

#### NY Renews Environmental Conservation Budget Testimony

I am honored to testify today on behalf of the NY Renews coalition.

NY Renews is a multi-sector coalition of over 370+ member organizations across every part of New York State and the force behind the nation's most progressive climate law, the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. Today, we're advocating for the fully funded implementation of the climate law through the People Climate Justice Package while working together towards a just transition to 100% renewable energy in New York State. We are governed by a Steering Committee of representatives from environmental justice, community organizing, labor, faith, youth, and climate organizations across New York State. The Steering Committee sets the strategic direction for the NY Renews coalition, and we operate per the Jemez Principles of democratic organizing. We are committed to collective decision-making and the leadership of frontline communities.

While many vital issues are being discussed in this year's budget, among the most important is the direction of the state's future efforts around climate change and the hundreds of billions of dollars we will be investing—hopefully starting this year—in climate mitigation, adaption, transition, and economic development to support communities impacted by climate change.

Last summer, we all smelled the smoke and saw the sky turn red, as we faced another year that broke records for heat, flooding, extreme weather and the cost of climate inaction. UN Secretary-General Guterres said the climate crisis is a "**code red for humanity**." Billions of people worldwide and tens of thousands across New York are already affected by increasingly violent weather, and millions of people, largely in low-income black and brown communities, die annually from air pollution.

In business as usual scenarios, superstorms like Sandy will become increasingly frequent by midcentury, repeatedly inundating the NYC metro area, and low lying areas of Long Island and the Hudson Valley, severely damaging the downstate transportation system. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

The US leads the world in cumulative Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and must now lead the world in reductions. With Congress gridlocked, states must lead, especially New York, an affluent and progressive state. I appreciate the Legislature's initiative to put climate on New York's agenda when major climate legislation was not on Governor Cuomo's priority list, to pass

the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act into law. But we must fund a just transition to clean renewable energy fast enough to prevent catastrophe. The NY economy is some \$2 Trillion annually - 1% invested in clean energy would pay for itself in avoided costs of fuel, health, and disasters. (adapted from my written comments to the Transportation budget hearing last week)

We urge the Legislature to take actions that are equal to the climate crisis we face. The crisis demands bold action, and the state's 2019 climate law, the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), mandates it. As an example of the administration's failure to act boldly enough, in her January 30th economic development budget testimony, Office of General Services Commissioner Moy announced a commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the state's Empire State Plaza complex (including the Capitol building) by 50% within a decade. This commitment is not consistent with the CLCPA - we must move faster. We cannot expect private parties to act boldly enough to meet the CLCPA targets if the state itself is not committed to do that. We instead join others in recommending that the Renewable Capitol Act (A5633,Fahy/S2689, Breslin) be included in the state budget, fully decarbonizing our state capitol complex, as other states like Michigan and Oklahoma have done.

#### New York's Climate Law Must be Enforced and Properly Funded

In 2019, the legislature fought against fossil-fuel companies, entrenched business interests, and even pushed the governor to pass the strongest climate legislation in the country: the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). In doing so, the legislature won meaningful victories for our communities and climate efforts. Unfortunately, one of the things I am here to testify about is a threat to a key victory.

The Governor's budget language emphasizes energy affordability, a vital goal in this economic climate, however as we proceed with developing our energy future it is also vital that we not allow the mandates and ambition of the CLCPA to be undermined. The CLCPA incorporates strong science-based standards and definitions, including requiring a specific accounting for methane and strong processes for defining what a Disadvantaged Community (DAC) will be. Loosening standards would imperil the lives of New Yorkers for the sake of administrative ease. If we want to meaningfully address the climate crisis and health-damaging pollution in New York State, we need to protect the standards in the CLCPA aggressively.

#### The Governor's Budget Has Key Features But Not Enough

Governor Hochul's State of the State included steps like eliminating the "hundred foot rule" and modestly increased funding for some low- and moderate-income energy affordability programs. For New York to meet this moment and stay at the forefront of climate action with a focus on environmental justice we need to go much further. Since last year, NY Renews has been advocating a program which includes direct support and services to protect working families and impacted workers bearing the brunt of the climate crisis, while reducing emissions and making our communities more resilient. This is one of many priority areas recognized in the <u>People's</u> <u>Climate Jobs and Justice Package</u>, which includes \$1 billion in itemized appropriations to fund infrastructure, community health, and energy affordability initiatives. This \$1 billion investment will enable the state to begin directing funding to these critical needs—each of these projects were vetted to ensure that their funding could be committed this budget year.

The Climate Action Council's Integration Analysis, NYSERDA analysis, and independent analysis all point to the fact that New York State needs to invest billions of dollars (\$10 - \$15 billion/year depending on the analysis) to reduce our climate emissions and strengthen our state's resilience in the face of the climate crisis. In light of this analysis and those of others and the crisis we face, NY Renews' proposal for a billion this year is an extremely modest request and has to be regarded as the minimum acceptable down payment amount for both houses to put in their one-house budgets.

