



COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Council
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SUBJECT:	2025 City-Led Projects Recommended for Climate Change Reserve Funding
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City-wide
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The purpose of this Communications Update is to provide an update to City Council regarding the 2025 list of City-led projects recommended to receive Climate Change Reserve Funding. The list will be presented in a Recommendation Report at the November 12th General Issues Committee meeting for Council approval.

Background

All 2025 applications were evaluated by a working group made up of three Directors from the Climate Change Initiatives Steering Committee (Directors Kirk Weaver, Brian Hollingworth and Lynda Lukasik) and two members of the community Climate Change Advisory Committee (Jeff Harti and Zach Kuszczak). The addition of Climate Change Advisory Committee members as volunteer reviewers was in response to the Advisory Committee expressing a desire to be engaged in the review and recommendation process in a more direct manner. Reviewers utilized a scoring system updated for 2025 focused on key considerations including:

- Compliance with the Climate Change Reserve Policy
- Support for mitigation and/or adaptation actions found in Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy
- Estimated greenhouse gas emission reductions for climate mitigation projects.
- Qualitative and/or quantitative measure of enhanced climate resilience for climate adaptation projects.
- For all projects, description of any co-benefits and consideration of how the project contributes to the realization of community climate justice.

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- Extra scoring for projects addressing strategic priority focus areas identified via input from the Office of Climate Change Initiatives, the director-level Climate Change Initiatives Steering Committee, and the community Climate Change Advisory Committee.

2025 Recommended City-led Initiatives

The working group used the scoring exercise combined with a consideration of the available balance in the Climate Change Reserve to generate the list of city-led projects recommended for Climate Change Reserve funding. The resulting list of projects set out in Table 1 below are being recommended to receive Climate Change Reserve funding in the amounts set out in the 'Funding' column.

Table 1 - City-Led Initiatives Recommended for Climate Change Reserve Funding

Project & Applicant	Funding
Electric Fire Truck Portable Charging Unit (Hamilton Fire Department)	\$84,610
Eco-Literacy Electric Book Mobile (Hamilton Public Library)	\$500,000
Social Procurement Strategic Design & Implementation Planning (Procurement Division, Finance & Corporate Services)	\$110,000
Battery-Operated Hand Tools (Transportation Division, Public Works)	\$36,745
Solar-Powered Park & Playground Lighting (Parks Division, Public Works)	\$150,000
Pilot Backyard Tree-Planting Program (Forestry & Horticulture Division, Public Works)	\$132,950
Hamilton Rental Townhouse Community Energy, Emissions, and Cooling Transformation Through Heat Pumps and Solar Photovoltaics (CityHousing Hamilton)	\$500,000
TOTAL	\$1,514,305

Appendix A to this Communication Update includes more detail regarding each of the projects being recommended to receive Climate Change Reserve funding.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" - City-Led Projects Recommended to Receive 2025 Climate Change Reserve Funding