



# Office of Sustainability FY 2025 Proposed Budget

Presented to the Board of County Commissioners

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# AGENDA

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- **Equity**
- **Current Success & Highlights**
  - Climate Accountability Lawsuit
  - Climate Funding
  - Climate Justice Plan
  - ARPA Funding
  - Utility Advocacy & Energy
  - Climate Resilience
  - Air Quality
- **FY 2023 State ARP Projects Updates**
- **FY 2024 Budget & One-Time-Only Requests**

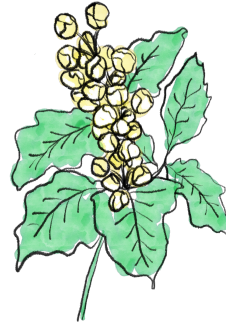
# MISSION, VISION, VALUES

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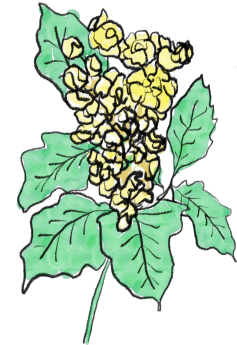
**The Office of Sustainability works to create a just, equitable, livable, resilient, and low carbon community by centering the priorities of frontline communities and advancing sustainability efforts within the County, region, and state.**



**Collaborate with  
community partners**



**Lead and support  
sustainability efforts**



**Work with  
County  
leadership**

# CLIMATE ACCOUNTABILITY LAWSUIT



# CLIMATE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## ● Federal

- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program
- EPA Environmental Justice Grant
- US DOE Weatherization Innovation
- Community Change Grant
- Solar for All
- Elective Pay

## ● State

- Heat Pump
- Resilience Networks & Hubs
- Community Renewable Energy Program

## ● Local

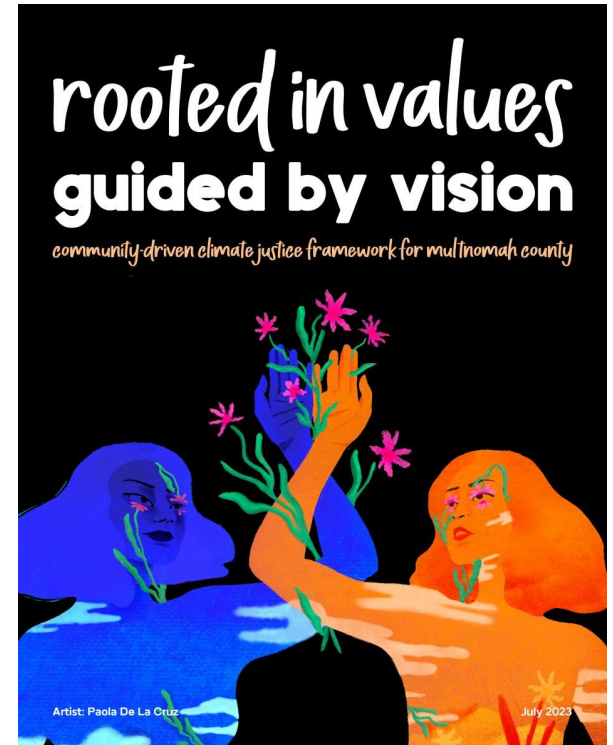
- Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund



# CLIMATE JUSTICE PLAN

## From vision and values to goals and strategies

**Steering Committee:** APANO, Coalition of Communities of Color, Community Energy Project, Multnomah County Youth Commission, NAACP PDX, Neighbors for Clean Air, NW Energy Coalition, Rahab Sisters, Self Enhancement, Inc., Unite Oregon, Verde.



# FY 2024 ARPA FUNDING

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- **\$500,000: Wood Burning Exchange**

- Wood burning to heat pump
- Served 66 households
- Removed 71 wood burning devices
- Removed 26 non-wood inefficient/polluting home heating appliances
- 49% Bipoc & 71% priority 1

- **\$500,000: Electric School Bus**

- Portland Public Schools
- Centennial School District



# UTILITY ADVOCACY AND ENERGY

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- **Fighting energy poverty**
  - Worked to reduce energy poverty through advocacy for better discount programs, community-benefitting energy projects, and accessible rate proceedings that factor energy justice.
- **Advancing energy justice**
  - Advocated for more inclusive processes that value community expertise, and for utility accountability to prioritizing investments that benefit environmental justice communities.
  - Engaged in community power building to increase comfort engaging in energy utility advocacy.





