Organizations of color, environmental groups, health advocates, faith institutions, and other partners have organized to put the Portland Clean Energy initiative on the November 2018 ballot in the City of Portland. The initiative will generate roughly $30 million annually through a 1% revenue surcharge on retail corporations with over a billion in national sales plus over $500,000 in local sales. The Initiative directs its resources to Portlanners who are on the frontlines of climate change but have been excluded from the emerging low-carbon economy: low-income people and people of color.

**Grant Committee**

- 9 members, City of Portland residents.
- Shall reflect the racial, ethnic and economic diversity of the City.
- Shall have demonstrated commitment to furthering the Climate Action Plan and empowering historically disadvantaged groups.
- Designs grant program and makes funding recommendations.
- Adopts a workforce and contractor equity plan to ensure that the work is being performed by historically disadvantaged groups.

**Grant Program**

- Nonprofits, alone or in partnership with other nonprofit entities, government entities or for-profit businesses, can apply for grants.
- At least 20% of all Fund grants “shall be awarded to nonprofit organizations with a mission and track record of programs that benefit economically disadvantaged community members.”
- Recipients of Fund grants must agree to the Workforce and Contractor Equity Agreement developed by the Committee.
- Workers on funded projects must earn no less than 180% of minimum wage. After July 1, 2018, 180% of minimum wage will be equal to $21.60 per hour.

**1% Surcharge on Covered Entities**

- Large retailers pay a surcharge of 1% on gross revenues from retail sales in Portland.
- City of Portland Revenue Division collects surcharge.
- Revenues raised are deposited in a separate fund designated as the “Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund.”
- The Fund supports a new Grant Program, designed and managed by a Grant Committee.

**Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Programs/ 40%-60% of total Fund**

- At least half of the grants in this category should specifically benefit low-income people and people of color.

**Job Training, Apprenticeships & Contractor Support/20%-25% of total Fund**

- Intended to support economically disadvantaged and traditionally underrepresented workers.

**Regenerative Agriculture & Green Infrastructure/10%-15% of total Fund**

- Promote the broader adoption of such practices, with a particular focus on low-income communities and communities of color.

**Future Innovation/5% of total Fund**

- Provides flexibility to fund a project that does not directly fall under one of the other categories, but which furthers the goals of the measure under the discretion of the Grant Committee.