The Peoples' Climate Jobs and Justice Package appropriations (attached) represent a collection of what our members from across the state believe are the urgent and ready-to-go investments that New York State can and should fund in this budget. This is the moment to:

- Start expanding our on-budget efforts and programs, ensure agencies and systems are ready for expansion;
- Line-out the funding as specific appropriations in the Climate Action Fund as intended, following proven accountable and transparent models for other infrastructure and environmental funding; and
- Expand the use of general fund revenue, rather than almost solely relying on regressive rate-payer fees, just as we do for other urgent public safety, housing, and infrastructure efforts.

The Governor, and both houses of the legislature have an opportunity to actually help New Yorkers with funding and not rhetoric by following these principles and allocating funding on budget from general funds to the Climate Action Fund for projects, including

- \$80 million for the NY State Department of Education to create a new Green and Healthy Schools Fund.
- \$60 million for NYSERDA to Pilot a Renewable Energy Sustainable Farming Pilot payment program funding.
- \$50 million for the Environmental Facilities Corporation to ensure the rapid 100% decarbonization of the NY State Capitol Complex.
- \$75 million for Dept. Environmental Conservation Mott Haven-Port Morris Bronx Waterfront Plan.

This proposal is not exhaustive, for example NY Renews supporters call for \$250 million from the General fund for the Department of Public Services Energy Affordability Program to ensure that increased enrollment as a result of automatic data transfer and expanded demand do not undermine benefit levels or access.

Other bills in this package include the <u>Just Energy Transition Act</u> (JETA), which will turn fossil fuel-combustion facilities, including notoriously dirty peaker plants, into renewable energy plants, creating jobs and improving air quality in nearby communities. JETA directs state agencies to design a plan to redevelop these sites in a way that makes sure the lights stay on, and affected workers get to keep their jobs or are trained for new ones.

The <u>Climate Change Superfund Act</u> requires the biggest climate polluters to pay for some of the damage they caused, by funding infrastructure improvements, upgrading stormwater and sewage systems, and improving grid stability and public health across New York City and the State. The bill would require Big Oil companies responsible for releasing large amounts of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) to pay apportioned fees totaling \$3 billion annually. It is based on the highly successful Federal Superfund "polluter pays' law created 43 years ago that has cleaned up thousands of toxic dumps.

New York State continues to rely on taxpayers to shoulder the cost of climate programs, while Big Oil companies have made a whopping \$750 billion in profits since 2021. A recent analysis showed that NYS taxpayers were heavily burdened by over \$2 billion in climate costs from December 2022 to December 2023.

As part of her executive budget, Governor Hochul <u>announced</u> a comprehensive resiliency plan to "protect New Yorkers from extreme weather as part of her 2024 State of the State and included \$435 million in the Executive Budget proposal to help implement the initiatives." The Climate Change Superfund could cover these programs. Instead, the burden of \$435 million will rest entirely on the taxpayers of New York State, while individual homeowners and renters continue to pay for damage routinely caused by extreme weather and rising oceans.

In addition, the Superfund could cover the Governor's proposed: 1) '*Resilient & Ready' Program* to establish a flexible fund to support resiliency efforts for low- and moderate-income homeowners ahead of future storms; 2) *Blue Buffers Voluntary Buyout Program* to encourage buyouts in communities most vulnerable to flooding; 3) *Making major investments in statewide disaster response*; 4) *Update Coastal Erosion Hazard Area (CEHA) Maps* so that communities and permit applicants can determine if a property is within a CEHA.

And these climate costs are expected to skyrocket. It has been estimated that Long Island faces up to <u>\$100 billion</u> in climate costs. A <u>study from NYS Comptroller DiNapoli</u> found that over a

ten-year period (the last five and next five years), 55% of New York localities' municipal spending outside of NYC was, or will be, related to climate change. New York City <u>estimates</u> as much as\_\$100 billion will be needed to upgrade its sewers for more intense storms. And those costs are on top of the <u>\$52 billion</u> that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has estimated is needed to protect New York Harbor from rising sea levels. Those costs – like the temperature of the planet – are expected to keep increasing. New Yorkers could see those costs rise to as much as <u>\$10 billion</u> annually. New York taxpayers shouldn't have to bear that burden alone. It's time for climate polluters to pay their fair share.

The Climate Change Superfund Act is first-in-the-nation legislation to put Big Oil on the hook for climate damages and resiliency. It is expected that roughly three dozen of the largest multinational oil, gas, and coal companies in the world would be required to pay \$3 billion a year, or \$75 billion over 25 years, to New York State for damages arising from their past greenhouse gas emissions, money that would be earmarked to help pay for climate-adaptive infrastructure. And, critically, the Climate Superfund is designed as an assessment of damages for past behavior that cannot be passed on to consumers. The fees would not result in cost increases at the gas pump due to competitive market forces, according to <u>an analysis</u> by the Institute for Policy Integrity at NYU Law.

Over 400 organizations have urged Governor Hochul, the Assembly and the Senate to put fiscal fairness and environmental justice front and center by including the Climate Change Superfund Act in the final FY 2025 budget. There is overwhelming public support as well. A recent national <u>poll</u> by Data for Progress finds an overwhelming majority of American voters support making oil and gas Companies pay a share of climate costs caused by pollution.

