



City of Missoula, MT

Climate Action

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Overarching Goals:




- Municipal Operations: Carbon Neutral by 2025
- 100% Clean Electricity by 2030
- Zero Waste by 2050
- Community-wide Carbon Neutral by 2050
- Climate Ready Missoula

What are the City's current Climate Action priorities?

- Advancing the City of Missoula's goals by ensuring that Climate Action is considered and operationalized in all city decision-making and policy creation through a Climate Lens.
- Envisioning the path to 100% Clean Electricity given the current barriers and potential roadblocks. How do we achieve our goal with (or without) utility partnership?
- Innovation: Building(s) for the Future, revolving loan funds to support solar and electric vehicle adoption, pilot carbon reduction efforts in development.
- Sharing stories of success through updated website, communications.
- Leading City staff in identification of areas for energy, water, utility conservation, and waste stream reduction, explore policy potential to support efforts (i.e. green purchasing policy, fleet electrification policy, building energy efficiency policy).
- Fleet audits, electric vehicle policy and program development
- Built Environment support: low-income weatherization and energy efficiency
- Zero Waste in city operations and city-sponsored events
- Support for McKinstry Energy Performance Upgrades



Where are
the gaps?

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- Energy Expertise
 - Statewide Leadership
 - Statewide Coalition Building
 - Innovation
 - Resilience

City Council included \$100k capacity building funding in the FY 22 Climate Action budget. We propose using a portion of that funding (\$40k) to hire an FTE Clean Energy Specialist in this fiscal year.

Remaining funding will be used to help further the City's Climate Action priorities. Some potential ideas that have been discussed include:

- Hire out for a carbon neutral water utility road map (since the City didn't own the utility when the city's internal climate action plan was written).
- Work with a communications firm to help share the stories of climate action work that has happened/is happening at the city-level

Funding Recommendation: Energy Conservation Specialist Position

- Develops and manages implementation strategy for the City of Missoula's goal of **100% Clean Electricity** for the Missoula urban area by 2030. Acts as City of Missoula lead in planning and coalition building to advance the clean electricity goal, working closely with Missoula County and other partners.
- Develop projects, programs, and policies to advance utility-scale renewable energy, on-site renewable energy, energy efficiency, electrification, and related initiatives to achieve 100% clean electricity.
- Works to accelerate energy efficiency in buildings through the Building(s) for the Future program in partnership with Climate Smart Missoula, Missoula County, and other partners.
- Collaborates with City Council, department heads, other city agencies, utilities, and community partners to advance clean electricity, energy efficiency, and sustainable building efforts.
- Works to track, analyze and report data and progress on key performance indicators related to the goal of 100% clean electricity and related efforts.
- Support, inform and make recommendations to City policy and plans, including the strategic plan, growth policy, transportation planning, and City code development and updates related to the goal of 100% clean electricity and related efforts.
- Builds partnerships in the public and private sector to create new opportunities for innovation and impact to reach community goals tied to 100% Clean Electricity and the built environment.
- Provides guidance to leadership on the City's stance on state, federal, regional, and utility energy policy, plans and programs.
- Establishes and maintains important working relationships with other communities and sustainability programs throughout Montana, as well as national experts and organizations, to pursue collaborative solutions.
- Conducts community outreach and education on clean energy topics.

Climate Action Specialist Reimagined

- Develops and manages implementation strategy for the City of Missoula's **Municipal Climate Action Plan, Zero by Fifty, and Climate Ready Missoula**, including by providing direction and input on policies and programs relevant to the adopted plans
- Collaborates with City Council, department heads, other city agencies, and community partners to establish internal carbon reduction efforts, zero waste, and resiliency
- Supports elected officials in the meaningful progress towards the implementation of the City's goals through state leadership, coalition building, and engagement
- Advances the City of Missoula's goals by ensuring that Climate Action is considered and operationalized in all city decision-making and policy creation
- Works to track, analyze and report data and progress on key performance indicators related to adopted City policies and plan on climate action goals
- Leads City staff across departments and divisions in the identification of areas for energy, water and utility conservation, waste stream reduction, and cost savings through efficiencies
- Works with Facility and Vehicle Maintenance and other City Departments to coordinate building and fleet audits, retrofits, and policy and program development
- Program budget development and monitoring
- Supervises the Climate Action Coordinator position

Administration and Finance Committee Proposed Amendment:

Transfer \$40,000 to 1000.255.411231.110-141 [payroll costs]
Roll into baseline staffing budget with anticipated FY23 cost of \$78,000
