

**Department:** Nondepartmental      **Program Contact:** John Wasitynski  
**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** One-Time-Only Request, Out of Target

**Executive Summary**

Climate Justice by Design uses a human-centered approach that convenes governments and the communities they serve with the intent to co-design and co-create climate justice strategies. The approach recognizes that frontline communities can be the source of the most innovative multi-benefit solutions, and reflects a shared commitment to equitable processes and outcomes. The goal of this investment is to develop a new climate action community justice framework as a successor to the 2015 Climate Action Plan.

**Program Summary**

In 2015 the Board of County Commissioners adopted the joint Multnomah County and City of Portland Climate Action Plan (CAP), which broke new ground connecting climate action to core County priorities such as racial equity and public health, and was recognized as the “best” climate plan in the world (by C40). The large majority of five year actions identified in the plan have been accomplished or are underway, and emissions have decreased from 1990 levels by 17%. However, emission reductions have plateaued in recent years and are not on track to meet 2030 goals. Since the CAP’s adoption, the racial justice reckoning and growing influence of frontline communities on environmental policy; and the painful community impacts from climate triggered heat waves and smoke events, in addition to stalled emissions reductions, have led to exploration of new climate planning approaches.

The Office of Sustainability responded by launching Climate Justice by Design (CJxD) in 2021, with the goal of creating a “third space” that is co-created and co-convened by government and frontline community organizations. This program offer will support a second iteration of CJxD that will have an expanded scope, and will: 1) Build a “third” space of deep collaboration and co-creation between the County and frontline community based organizations (CBO), with space for additional stakeholders; 2) assess the current state of climate justice efforts underway (government led, community led, joint efforts); 3) identify and prioritize future actions for the County and for County/community collaboration; 4) develop a shared County/community climate justice strategy; 5) develop mechanisms for ongoing transparency, accountability, and partnership. The climate justice strategy will serve as a critical part of the County’s plan for climate action. This program-offer will invest in the capacity of frontline CBO’s to participate, and will prioritize inclusion of voices missing from the first iteration of CJxD, particularly youth and youth of color. There is a high likelihood of leveraged support from foundations given the interest in government-community collaboration to advance climate justice. This program-offer aligns and supports several other County priority actions, including the completion of an Environmental Justice snapshot called for by the Board, the Board adopted racism as a public health emergency (Resolution 2021-017). and the Multnomah County Justice and Equity Agenda.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Hours of community based participation.	N/A	N/A	N/A	270
Outcome	Creation of a new climate action community justice framework.	N/A	N/A	N/A	1

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$50,000</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Explanation of Revenues

This is a one-time-only request for general fund. The Office of Sustainability has already secured, with partners, \$125,000 in foundation funding for the first phase of this work. Partner organizations are poised to leverage this County investment to seek additional foundation funding and further increase CBO capacity to engage in climate planning work.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

Climate planning