As part of the budget, it is vital that the full legislature pass, the <u>NY HEAT Act in its entirety</u>. NY Renews applauds the partial steps that the governor took, but it is insufficient. This year we're calling on both houses of the legislature to finish the work. In particular, the Executive Budget does not include vital provisions in NY HEAT: 1) limiting residential consumers' energy burdens to 6% of their household incomes; and 2) mandating a "right-sizing" of the state's gas distribution system to meet the greenhouse gas reduction targets in the CLCPA. It is critical that the Public Service Commission reorient its mission to address climate change while maintaining its historic function of providing affordable utility services to New York consumers and businesses..

If enacted in its entirety, NY HEAT will eliminate the costly requirement that ratepayers pay to expand fossil fuel infrastructure, lowering utility bills by about \$75 a month for those least able to pay while fighting climate change. It makes so much sense; even utilities like ConEd support it. While the Governor's budget proposal addresses the "hundred foot rule" and obligation to

serve, it is not enough. We need to see guaranteed protections for NY residents. The legislature cannot leave New Yorkers at the mercy of utilities and their price hikes

# We Should Not Rely on Possible Prospective Cap-Trade-And-Invest Revenue Alone to Raise Funds for Climate Justice

Currently, New York State's agencies rely on funding climate and energy modernization entirely on the backs of utility customers. Transitioning to increase on-budget allocation is not just good climate policy, it is also more equitable. Additionally, there will be no new Cap-Trade-And-Invest revenue in the 2024-2025 budget year. While the state spends tens of billions of dollars annually in climate-related disaster preparation and recovery, we have chosen not to invest the necessary funds to protect New Yorkers from drowning in their basements, extreme cold and snow, searing heat, or failing infrastructure. We are still expecting federal funds (some in the form of rebates) to come through, however it is still unclear when and if they will arrive. The Bond Act, which was supposed to appear late last year at the earliest when bonds are issued and will come in at a rate of roughly \$200-300 million per year for climate, is now not guaranteed. These are promising, but we should not rely solely on them to fund and reach the State-mandated climate goals. The People's Climate Justice Package includes revenue sources to help the state ensure a funding level aligned with the needed \$10B or more yearly.

#### Advocacy, Transparency, and Accountability during the 2024 Budget

The State's effort to develop a cap-trade-and-invest program is a key backdrop to this year's State Budget process. However, as the Governor and legislature advance planning and enact legislative and budgetary programs around this potential new revenue it is vital that we not wait for the program to be completed for progress and attention. Last year it was a major victory for New Yorkers and the Legislature to create the Climate Action Fund (CAF), with comprehensive labor protections and responsible contracting standards. This year it is urgent that we actually see funds dedicated, and a transparent, accountable, and effective spending plan with appropriations that has been presented before the public and the legislature to help direct revenue from the State General Fund or Cap-trade-and-invest when it is operational. New York needs to expand climate investments, programs, and community resources. This year the State has the opportunity to ensure that, through the CAF, we see proceeds that go into emissions reductions that are simultaneously cost reductions, and that these benefits, both health and financial, aid those who have historically borne the brunt of climate change in the state.

Additionally, as in past years we oppose moving funds from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) onto the budget, even for aligned purposes. We should be delivering more dedicated funding, not rearranging it to look like climate action. We hope and expect that RGGI will be continued alongside and reconciled with a new Cap-Trade-And-Invest system. Additionally while RGGI should continue, the Administration should come back to the legislature for oversight and approval of any interlinkages between NY Cap-Trade-And-Invest with other States.

As details, such as whether or not the electricity sector is regulated (obligated) under Cap-Trade-And-Invest, we need to see the Administration take the recommendation of community groups, climate and environmental justice organizations, and others into account as we develop the Cap-Trade-And-Invest system.

One area of concern we want to highlight for the legislators in this context is the consideration of giving permit sale proceeds to utilities to attempt to address affordability. This approach to affordability raises serious concerns about its effectiveness, but it also directly contradicts the clear intention of the legislature to see Cap-Trade-And-Invest revenue flow, under legislative supervision, through the Climate Action Fund. Utilities have at best mixed records of both transparency and effective use of ratepayer funds for affordability, efficiency, and low-income programs, it would be a mistake to take core decision making about affordability and move it out of public control to be administered for profit by utilities that have not demonstrated an effective track record of acting to increase affordability.

Further, we must see the DEC establish maximum GHG limits for all pollution sources including the largest farms, airports, and power plants (which may not be obligated under NYCI) in or contributing to the pollution and health burdens in DACs. While this is present in the pre-regulation language, there must be more language on source limits built to ensure pollution reduction in DACs exceeds rates of pollution reduction in other communities and are not disproportionately negatively impacted due to New York's cap and invest model. State agencies and other entities must work in tandem to implement and enforce the CLCPA, which was the statute's intent, including the provisions creating a Climate Action Council, guidance from the Climate Justice Working Group, and development of the scoping plan.

