

Investing in Climate Action



The Climate Commitment Act (CCA) is a landmark bill that caps climate pollution, makes polluters pay for their emissions, and is forecasted to generate nearly \$1 billion per year in the early years to invest in a wide array of climate solutions in our local communities.

In 2023, the Washington Legislature has a generational opportunity to invest in climate action and to do so in a way that upholds tribal sovereignty and prioritizes overburdened communities. With the growing threat of climate impacts, it is critical that the Legislature invest these dollars strategically and with verifiable benefits for reducing pollution and improving outcomes in communities. **To accomplish this, the Legislature must:**

1. USE CCA FUNDS FOR THEIR INTENDED PURPOSE. We must use CCA funds as intended – to support meaningful climate action and community resilience to climate change. If the Legislature were to use these dollars to instead supplant work historically supported by the General Fund or to spend on activities outside the core purpose of the CCA, it would be a disservice to Washingtonians. We have a generational opportunity to invest in climate action – let's not leave it on the table.

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2. PRIORITIZE INVESTMENTS THAT REDUCE CLIMATE POLLUTION.

Our state has adopted among the strongest greenhouse gas reduction mandates in the country in line with climate science. CCA funding provides a mechanism to reduce pollution over time and transition to clean energy. It is essential that CCA dollars go toward verifiable, equitable, and effective activities and projects that reduce greenhouse gas and co-pollutant emissions through programs that incentivize zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles, electrify and weatherize our homes and buildings, and decarbonize industry. These dollars must also support carbon sequestration and climate resilience through strengthening natural climate solutions.

3. UPHOLD TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY. Tribal nations are grappling with the impacts of climate change on Tribal lands and treaty rights. The CCA directs at least 10% of total investments to programs, activities, or projects supported by federally recognized Tribes. The CCA also directs at least \$50 million to support Tribes in managing climate impacts, including relocation.

4. ELEVATE OVERBURDENED COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. Health disparities and environmental harm in overburdened communities are symptoms of disproportionate location of polluting infrastructure and facilities, racist housing and zoning policies, long-term disinvestment, and a systemic failure to improve public health and quality of life. The CCA requires investment in communities disproportionately impacted by pollution and climate change, including a minimum of 35% and a goal of 40% of total investments that provide direct and meaningful benefits to vulnerable populations in overburdened communities.

Specific Investments

Operating Budget

CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION

- Zero-Emission Medium and Heavy-Duty Trucks Point Of Sale Voucher Program (Ecology or Commerce) \$130,000,000
- Port Drayage Truck Pilot and Medium and Heavy-Duty Truck Vehicle Demonstration Projects (Commerce) \$40,000,000
- Gas To Electric Cooking Conversions for Small Businesses (Commerce) \$4,300,000
- Clean Energy Fund (Commerce) \$55,000,000
- Energy Audit Funding For Public Buildings (Commerce) \$20,592,000
- Climate Corps/Workforce (OFM) \$5,900,000

NATURAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

- Natural And Working Lands Carbon Sequestration Strategy (Ecology, DNR) \$3,200,000
- Habitat Restoration And Commercial Thinning (DNR) \$10,000,000
- Climate Capacity (WDFW) \$4,446,000
- Climate Resilience (Ecology, DNR, WDFW, Other Agencies) \$2,400,000
- Urban Forests (DNR) \$10,000,000

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

- Air Quality Rulemakings (Ecology) \$2,479,000
- Utility Bill Assistance And Heat Pumps (Commerce) \$50,000,000
- Tribal Capacity Grants (Ecology) \$16,472,000
- Tribal Engagement For Clean Energy Projects (GOIA) \$508,000; (DAHP) \$762,000
- Tribal Capacity And Green Energy Programs (EFSEC) \$757,000
- Tribal Energy Development Grants (Via Clean Energy Fund) (Commerce) \$25,000,000
- Climate Impacts And Workplace Health And Safety (Dept. Of Health) \$10,000,000
- HEAL Act And Community Participation Grants (Dept. Of Health) \$4,389,000
- Air Quality Monitors (Ecology) \$10,000,000

Capital Budget

CLEAN ENERGY SOLUTIONS

- Weatherization Plus Health (Commerce) \$46,000,000
- Energy Retrofits And Solar Power For Public Buildings (Commerce) \$50,000,000
- State Agency Clean Building Projects (Multiple Agencies) \$93,000,000
- High Efficiency Electric Home And Small Commercial Businesses Rebate (Commerce) \$200,000,000 (CCA Funds); \$83,000,000 (IRA Funds)
- Industrial Decarbonization Program (Ecology or Commerce) \$50,000,000
- Medium and Heavy-Duty Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (Ecology or Commerce) \$80,000,000
- Clean Energy Fund (Commerce) \$85,000,000
- Landfill Methane Capture (Ecology) \$15,000,000

NATURAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

- State Owned Lands And Carbon Sequestration (DNR) \$80,000,000
- Carbon Sequestration Demonstration Projects For Private, Tribal, And Local Government Forest Landowners (DNR Or RCO) \$10,000,000
- Carbon Storage And Sequestration Rapid Response Land Acquisition Fund (RCO, DNR, WDFW) \$15,000,000
- Agricultural Land Carbon Storage And Sequestration Projects (Dept. Of Ag and SCC) \$10,000,000
- Shrub Steppe Avoided Conversion Projects (RCO) \$5,000,000
- Forest Riparian Easement Program (DNR) \$10,000,000
- Avoided Conversion Rapid Response (DNR) \$12,000,000

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

- Reduce Air Pollution in Overburdened Communities (Ecology) \$11,400,000
- Reduce Health Disparities in Overburdened Communities through Community Participatory Budgeting & Grants (DOH) \$38,600,000
- Tribal Climate Adaptation Pass Through Grants (Commerce) \$50,000,000