# CLIMATE RESILIENCE



All are welcome    Habrá servicios de interpretación    Free massages, lunch, and pantry food

*east county*  
**LEARN.SHARE.DO.FAIR**  
*Building connections for a more climate resilient community*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 FROM 10AM TO 2PM**

**CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA, 3505 SE 182ND AVE., GRESHAM**



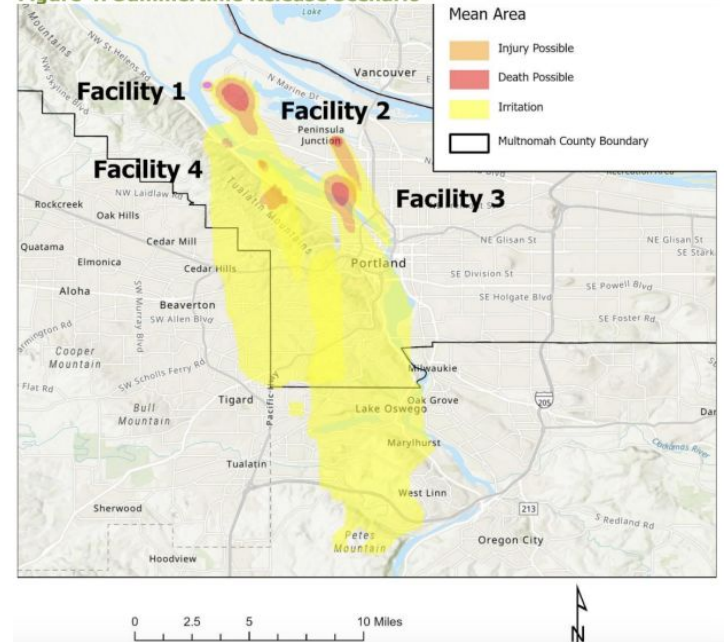
EXHIBITOR TABLES    •    REPAIR CAFE    •    CLOTHING SWAP    •    WORKSHOPS  
HOUSEHOLD SHARPS, MEDICATION & BATTERIES COLLECTION    •    HELMET GIVEAWAY

# AIR QUALITY

- Worked with the City of Portland to support the phase-out of gas powered leaf blowers
- Partnered with Emergency Management and Government Relations to raise awareness about hazardous chemical storage.
- Forged innovative partnership with Blueprint Foundation to develop community based air quality sensor network.