#### **Overseeing the Cap & Invest Program**

At its core, this is not just about state spending of climate-dedicated money - this is also about power and influence. It is at this moment that the legislature will have the best opportunity to shift power from the Governor to the people on energy policy and dollars. Now is the time for the legislature to step in and ensure progressive, transparent, and accountable policy. As a coalition, we have offered options to fund the Climate Law and eligible programs that can be used other than a cap and invest model, with fair warning. Now that the state has decided to proceed with a cap and invest model, and the engagement of public webinars and other public engagement has begun, going forward, the legislature must take every step necessary to break down every element of what they are proposing that is digestible and comprehensive so New Yorkers can understand where money is coming from, where it is going and understand how it will impact them.

One of the key concerns with the cap and invest approach is that dedicated revenue from these investments goes to already overburdened communities that are being affected by polluters and negatively interacting with other programs, as mandated by the Climate Law. It is clearly written in the CLCPA and the final scoping around legislative spending that good policy design and strong language are necessary not to get caught in traps or pitfalls that could compromise equitable spending and rigorous enforcement for key safeguards. Some of these key safeguards that we have advocated for include:

- Pollution limits must decline every year in every sector, and these limits must be strongly enforced. The limits must hit key benchmarks to reduce pollution to 50 percent of current levels by 2040 and at least 85 percent by 2050. These limits must apply to all sectors, including the electric sector. These limits must also respect the CLCPA's existing definitions, including the 20-year accounting for Methane and the definition of Renewable energy.
- Facility-specific caps on greenhouse gas and co-pollutant emissions must be non-tradable, with aggressive penalties for exceeding cap levels.
- Revenue collection must be tailored so as not to harm vulnerable New Yorkers. The cost burden for New Yorkers who can least afford it must not be made worse. The cap and invest program must include rebates and targeted relief for low- and moderate-income households to ensure energy bills go down. We believe the strongest approach is to create a Climate and Community Protection Fund and direct any funds raised to that fund.
- Any cap and invest system must be part of a broader regulatory approach to reducing pollution, financing the rapid buildout of sustainable infrastructure, and guarantees that New York will achieve the greenhouse gas reduction mandates of the CLCPA.
- Pollution reduction mandates for overburdened communities by agencies, including the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the Attorney General's office. In addition to any C&I system, we need a broad array of effective regulations and enforcement to reduce pollution.
- Permits must avoid loopholes. Cap and invest must avoid loopholes that have weakened or undermined other efforts, including permit banking, offsets, and exemptions. Permit holders should not be allowed to play games with trading after purchase, exemptions, double allowances, offsets, and banking of unused permits year-to-year.

• Permits should have a clear and escalating price, not set by auction. If the final program auctions the permits, we must ensure a price floor sufficient to support spending that drives emissions reductions, funds major investments for a just transition to clean energy, and has an effective approach to protecting and prioritizing emissions reductions in Disadvantaged Communities and environmental justice areas.

For New York to lead on climate—as we do with our disadvantaged communities (DAC) criteria, NY Renews offers policy suggestions and analysis for how New York State can:

- Provide direct, targeted support to New York households and families as gas prices and utility rates continue to rise. To help low-income and disadvantaged community members reduce their energy bills and get off fossil fuels, a cap and invest plan should include direct payments or rebates for low- and moderate-income households and small businesses, transit vouchers, and other forms of support.
- Ensure effective grants for communities to prepare for the future of clean energy, protect themselves from storms and extreme heat, and improve local air quality.
- Pay for the infrastructure we need to get off oil and gas and reduce our reliance on expensive, unreliable fossil fuels.
- Improve and expand programs to ensure every New Yorker benefits during the inevitable transition to renewable energy, whether through job training, new equipment, replacing local tax revenue, or assistance in starting a new business.
- Ensure that all New Yorkers have access to reliable, affordable, and universally accessible public transportation options to facilitate rapid reductions in vehicle miles traveled in New York State.
- Fund the sustainable recycling infrastructure, waste reduction systems, and public education necessary to sharply reduce the amounts of waste sent to landfills and incinerators in New York State and exported to other states and countries.

In conclusion, thank you for your attention and consideration. It is urgent that New York State continue to not just act, but lead, on climate change - it is an urgent health and safety threat to New Yorkers and only through aggressive legislative and budgetary action can our elected leaders protect their constituents, and with them the entire world.



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## The People's Climate Justice Budget

The People's Climate Justice Budget is a \$1 billion spending plan developed by and for New Yorkers. It outlines critical climate and environmental justice programs that New York must fund in 2024 as a downpayment on the more than \$10 billion a year the state estimates is necessary to address the crisis at scale. With the creation of the Climate Action Fund (CAF) in 2023, New York has a historic opportunity to send billions to communities across the state in 2024.

