

New Request:

100% Clean Electricity Projects – \$100,000

PROGRAM 100% Clean Electricity Initiative

DESCRIPTION /BUDGET ASK \$100,000

This work is dynamic, and funding may go toward a variety of strategies for securing progress toward 100% clean electricity. Projects will include next steps for implementing a decarbonization plan for municipal operations and community-wide energy usage; progress on the renewable rate option program to include activities such as tariff approval by the Public Service Commission and subscriber recruitment; and promotion of incentives for energy efficiency and electrification measures in buildings as well as renewable energy development including tax credits, federal and local rebates, and low-cost financing.

STATUS WITHOUT FUNDING

Progress toward 100% clean electricity stagnates and the City of Missoula is unable to live up to its partnership role in the City of Missoula, Missoula County, City of Bozeman collaborative.

STRATEGIC PLAN CONNECTION(S)

Aligns with the **FY24-FY26 Strategic Plan** items:

1. Decision lens – Climate and Resilience
2. *Community Design and Livability*
 - a. Strategic goal 3: Promote communitywide sustainability and resiliency to reduce negative impacts on the environment and offset the impacts of climate change on our infrastructure, public health, and natural environment.
 - 1a - Work with statewide partners to finalize a Renewable Rate Option structure with Northwestern Energy.

Aligns with strategic goal to promote communitywide sustainability and resilience and the following plans and commitments: The City of Missoula’s Conservation and Climate Action Plan for municipal operations (2013);

Missoula’s Community Climate Smart Action Plan (2015); The City and Growth Policies, both of which include goals to reduce our contribution to climate change while also preparing for its impact in our communities (City Our Missoula Growth Policy 2015);

Our joint City-County Climate Ready Missoula plan (2020), which outlines a collaborative vision of climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies for our communities.

OTHER FUNDING EXPLORED OR LEVERAGED

Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (IIJA-DOE, 2023); Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (IRA-EPA, TBD); Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (IRA-EPA, Implementation grants N/A until 2024); Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (IIJA-EPA, Applications open summer 2023); Energy Storage Demonstration and Pilot Grant Program (IIJA-DOE, expected 2023); Buildings Upgrade Prize (DOE, Expected summer 2023)

PROJECT READINESS Ready to implement program work if funded and execute contracts and contract amendments as soon as Winter 2023.