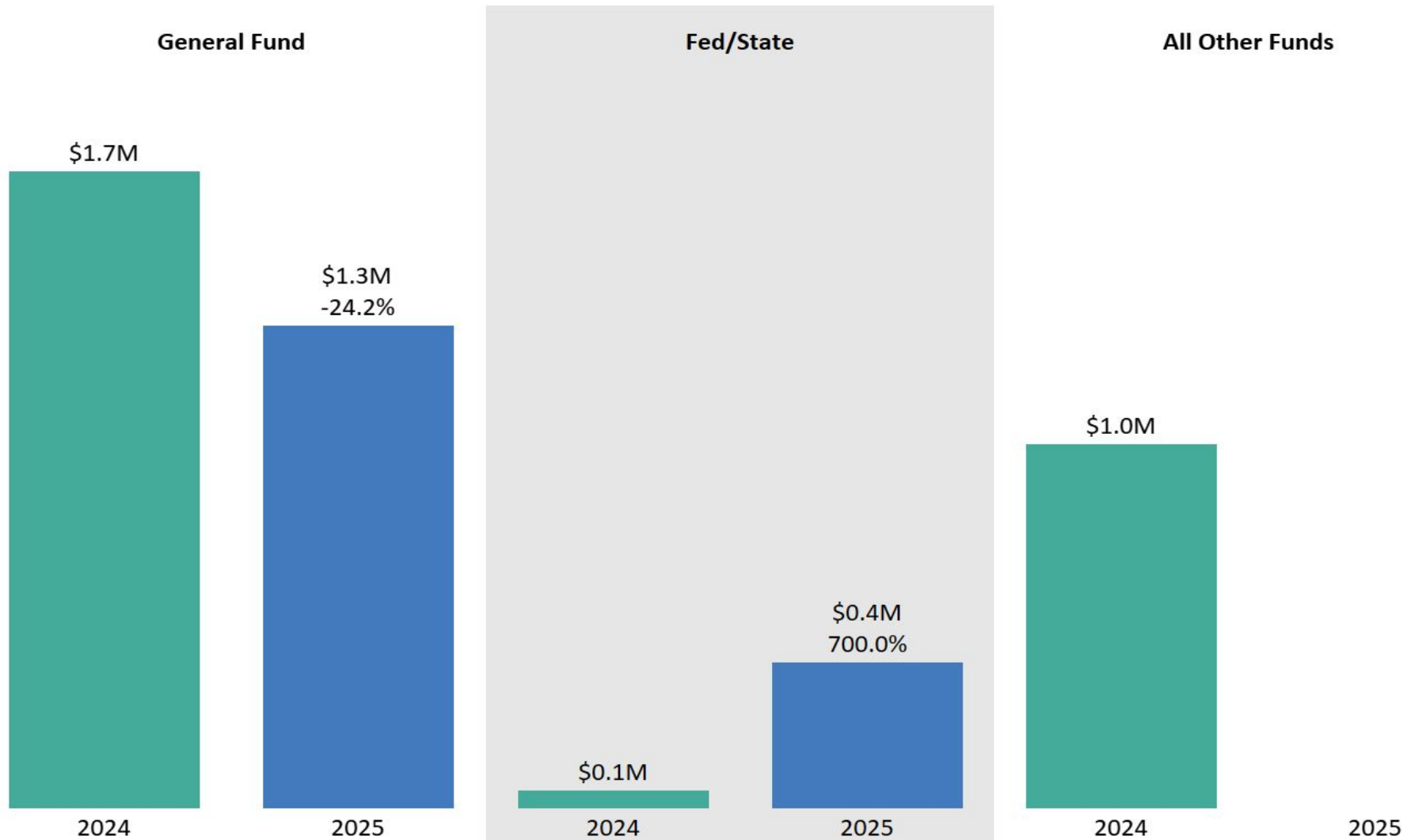


Figure 4: Summertime Release Scenario<sup>11</sup>

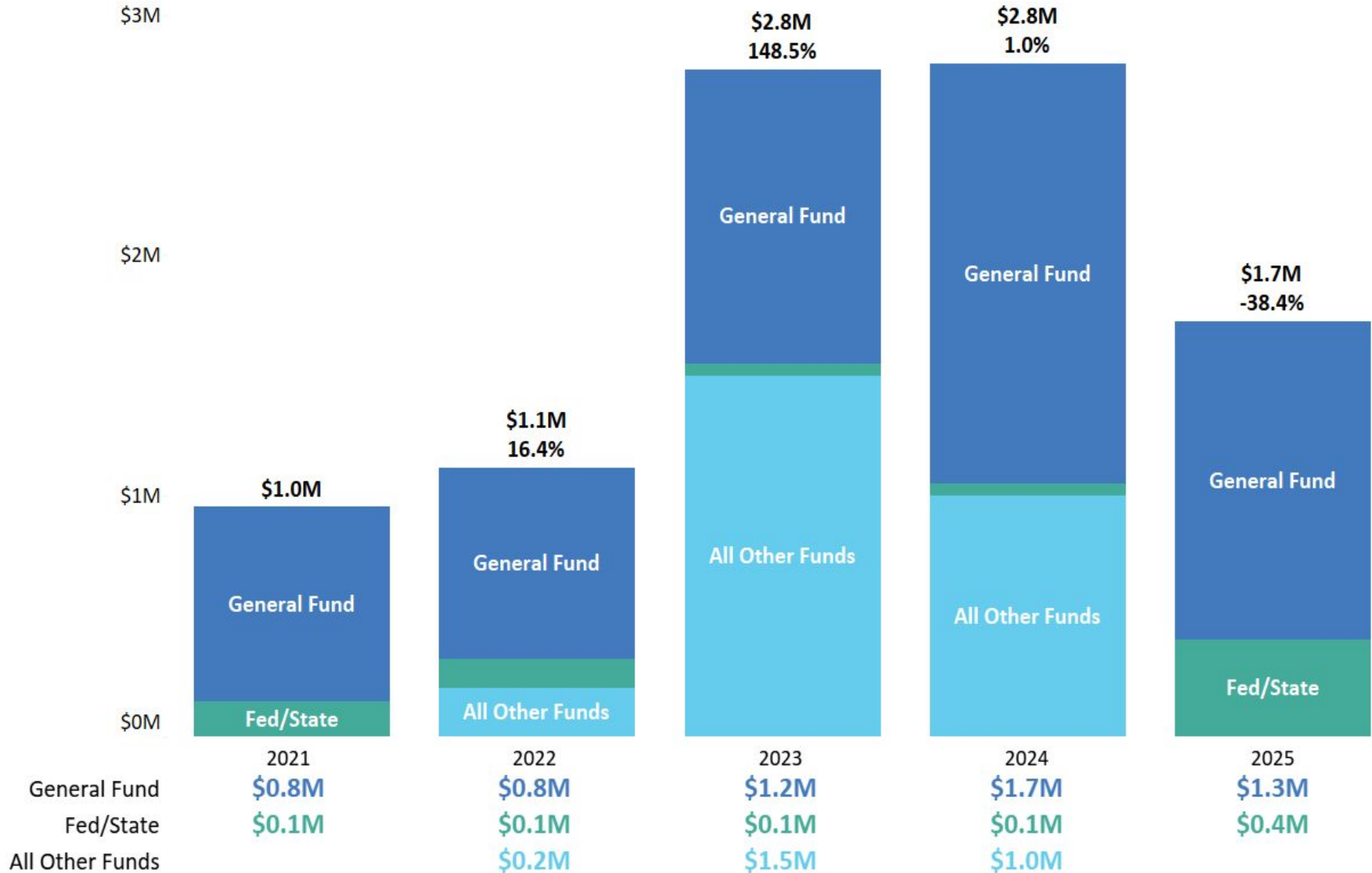