- These are projects that people can see in their community this year: This list of "shovel-ready" projects was compiled by the NY Renews coalition members and contains urgently needed projects in every part of the state.
- Investing in community-led projects is popular, effective, and equitable: These investments will drive consumer savings, not solely through the CAF's Consumer Climate Account, but through rapid decarbonization and transformative policy. This transition can and must address the current economic crisis by protecting ratepayers from unreasonable increases and reducing the long-term costs of energy, infrastructure, and public health.
- Labor standards and community benefits: This can also be an opportunity to strengthen labor and working families in New York by raising standards in the clean energy industries to match or even exceed the legacy fossil fuel power sector. This not only means economic benefits for families and communities across New York State, but also quality work, safety, and effective implementation of these projects through education and partnerships with a strong and growing union workforce.
- **The People's Climate Justice Budget** would kickstart a pollution-free, resilient climate future built by workers with good union jobs, ensuring a healthy, livable state for generations to come. It would launch and expand key clean energy and climate mitigation and adaptation projects statewide, many of which are already underway.

By passing the People's Climate Justice Budget, New York can start to address the climate crisis at scale by updating our energy grid, shoring up our coastal regions, making our homes safer, lowering our energy bills, and improving roads and public transportation vulnerable to

rising seas and worsening storms. The climate crisis is impacting New Yorkers statewide. The need is huge—this is how we start.

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Proposed Climate Action Fund Appropriations for 2024-2025 Budget	Appropriations Amount	Agency or Authority Receiving Funds
Developing community-led transition plans to reduce emissions and local pollution in designated Disadvantaged Communities (DACs).	\$14,000,000	NYSERDA
Fifty community/constituency-based organization (CBO) grants to groups in and representing Disadvantaged Communities (DACs), including technical support, development of best practices for community planning, and public engagement in outreach to identify plans and opportunities moving forward and develop a vision for their community. This project is intended to draw in additional voices and capacities and can be done in collaboration with but should not be led by public sector actors (for example Climate Smart Communities) or NYSERDA Regional Clean Energy Hub "Hub" Community Based Organization grantees.		
Community Directed Climate Solutions Grant Program	\$196,000,000	NYSERDA
As proposed in the CCPF and CCIA the creation of a grant fund and administrative office to provide direct support to consortia of Community/Constituency-Based Organizations (CBO), unions, and local governments, led by constituency-based organizations rooted in and lead by disadvantaged communities. These funds can be used for community energy planning. The proposed allocation would pilot the office and program development with (1) \$248M for grants, allocated so that no less than 3 grants of at least \$1M go to CBOs in each county; (2) \$10M for CBOS in and serving DACs identified by and at the discretion of the Climate Justice Working Group.		
Local Public Power Transition planning grant program	\$14,000,000	NYSERDA
NY State has more than 50 local public power corporations, municipal electric companies, and electric cooperatives. These entities need to align with the State's decarbonization mandate but may have limited resources to do so. The funding would provide planning grants for research and energy planning for any eligible entity that has made a public commitment to complete decarbonization and transition to renewable sources.		

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<b>Invest in electric school buses and infrastructure</b> The upfront cost of new electric buses, charging hardware and software needed	\$75,000,000	NYSERDA
to operate the buses, and shifting to electric school buses adds additional challenges. NYS needs to drastically increase its investment to meet the goal of transitioning the entire school bus fleet statewide, for public health, employee		
health, and emissions reduction purposes. NYSERDA could begin by providing direct support for districts and contractors purchasing electric school buses, installing chargers, and strengthening electrical infrastructure at school bus		
facilities. [Intended to be year 1 of 3.]		
Renewable Capitol Act	\$50,000,000	OGS
NY State's Capitol complex should be a shining example of clean renewable energy and environmental justice. Instead, it continues to burden the local environmental justice community of Sheridan Hollow, just blocks from the Capitol, with pollution. New York can transform this and lead by example by investing \$50 million this year to make the State Capitol, Empire State Plaza, and other downtown Albany facilities served by the Sheridan Avenue Steam Plant (SASP) 100% renewable (heating, cooling, and power).		
We are asking for \$50 million in this year's budget for building upgrades and construction costs, including \$10 million for electrical upgrades, for completion of renewable upgrades already in works and finalizing the plan for renewable heating which will allow the SASP to be shut down and stop polluting the community.		

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(BQGreen) Decking and Public Park on BQE in Southside of Williamsburg	\$60,000,000	Dept. Transportation
BQ Green is part of a larger vision to transform the BQE into an ecologically and socially productive spine by introducing recreation space, ecological strategies, and infrastructure improvements that enhance the urban performance of the trench while transforming it into a true public amenity. Two blocks will be capped to provide playing fields and verdant open space for an underserved Hispanic community in the south-side Williamsburg section of Brooklyn. The decking of the BQE in the southside of Williamsburg is a community-led vision that has been in the works for the past 15 years. Championed by El Puente and community organizations in North Brooklyn, it has been the vision of the community to see this section of the highway transform into a green open space that reconnects communities historically plagued by air pollution and segregation by design This proposal has received the political backing of former and current electeds across multiple levels of government, from our former council member/deputy BP Diana Reyna who took it upon her to have this project as her defining project for the community to our State assembly members and senators reaching our federal congress member A firm was commissioned to do a feasibility study and produced a report that outlines exactly what is needed, what the costs associated are and the entire phases needed to make this vision a reality. The political support for this proposal is high and currently is at the forefront of the conversation in reenvisioning BQE. Furthermore, federal funding exists to support states in locating the necessary funds to make this vision a reality. The feasibility study requires updating but 90% of the work still applies. [Intended to be year 1 of 3.]		
Mott Haven-Port Morris Bronx Waterfront Plan [Link]	\$75,000,000	Dept. Environmental
Creates coastal resilience (in a level B flood zone), mitigating the disproportionate air pollution burden in the area, and creating desperately-needed green space. This waterfront plan was envisioned and developed by community residents and has been prioritized by the NYS DEC Open Space Committee. We have worked with OLIN Architecture, the University of Pennsylvania, and MIT on architectural drawings, including the integration of green infrastructure and nature-based solutions to strengthen coastal resilience. [Intended to be year 1 of 3.]		Conservation

