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City of Portland, Oregon

The Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund (PCEF) was created in 2018 by a successful local ballot measure. It provides a source of funding for projects and programs to meet Portland's Climate Action Plan goals in an equitable manner.

The measure passed with 65 percent of voters in support, making it Oregon's first ever environmental initiative created and led by communities of color. It is anticipated to bring \$44 to \$61 million in new revenue annually for developing living wage jobs, sustainable agriculture, green infrastructure, and residential and commercial renewable and efficiency projects in the Portland area.

Climate change has a disproportionate impact on communities of color and low-income residents of our city. The initiative ensures that Portland's Climate Action Plan is implemented in a way that supports social, economic, and environmental benefits for all Portlanders. PCEF offers a community-led vision, grounded in justice and equity, that builds citywide resilience and opportunity.



2020 Engagement & Awards Timeline*



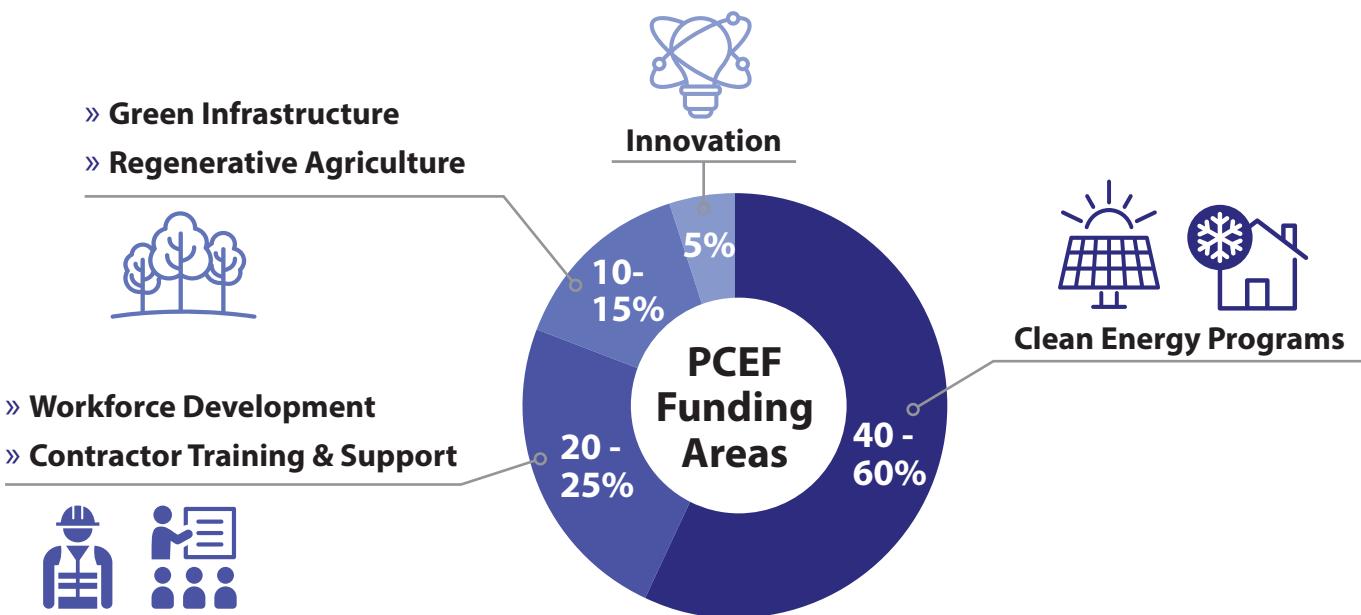
* PLEASE NOTE this timeline may shift as we navigate challenges and public health concerns due to COVID-19. We will communicate changes in a timely manner.

Learn more:

www.portland.gov/BPS/cleanenergy

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Where will the money go?

Revenues will be disbursed as grants to nonprofit entities for programs and projects that meet the requirements and priorities of the ballot measure. Projects should prioritize underserved populations and neighborhoods of communities of color and low-income residents.

The ballot initiative created a framework for flexible funding allocations, with guidance around how to prioritize different goals. PCEF will provide grant funds to projects and programs in the following topic areas:

- Clean energy programs**, including renewable energy and energy efficiency projects serving residential, commercial, and school properties.
- Green workforce development and contractor support**, including job training, apprenticeship programs, and contractor technical assistance with a focus on economically disadvantaged workers and businesses.
- Green infrastructure and sustainable agriculture programs**, with a focus on projects that reduce greenhouse gases, improve water quality, and create a healthier urban environment.
- Innovative programs** that meet climate goals and promote economic, social, and environmental benefits.

Where does the money come from?

The program is funded through a one-percent surcharge on retail sales in Portland of large corporations — those with gross annual sales exceeding \$1 billion nationally and \$500,000 within Portland. Some basic needs and services are excluded, such as qualified groceries, medicines, utilities, and healthcare.

Who is eligible to participate?

The eligible grant applicants are intended to be qualified nonprofit organizations. More details about eligibility will be available and released in the coming months as grant criteria are developed. Applicants are encouraged to partner with other nonprofits, governmental organizations, and for-profit businesses in developing projects and program proposals.

How will it be administered?

A nine-person PCEF committee of experts and community members will recommend which projects get funded and ensure accountability. The committee's funding recommendations will be approved by City Council in a transparent and public process before funds are awarded. The committee will also evaluate and report on the effectiveness of the program. Staffing for PCEF is housed within the City's Bureau of Planning and Sustainability.

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