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# Milwaukie Community Climate Action Plan

## Climate Fund

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# Overview of prior discussion and direction



## Oct 2018 – CAP Adoption

- 53+ city led actions including programs, education, incentives

## Jan 2020 – Climate Emergency Declaration

- Accelerates goals, clarifies reporting timeline, re-establishes community education/outreach

## Sept 2021 – Climate goal adoption for 2021/2022

- Prior discussions focus on funding of climate initiatives

## July 2022 – Staff and consultants present climate funding model options

- Council shows preference for GHG emission fee option

## Sept 2022 – Staff and consultants present updated funding structure with potential funding goals and deliverables

- Council shows preference for \$500k option with programs providing economic incentives

# Overview of selected fund and opportunities



## Fund Structure

Climate fee based on SSMP fund structure

- SSMP categories consolidated into GHG categories
- Industrial, services, retail, SFR, MFR

Each GHG category assigned proportion of fund responsibility based on emission profile of land use

- Industrial: 51.00%
- Services: 6.00%
- Retail: 1.00%
- Multifamily: 10.65%
- Residential: 31.35%

Category's cost split amongst billing units in each category

Monthly Fee by Residential Type <i>(Per dwelling unit):</i>	Monthly Fee by Business Type: <i>(Per SSMP billing unit):</i>
Single-family Residential: \$2.13	Services Category: \$0.40
Multi-family Residential: \$1.60	Retail Category: \$0.21
	Industrial Category: \$4.99

## CAP Programming Areas

- Building Energy and Efficiency
- Transportation
- Vehicles and Fuels
- Natural Resources\*
- Public Health and Preparedness

## Programming Opportunities

- Education
  - Ex. Fuels and emissions, public health impacts
- Outreach and awareness
  - Ex. State/federal incentives, regional programming
- City incentives
  - Ex. Rebates, gap cost coverage
- City staff assistance
  - Ex. Workplace policies, local group action

# Climate Fund Programming Survey



- Climate fund engage page – 616 unique visitors
- Community survey
  - 187 online responses, 3 paper surveys
- Business survey
  - 19 online responses
  - 14 business responses on community survey
- Survey framed to answer question ‘what programs do Milwaukians use, and what programs do they want?’
  - Engage page outlines fee structure, proposed cost, and how/what type of programs would be created
  - Helps to answer questions:
    - Is the fund balance selected appropriate for community interest?
    - Have existing programs been utilized by residents?
    - What barriers to participation can be addressed by programming?

## Climate Fund

The city is exploring new ways to financially support existing and future climate and urban forest programs in Milwaukee by creating a new climate fee for businesses and residents to support a larger community climate fund. Help direct how the fund is used by taking the online survey below from Oct. 24 to Nov. 6!

### WHAT IS A CLIMATE FUND AND WHY IS IT NEEDED?

The Milwaukee community adopted strong greenhouse gas emission reduction goals and canopy expansion goals to combat climate change and promote community livability. In the last five years, Milwaukee has become a leader in small-community climate action and awarded in urban forestry. Looking forward, the climate and urban forest programs at the city needs dedicated funding to maintain existing work and progress further towards the adopted emission reduction and canopy goals. A climate fund, supported through a new climate fee, could establish a consistent resource for climate action moving forward and support these programs and work.

City Council is exploring a climate fund goal of \$500,000 to pay for existing services and give a slight boost to the programs to explore new opportunities and incentives for the community. The new climate fund would be paid by business and residential utility customers, and a fee would appear on a customer's monthly utility bill.

### HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST?

Contributions to the fund are scaled for each customer type to reflect the greatest sources of carbon emissions in the city rather than property taxes. A utility customer's monthly fee would be calculated considering their customer type (according to the Street Surface Maintenance Program) and reported number of billing units or dwelling units for residential properties. In the proposed fee structure, a single-family residential property owner would pay \$2.13 per month and a multifamily unit property owner would pay \$1.60 a month per unit. The proposed billing unit fees are:

Monthly Fee by Residential Type (Per dwelling unit)	Monthly Fee by Business Type: (Per \$500P billing unit)
Single-family Residential: \$2.13	Services Category: \$0.40
Multi-family Residential: \$1.60	Retail Category: \$0.21
	Industrial Category: \$4.99

Customers participating in the utility billing assistance program would not pay a fee. [Click here](#) to learn more about utility billing assistance.

### WHAT COULD THIS FEE PAY FOR?

The climate fund would support both existing and future climate work with City Council and community direction:



Each of the above city-led actions and programming would have a positive impact on Milwaukee's community carbon emissions. Program continuation and development would be directed by council and community feedback.

### SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK ON CLIMATE FUND PRIORITIES BY TAKING THE SURVEY BELOW!

The survey will help guide staff and council in prioritizing programs and offerings that provide the most community benefits.

Milwaukee City Council asked staff to explore what programs would be of the most interest to community members. Programs could include educational and outreach efforts like sustainability events and fairs, financial incentives like rebates, grants or scholarships for energy efficiency upgrades and repairs, community partnerships with non-profits for services and offerings, and other programs that offer economic, environmental, and livability benefits.