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Sunset Park GRID Green Industrial Development Zone Planning and Implementation [Link]	\$27,000,000	ESDC / REDC / Dept. Economic Development
The Community lead "GRID" planning effort seeks to "foster sustainable industrial development and create a truly 'innovative' district [to] benefit Sunset Park's industrial waterfront and protect the Sunset Park community" and lays out strategies to support maritime and industrial development which integrates climate resilience and adaptation measures with local jobs policies and workforce training. The plan describes mechanisms to harness resources and leverage the policy, planning, real estate, economic, social, and regulatory contexts of the neighborhood and establish Sunset Park as the "city's first dynamic center for green industrial development." [Intended to be year 1 of 3.]		
<ul> <li>\$2M for community engagement and planning</li> <li>\$25M for property purchases and implementation</li> </ul>		
CLCPA Workforce Research and Planning Funding	\$5,000,000	Dept. Labor
New York needs a broad thoughtful approach to creating the Green Workforce of the future. The Clean Energy Programs at Network for a Sustainable Tomorrow (NEST) have a proven track record of working around these issues and convening vital stakeholders across Upstate New York.		
<ul> <li>\$1M for in-depth climate education and clean energy careers assets and needs study</li> <li>\$4M for 2 years interagency and stakeholder working group</li> </ul>		
Climate Workforce and Transition Research to the Climate Jobs Institute (CJI) at Cornell University's ILR School	\$10,000,000	Dept. Labor
Expansion of prior year's funding. The Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR) Climate Jobs Institute, is guiding the nation's transition to a strong, equitable, and resilient clean energy economy by pursuing three aims: to tackle the climate crisis; to create high-quality jobs; and to build a diverse, inclusive workforce. They provide both invaluable research and technical support to policymakers, and a vital conversation connecting labor, community, academia, and advocates.		

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Route 17 Alternative Transportation Plan The plan to add additional lanes along 50 miles of New York Route 17 a highway connecting New York's mid-Hudson region with the greater Catskills area will not reduce congestion and speed traffic. Highway expansion encourages single-occupancy car use and would bring with it a slew of negative impacts on our communities, forests, wetlands, and water sources. Paving over carbon-sequestering forests and wetlands. Emissions from the resulting uptick in traffic would generate as much as two million tons of greenhouse gas pollution by 2050, threatening the health of our families and exacerbating the climate crisis. Therefore it is urgent that to meet the legal mandate of the CLCPA an alternative plan focused on community needs, transit options, and equity be considered.	\$750,000	Dept. Transportation
Sustainability Workforce Training Center Funding would support construction costs, programming, and operations of PUSH Buffalo's Sustainability Workforce Training Center (SWTC) and would leverage already committed public (ESD and NYSERDA) and private investments and partnerships with the University at Buffalo and other workforce providers. Funds would specifically support capital construction costs, staffing costs, purchase of training modules, equipment and other instructional aides, curriculum development and licensing, 3rd party trainers, participant stipends, and transportation options for participants (e.g., transit passes, a passenger van). The SWTC is located in a Disadvantaged Community (DACs) and will predominantly serve marginalized community members seeking access to industry-recognized classrooms and hands-on training in emerging green sectors and technologies (e.g., ground source and air source heat pumps, weatherization, solar maintenance, and community solar subscription management). The SWTC will also serve as the home base for PUSH's	\$1,000,000	Dept. Labor
Community Hiring Hall, a social enterprise business model launched in 2013 to place workers in family-sustaining green sector jobs. Green Development Zone expansion Funding for land acquisition, vacant property stabilization, and participatory community resiliency planning in Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) (Buffalo). PUSH Buffalo's Green Development Zone model prioritizes community control of resources to promote sustainable forms of community development and community self-determination in the face of threats posed by speculative real estate markets, extractive financial and business practices, climate	\$2,000,000	Dept. State