# OPERATING BUDGET BY FUND - \$1,723,924

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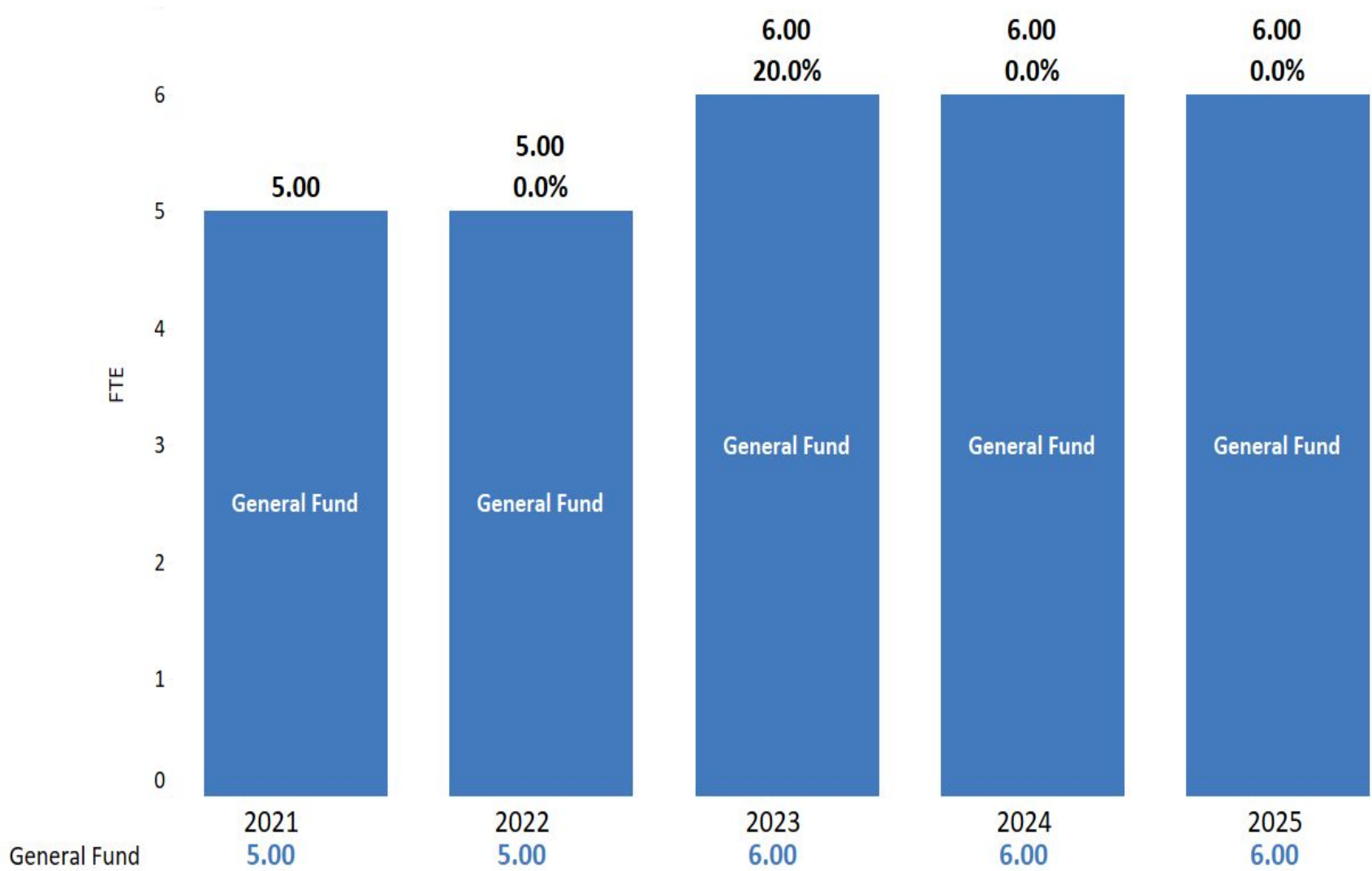