The survey will be open from Oct. 24 to Nov. 6.

Physical copies will be made available at the below city buildings:

City Hall - 10722 SE Main St Milwaukee, OR 57222  
 Ledding Library - 10660 SE 21st Ave St, Milwaukee, OR 57222  
 Public Safety Building - 3200 SE Harrison St, Milwaukee, OR 57222  
 Johnson Creek Facility - 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd, Milwaukee, OR 57206

CLOSED: This survey has concluded.

## Community Climate Fund Survey

A community-focused survey to receive feedback on community priorities and interests on climate related programs in Milwaukee!

This survey is for all community members, including those who live in Milwaukee, work at or for a Milwaukee business, or anyone who would like to provide feedback on climate programming in Milwaukee.

[COMPLETE FORM](#)

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## Business Climate Fund Survey

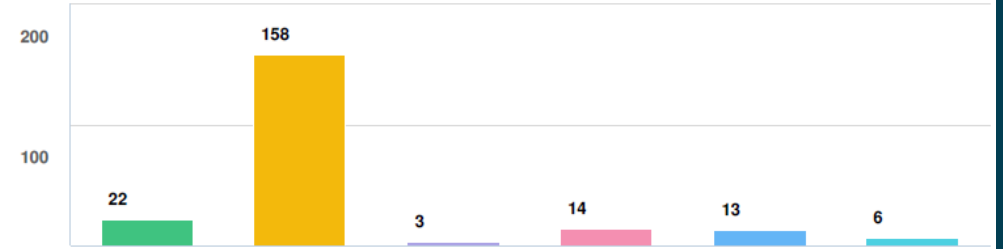
A business-focused survey to receive feedback on small business, commercial and industrial community priorities and interests on climate related programs in Milwaukee

Employees and residents are encouraged to take the community climate survey as well!

[COMPLETE FORM](#)



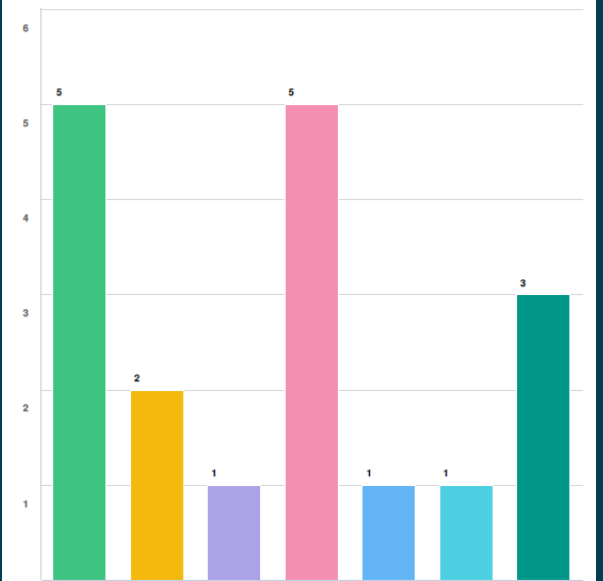
## Q1 What is your relationship with the Milwaukee community? Check all that apply:



### Question options

- I am a Milwaukee resident and rent my home/residence
- I am a Milwaukee resident and own my home/residence
- I am not a Milwaukee resident but partake in Milwaukee programs, events, and community activities
- I am an employee of a business located in Milwaukee
- I am a representative of, or an owner of a business located in Milwaukee
- I represent an organization or community group that performs advocacy in Milwaukee

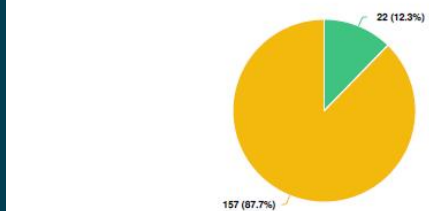
## Q3 Do you participate in any of the below programs? Check all that apply.



### Question options

- Energy bill assistance through the electric or gas utility
- Milwaukee's utility assistance program for water/sewer/stormwater bill assistance
- Housing assistance programs
- Food Bank or food scarcity assistance programs
- Weatherization or home upgrade assistance programs
- Transportation assistance programs
- Other programs (optional). Feel free to share with us the most helpful programs

## Q2 Do you self identify as a low income community member?



### Question options

- Yes
- No

**Q7** The city is looking to refine existing programs to provide the community the most helpful resources that also have emission reduction benefits. Of the potential programs listed below, what do you think would be the most helpful for all community me...