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disruptions/extreme weather events, and environmental racism.		
Expand the Regional Clean Energy Hubs	\$6,000,000	NYSERDA
The NYSERDA Regional Clean Energy Hubs are an innovative approach to funding community outreach and coordination through trusted local community-based organizations, to bring together partners and advance a just transition in their region. Funding to expand Hub staffing and operations in service of mobilizing GAP Fund resources and/or other healthy homes funding (\$500k/Hub) The intention is to combine this funding with other existing and new funding streams to increase the overall package of subsidies available to participants, allowing them to do both energy and non-energy related work.		
Climate and Community Homes	\$2,000,000	Other Authority or Agency
Demonstration funding in support of PUSH Buffalo's zero emission first-time homebuyer project on the West Side, a rapidly gentrifying neighborhood in Buffalo. Six 2-family homes will be renovated to Passivhaus standards and sold at below-market cost to income-eligible first-time homebuyers, with sales underwritten by affordability deed restrictions. The project will be used to build technical and technological proficiency and capacity among local Minority, or Woman Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) contractors while also providing hands-on paid job training opportunities for disadvantaged workers. Owner-occupants will have opportunities to earn rental income while receiving support to become responsible landlords of affordable, climate-friendly homes.		
School Construction Authority, Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality Unit.	\$2,000,000	Other Authority or
Create a dedicated Ventilation Unit in School Construction Authority (SCA) which will provide a systemic analysis of the ventilation needs in NYC schools with a particular emphasis on schools in EJ communities. Indoor Air quality is a vital environmental justice concern, that impacts students, teachers, and others in the school community, and the importance of proper and energy-efficient ventilation has only increased with the ongoing COVID-19 Crisis.		Agency
Green and Healthy Schools Fund	\$80,000,000	Education
Dedicated to overall and general school electrification, mitigation, and ventilation upgrades under the authority of NYC School Construction Authority in NYC Public Schools.		Department

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Reimbursement to the City of Rochester and Monroe County for a feasibility and implementation study on public power	\$2,000,000	Other Authority
Reimbursement to the City of Rochester and Monroe County for a feasibility and implementation study on public power and associated costs with investigating, planning, and implementing alternatives to investor-owned energy utility provision.		
Upstate Transportation Authorities to Support to improve public transportation focused on employment access and reliability service.	\$30,000,000	Dept. Transportation
For the 2024 budget year, the program would provide additional funding to at least the following regional transit agencies:		
<ul> <li>Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA)</li> <li>Broome County Department of Public Transportation</li> <li>Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA)</li> <li>Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (CNYRTA)</li> <li>Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA)</li> </ul>		
Statewide public education on the opportunities and needs for implementation of the State's landmark Climate law, the CAC Scoping Plan, and general decarbonization.	\$12,000,000	Executive Department
The passage of the CLCPA was accompanied by fanfare, but little public education about what would be involved and why in its implementation. Prior and successive major policy shifts have been accompanied by carefully thought-out and effective public education campaigns such as the successive campaigns using marketing, media, and organizing around the rollout of marijuana legalization.		
Expanded Empower+	\$200,000,000	NYSERDA
Funding in line with the previously proposed Gap fund for Pre-retrofit and non-energy measures that are either needed before energy-related investments or improve the health and safety of the residents and can be accomplished in alignment with energy improvements. The Empower+ program, Utilities, and NYSERDA have previously piloted funding these measures and seen successful implementation.		

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Funding to help support the expansion of training, equipment, and transition for the delivered fuel industry to also offer Energy Services and Energy Efficiency Services	\$20,000,000	NYSERDA
Delivered fuel companies are trusted community members with established customer relationships and networks. Several NY-delivered Fuel Companies have transitioned to include broader energy services and energy efficiency services. NYSERDA has existing relationships with suppliers, training providers, and these companies and can provide staff, and grants to support expanding energy services beyond delivered fuel for all current companies that choose to participate. These funds would support outreach, public education, and pilot cross-training including the use of the NYSERDA on-the-job training program, equipment, and other costs to expand services to include renewable energy, energy efficiency, indoor air quality, and other whole-house approaches. These funds can be combined with existing State funds as well as Federal DOE funds.		
NYSERDA Funding for Pre-retrofit measures and Health and Safety Improvements	\$30,000,000	NYSERDA
Funding in line with the previously proposed Gap fund, Empower+ program, and piloted previously by Utilities and NYSERDA.		
NYCHA Funding for Pre-retrofit measures and Health and Safety Improvements	\$30,000,000	Other Authority or Agency
Significantly increasing funding for NYCHA repairs, and systems upgrades that are necessary before the implementation of energy efficiency measures, on-site renewable energy location, electrification, and decarbonization. Funding that will immediately make the lives of residents safer and better, and reduce emissions in the long term.		
DHCR Funding for Pre-retrofit Measures and Health and Safety Improvements	\$25,000,000	Affordable Housing Corporation
Many community/constituency-based organizations (CBO) in collaboration with NYSERDA have successfully combined both energy-related and housing funding, such as the Home Performace energy efficiency incentives and Affordable Housing Corporation Grants to meet pre-retrofit needs, or cover cost gaps that low-income homeowners cannot meet. These funds are to specifically be used for these purposes.		

