

# Invest in Climate Action



In the November 2024 general election, 62% of voters — a clear super majority — upheld the Climate Commitment Act (CCA). The law reduces dangerous climate pollution, supports communities most impacted by climate change, and invests in clean air, public health, job creation, and transportation. As the state faces a large funding shortfall, the Environmental Priorities Coalition’s Invest in Climate Action priority seeks to uphold the people’s will: using climate funds for their intended purpose.

At a high level, smart CCA budgeting requires:

- **Maintaining Base Environmental Funding:** Natural Resource agencies make up about 1.6% of General Fund-State spending and between 17%-22% of overall general obligation bond capacity. Staying within these margins is important to long-term reliability for environmental spending.
- **Using CCA Funds For Climate Change Solutions:** The CCA’s purposes are to reduce dangerous climate pollution, prioritize frontline communities for investments, and improve resilience to climate impacts. The funding items outlined below reflect extensive research on the best return on investments to accomplish these purposes.
- **Balancing CCA Funding Across All Accounts:** The CCA allocates funding for clean transportation projects first before providing funding to accounts for clean energy, natural climate solutions, and air quality in frontline communities. Transportation investments were detailed in Move Ahead WA. If additional transfers are made to cover projects under Move Ahead or other transportation expenses, fewer dollars are available for climate solution investments across all sectors and in communities.
- **Prioritizing Frontline Communities:** The CCA budget recommendations from the Environmental Justice Council include specific investments to reduce pollution, address unintended impacts of new investments, and further the goals of the CCA.

## Specific Funding Investments

### Operating Budget

#### Clean Energy

Item	Agency	Amount
Instant EV Rebates	Commerce	\$105,000,000

#### Impacted Communities

Item	Agency	Amount
Tribal Capacity Grants	Ecology	\$24,536,000
Clean Energy ATNI R-Step	Commerce	\$3,600,000
Air Quality in Overburdened Communities	Ecology	\$2,468,000

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## Capital Budget

### Clean Energy

Item	Agency	Amount
Weatherization Plus Health	Commerce	\$36,000,000
Clean Buildings Performance Grants	Commerce	\$25,000,000
Energy Retrofits For Public Buildings	Commerce	\$22,500,000
Clean Building Technical Assistance	Commerce	\$3,946,000
Multifamily Efficiency Grants	Commerce	\$54,000,000
Clean Energy Fund	Commerce	\$55,000,000
Community EV Charging	Commerce	\$165,000,000
Classroom Indoor Air Quality	OSPI	\$25,000,000
Home and Business Electrification Rebate	Commerce	\$130,000,000

### Natural Climate Solutions

Item	Agency	Amount
Carbon Sequestration and Forestry	DNR	\$44,000,000
Working Forest Conservation Easement for Carbon Sequestration	RCO	\$8,000,000
Prescribed Fire Claims Fund	ORM	\$10,000,000

### Impacted Communities

Item	Agency	Amount
Tribal Adaptation Pass Through Grants	Commerce	\$50,000,000
Participatory Budgeting	OFM	\$8,300,000

## Transportation Budget

Item	Agency	Amount
Zero Emissions Medium and Heavy Duty Trucks Voucher Program	WSDOT	\$200,000,000
Zero Emissions School Buses	ECY	\$20,000,000
Connecting Communities Grant	WSDOT	\$25,000,000

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