED: $47,053,300
- PROJECT SUMMARY: The Empowering PDX project will deploy community solar, solar plus storage, and electric vehicle charging across properties owned by the Port of Portland. The proposed project totals over 11.1MW of solar capacity, 8MWhs of energy storage, and over 230 new EV charging ports. The community solar capacity proposed will be able to serve over 1,200 BIPOC and/or low-income households.

Project Applicant: Multnomah Education Service District

- CO-APPLICANTS or COALITION: School Districts: Centennial, David Douglas, Parkrose, Portland Public Schools, Reynolds School District. Coalition of Communities of Color

- PRIMARY FUNDING AREA: Clean Energy (Energy Efficiency)
- AMOUNT REQUESTED: $100,000,000
- PROJECT SUMMARY: The City-Wide Schools Investing in Climate Resilience project includes facility upgrades at public schools in Portland. Proposed work includes replacing heating and cooling systems with more energy efficient equipment, reducing reliance on fossil fuels, improving building envelopes to improve energy efficiency, and greening schoolyards, with a developed scope of work for each site.

Project Applicant: Energy Trust of Oregon, Inc.

- CO-APPLICANTS or COALITION: APANO, Community Energy Project, Self Enhancement, Inc., Oregon Solar Energy Education Fund, Oregon Department of Energy

- PRIMARY FUNDING AREA: Clean Energy (Renewable Energy)

- AMOUNT REQUESTED: $55,000,000

- PROJECT SUMMARY: The Portland Solar for All Coalition project will make investments in solar generation benefiting low-income households. Leveraging an EPA Solar For All grant led by the ODOE, as well as matching state and ratepayer funds, the project will build rooftop solar and solar+storage projects and community solar projects that provide critical energy, resilience, and financial benefits to low-income Portlanders, while also expanding and diversifying the local solar workforce.

Project Applicant: Prosper Portland

- CO-APPLICANTS or COALITION: Constructing Hope, Oregon Tradeswomen, Related Inc / Melvin Mark, Portland General Electric (PGE), Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT), Portland Housing Bureau (PHB),

- PRIMARY FUNDING AREA: Clean Energy (Energy Efficiency)
- AMOUNT REQUESTED: $54,775,000
- PROJECT SUMMARY: The Broadway Corridor Phase 1 project will make investments in high performance housing including net-zero energy middle-income development (~250 units), affordable housing development (~230 units), green infrastructure on 14-acres currently comprised of asphalt; a cycle track encouraging transportation mode shift, and quality jobs and workforce training.

Project Applicant: Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District (TriMet)

- CO-APPLICANTS or COALITION: The 82nd Ave Coalition (Oregon Walks, APANO, Unite Oregon, Verde), Metro, Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT)

- PRIMARY FUNDING AREA: Transportation Decarbonization
- AMOUNT REQUESTED: $67,000,000
- PROJECT SUMMARY: The 82nd Avenue Transit project will expand equitable, clean, safe transit through investments in Transit Signal Priority (TSP), new station platforms, street trees, sidewalk and curb ramp improvements, additional landscaping and green infrastructure investments that provide cooling in the corridor and direct support for Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to participate in workforce development and job training

Project Applicant: Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT)

- CO-APPLICANTS or COALITION: Oregon Walks, and coalition members including 3 school districts, 9 school PTAs, 7 Neighborhood associations, Portland Assoc. of Teachers, and 11 non-profit CBOs

- PRIMARY FUNDING AREA: Transportation Decarbonization
- AMOUNT REQUESTED: $60,000,000
- PROJECT SUMMARY: The Sidewalks to Schools project will create safe access to schools by constructing critical sidewalk connections near schools. Increasing sidewalk coverage improves pedestrian access and mobility, encouraging people to walk instead of drive. Additionally, this project will create significant opportunities to construct space for street trees in neighborhoods that are most vulnerable to heat events.

Project Applicant: Bureau of Fleet and Facilities

- CO-APPLICANTS or COALITION: Portland Community College and Portland Community College Foundation, Inc.

- PRIMARY FUNDING AREA: Transportation Decarbonization

- AMOUNT REQUESTED: $50,855,534

- PROJECT SUMMARY: The Capital and Workforce Investments project will enable transportation electrification and efficiency improvements at City Fleet operations allowing tailpipe emissions and energy consumption reductions. The proposal will also allow more than 2,000 people to be exposed to fleet green technology and infrastructure operations careers, through direct support for their education, access to HVAC programs for non-native English speakers, and student training in the green fleet and facility fields.

Project Applicant: Community Development Corporation of Oregon (Rockwood CDC)

- CO-APPLICANTS or COALITION: Outgrowing Hunger, Play Grow Learn, Kindness Farm, East County Community Health, Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, Metro

- PRIMARY FUNDING AREA: Regenerative Agriculture
- AMOUNT REQUESTED: $20,000,000
- PROJECT SUMMARY: The Foodways Corridor Project will secure ownership of parcels that are in danger of commercial development in East Portland, restore and maintain these parcels, increase tree canopy and wildlife habitat, create or improve farming plots that reintegrate nature and food, and establish natural parks and inviting spaces for community building and engagement.

Project Applicant: Worksystems, Inc.

- CO-APPLICANTS or COALITION: Coalition of 6 labor unions and their training programs, TriMet, Portland General Electric, Port of Portland, Prosper Portland, 6 energy and industry trade organizations / networks, 15 nonprofit and CBO partners, and 3 educational institutions.

- PRIMARY FUNDING AREA: Workforce Development
- AMOUNT REQUESTED: $ 35,285,000
- PROJECT SUMMARY: The PDX Clean Energy High Road Training Partnership will promote equitable, industry-led workforce development infrastructure though expansion of clean energy career coaching, energy-related training, focused paid work experience and career exploration, and clean energy industry employer engagement and support

Project Applicant: Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

- CO-APPLICANTS or COALITION: Neighbors for Clean Air, PDX Clean Industry Network (Prosper Portland, PSU, Columbia Corridor Association, Worksystems Inc., Energy 350, OSU, OMIC R&D, Center for Sustainable Infrastructure).

- PRIMARY FUNDING AREA: Other
- AMOUNT REQUESTED: $ 24,550,000
- PROJECT SUMMARY: The Clean Industry Community Program will support the analysis and implementation of projects that reduce industrial emissions, air pollution, and waste, while delivering meaningful benefits to communities adjacent to industrial districts and creating pathways for workforce and contractor development.

Draft proposal for the Committee

- **I propose that the PCEF Committee recommend the ten (10) proposals outlined in the staff recommendation to advance to full application stage for the Collaborating for Climate Action funding opportunity.**

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