# 5 YEAR TREND OF SIGNIFICANT OPERATING FUNDS



# 5 YEAR TREND - FTE

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# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

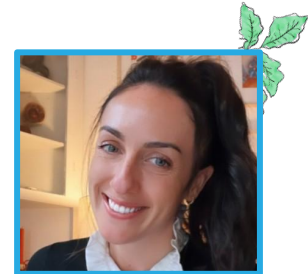
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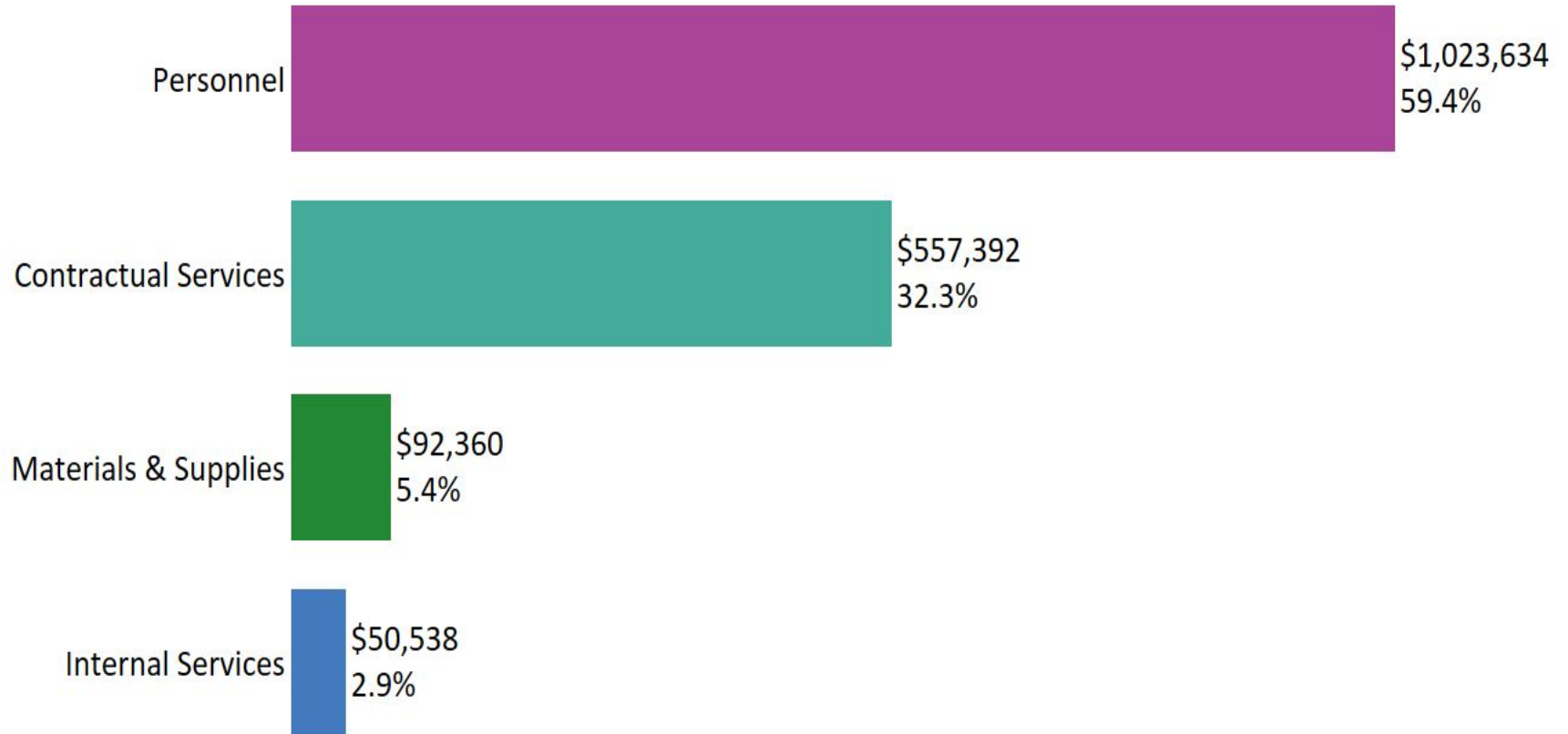