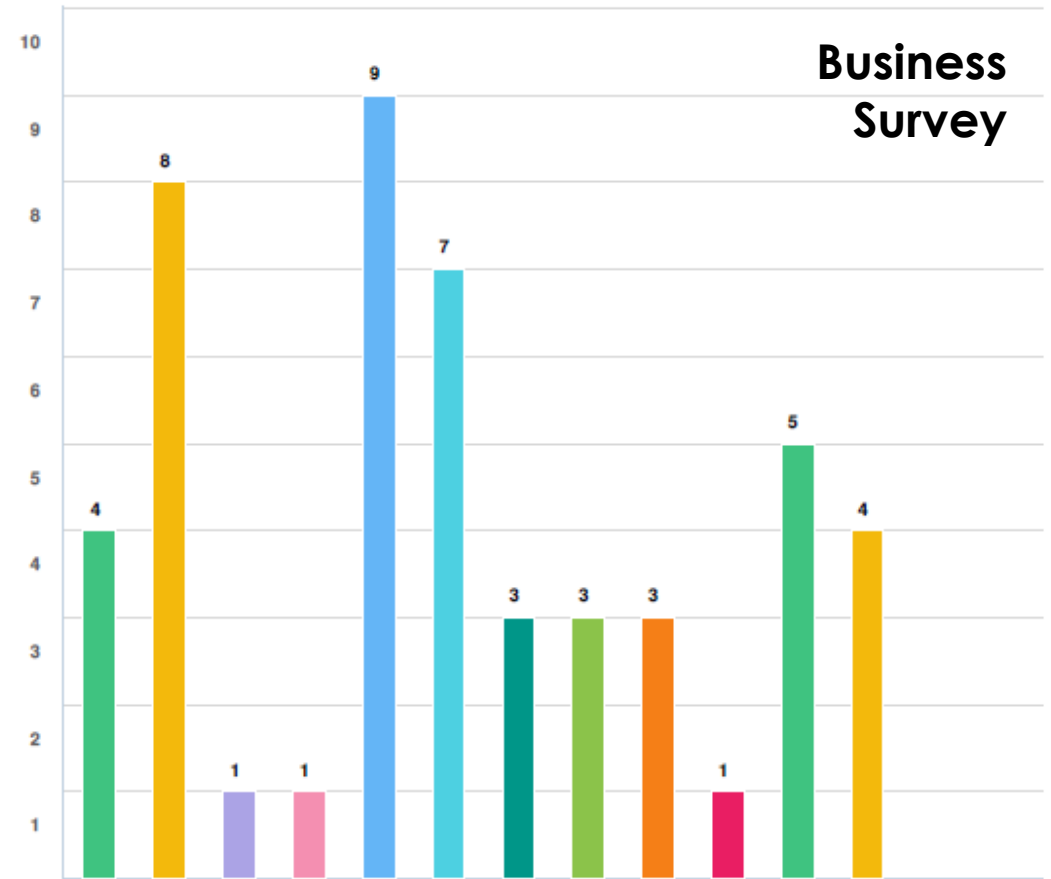


**Question options**

- Definitely disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Definitely agree

## Community Survey

**Q9** From the climate related projects and initiatives listed below, where would your business appreciate assistance (staff assistance, incentives, process/application guidance, etc.) from the city?



**Question options**

- Electric Vehicle (EV) fleet conversions or purchases
- EV charging infrastructure installation
- Intentional expansion of tree canopy on facility sites
- Workplace green teams or sustainability related policies
- Renewable energy installation on your facility (eg. rooftop solar)
- Participation in utility or Energy Trust of Oregon programming for energy efficiency, building upgrades or energy shifting
- Participation in renewable energy programs through your utility
- Workplace commuting and alternative transportation promotion and infrastructure installation (eg. bike racks, commuting policies)
- Floodplain and surface water management site improvements
- Wildfire related site improvements or policies
- Extreme heat and air quality related policies or site improvements
- Other (please specify)
- Greenhouse Gas Inventories for operations
- Renewable diesel or renewable methane gas purchases for operations

# New Code Elements



- Applicable project overview - adopted CAP strategies/actions
- Fee reduction process
  - Establish application and appeal process
  - Reductions for customers with qualified infrastructure improvements
- Category adjustment process
  - Application and appeal process
  - Adjustment of assigned GHG category
- Stormwater code
  - Clarifies funding responsibility for public natural resource projects
  - Nature based infrastructure definition
  - Climate fund closes gap for private natural resource projects

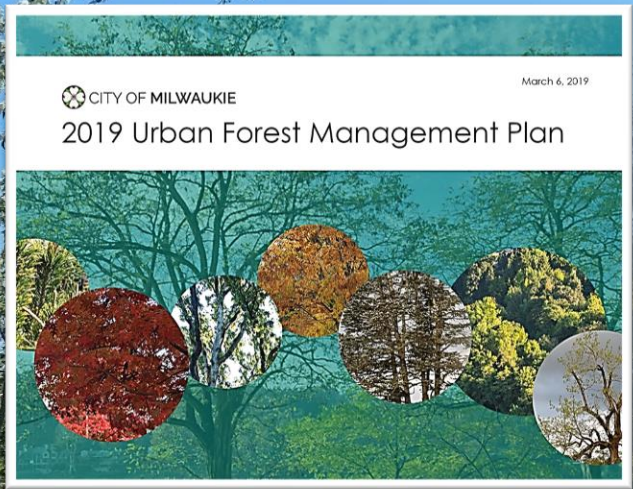
Interested in learning more?

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Thank you!

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