

**Department New Request Form
Fiscal Year 2024**

Program	CPDI	Title of New Request:	Rank:	8
Department	Community Development			
Request Category	New	100% Clean Electricity Implementation Projects and Renewable Rate Option		
Request Rating	Request/Service/Feature			
Department Goal	Leverage			
	Community Design & Livability 3.a.Work with statewide partners to finalize a Renewable Rate Option Structure with Northwestern Energy			

1. How will request assist in achieving Department Goal and benefit the customer

The City of Missoula established an ambitious goal when it adopted the 100% Clean Electricity Resolution in 2019. The Resolution is jointly adopted by the City Council and Board of County Commissioners and establishes the goal of powering our community by 100% clean electricity by 2030, along with an interim goal of 80% clean electricity by 2025.

This work is dynamic and requires significant adaptation throughout the year. Funding for FY2024 would be targeted at 3 key strategies: 1) Continuing to push the Renewable Rate Option forward with our partners and Northwestern Energy, including work to seek approval by the Public Service Commission and subscriber recruitment, 2) Initiating phase 2 of the Renewable Energy Feasibility project with McKinstry to implement decarbonization of municipal operations and community-wide energy usage, and 3) 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.

This request directly supports implementation of Strategic Plan Community Design & Livability Goal 3: Promote communitywide sustainability and resiliency to reduce

2. What specifically is needed to achieve this goal?

Funding to support contracted services, coalition and partnership projects, and promotional materials and campaigns.

3. Cost Impact of New Program:

Account #	Item	Qty	Unit Cost	Requested One-Time	Requested Ongoing	FY 2024 Unfunded	FY 2024 Funded	Proposed FY 2025 Ongoing
Ongoing Expenses								
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One-time Expenses								
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Expense Sub-Total				100,000	—	100,000	—	—

Revenue Offset:

Account #	Revenue Description			Proposed One-time Revenue	Proposed Ongoing Revenue
1000.250.411231.350	F	FY23 One-time Budget Carryforward for 100% Clean Electricity Request			
1000	T	Tax Funded Revenue		100,000	
Revenue Sub-Total				100,000	—

4. What sort of data will be used to report results and outcomes of request?

As the goals that will be supported by this funding are long-term and very multi-layered, the metrics of success include having identified solutions, and building momentum towards those solutions. We work with community partners such as Missoula County and Bozeman (who contribute significant funding for these efforts in tandem with the City), as well as local organizations to share and collaborate based on the findings that result from this funding.

Requested/Proposed Funding Source

	One-time	Ongoing
Tax or Assessment	100,000	—
Non-tax	—	—
Fund Balance	—	—
Total	100,000	—

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.