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# OPERATING BUDGET BY CATEGORY - \$1,723,924



	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Personnel	\$0.7M	\$0.7M	\$0.9M	\$1.0M	\$1.0M
Internal Services	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.0M	\$0.1M
Materials & Supplies	\$0.0M	\$0.0M	\$0.2M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M
Contractual Services	\$0.2M	\$0.3M	\$1.6M	\$1.6M	\$0.6M

# NEW, OTO, BACKFILL & RESTORED OFFERS

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Program Number & Name	FY 2025 General Fund	Total	OTO	New
10018B: Food Access Focus (CROPS)	\$200,000	\$200,000	X	X
Total	\$200,000	\$200,000		



# CROPS FARM IMPROVEMENTS

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- Water connection, completed
- Irrigation, completed
- Community Orchard, completed
- Demolition, completed
- Driveway and barn slab, under construction
- Barn, purchased and delivered
- Barn construction, bid accepted
- Electrical, in design review



# QUESTIONS

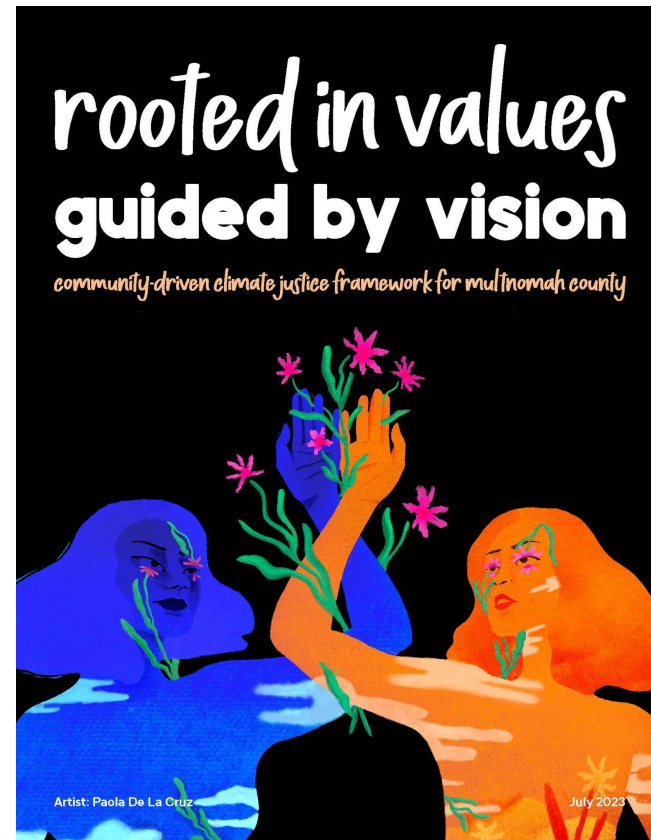
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# APPENDIX - USEFUL LINKS

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- [CY 2023 Office of Sustainability Accomplishments](#)
- [Environmental Justice Zine](#)
- [Climate Justice Framework](#)



# APPENDIX - A NEW APPROACH TO CLIMATE PLANNING

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# APPENDIX - WOOD BURNING EXCHANGE VIDEO

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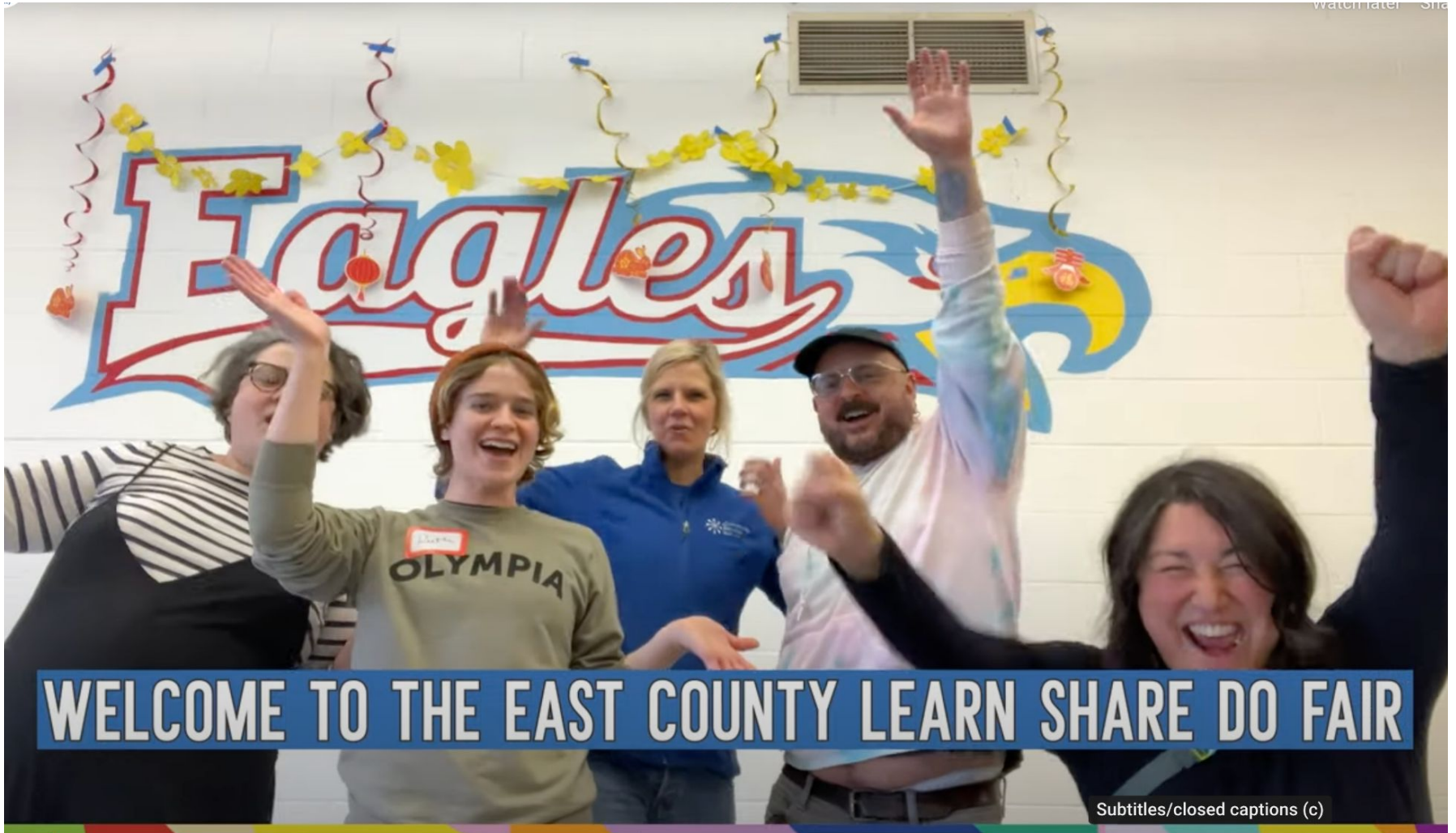


It's absolutely efficient,  
it's clean, it's reliable.

# APPENDIX - LEARN SHARE DO VIDEO

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WELCOME TO THE EAST COUNTY LEARN SHARE DO FAIR

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