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We Stay/Nos Quedamos Resiliency Hub Proposal	\$630,000	NYSERDA
NQ's Resiliency Hubs are blue-green infrastructure projects that will provide community-led crisis coordination centers during emergencies, and activated centers of community education and power-building in non-crisis times. The Hubs sit at the nexus of community resilience, emergency management, climate change mitigation, and social equity, providing opportunities for communities to become more self-determining, socially connected, and successful before, during, and after disruptions.		
Planning and Piloting Climate Farming Solutions in Rural New York	\$17,000,000	Dept Agriculture and Markets
Provides grants to farms and to community-based organizations to do education and planning for climate resilience, adaption, and emissions mitigation that helps meet NY State's Climate Goals and preserves farmland in Western New York, Finger Lakes, Central New York, Southern Tier, Mohawk Valley, North Country, Mid Hudson.		
Renewable Energy Sustainable Farming Pilot payment program funding	\$60,000,000	NYSERDA
Funding to support 80 projects that provide economic benefits to existing small farmers and produce or store renewable energy from solar, water, and wind sources. These projects may not replace arable farmland or woodlot. Supporting Pilots to develop replicable models for the co-location of agricultural production and renewable energy generation on the same land		
without reducing arable worked farmland significantly.		
The pilots shall include a focus on BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) and beginning farmers, who face unique challenges in the agricultural sector. All of the farmers should have demonstrated a commitment to regenerative agriculture, soil carbon sequestration, or other related practices, through the practices and systems that they have chosen to implement on their farms. Pilot farmers shall receive a community engagement stipend for their time co-creating and giving feedback on the program, as well as support to implement the pilot projects.		

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Grant Facilitation and Capacity Building program Funding to expand NYSERDA Regional Clean Energy Hub Community Based Organization Grants, (HUB) staffing and operations in service of mobilizing GAP Fund resources and/or other healthy homes. The intention is to combine this funding with other existing and new funding streams to increase the overall package of subsidies available to participants, allowing them to do both Energy and Non-Energy related work. (\$500k/Hub)	\$50,000,000	ESDC / REDC / Dept. Economic Development
Electric Public Transit Buses Cost Sharing Grants Grants to help support the cost difference between electric and diesel buses, for the roughly 580 buses that are replaced each year statewide. (Only part of the overall \$1.1B estimated cost). ElectrifyNY is now advocating for \$100 million a year for non-MTA transit agencies to help with the cost of transitioning to zero-emission buses.	\$100,000,000	NYSERDA
Power Up Long Island (Power Up Communities & Power Up Solar), a project of the Long Island Progressive Coalition Education Project Nonprofit energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades on Long Island to support the expansion of outreach, public education, and project implementation for community solar and storage projects focused on community group purchasing with houses of worship and other nonprofit organizations through the PowerUp Solar campaign.	\$2,000,000	NYSERDA
J.E.T.A Just Energy Transition Study Whether the Just Energy Transition Act legislation passes or not, NY should proactively engage in a thoughtful planning process for our gas transition requires a study of competitive options to facilitate the phase-out, replacement, and redevelopment of New York state's oldest and most polluting fossil-fueled generation facilities and their sites by the year 2030. New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, Department of Public Service, and Department of Environmental Conservation to collaborate on the study and facilitate a transition from fossil fuel power generation to renewable energy and battery storage by 2030.	\$5,000,000	NYSERDA
TOTAL:	\$1,189,3	380,000

### The \$1 billion People's Climate Justice Budget will kickstart state investments—but our communities will need more as the climate crisis accelerates.

The NY Renews coalition continues to call for a massive expansion of funding for climate and environmental justice initiatives across New York State. Our communities need more than \$10 billion a year, with increases every year, to weather the climate crisis. State estimates place this need at more than \$10B per year, with increases every year, in the public sector.

The following is a list of the investments our member communities need.

Total Necessary Climate Investments	Total Need for 2024-2025
Developing community-led transition plans to reduce emissions and local pollution in designated DACs.	\$14,000,000
50 community-based organization (CBO) grants to groups in and representing Disadvantaged Communities (DACs), including technical support, development of best practices for community planning, and public engagement in outreach to identify plans and opportunities moving forward and develop a vision for their community. This project is intended to draw in additional voices and capacities and can be done in collaboration with but should not be led by public sector actors (for example Climate Smart Communities) or NYSERDA "Hub" grantees.	
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As proposed in the Climate and Community Protection Fund and Climate and Community Investment Act, the creation of a grant fund and administrative office to provide direct support to consortia of CBOs, unions, and local governments, led by constituency-based organizations rooted in and led by disadvantaged communities. These funds can be used for community energy planning. The proposed allocation would pilot the office and program development with (1) \$248m for grants, allocated so that 1-4 grants of at least \$1 go to CBOs in each county. With at least 1 in each county. (2) \$10m for CBOS in and serving DACs identified by and at the discretion of the Climate Justice Working Group (CJWG).	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	

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FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
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Sunset Park GRID Green Industrial Development Zone Planning and Implementation	\$27,000,000
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It includes: (1) \$2m for community engagement and planning, and (2) \$25m for property purchases and implementation. [Intended to be year 1 of 3]	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: ESDC / REDC / Dept. Economic Development	
CLCPA Workforce Needs Research and Planning Funding	\$4,000,000
In Collaboration with the NYS Dept of Labor, SUNY, The Office of the NYS Comptroller, and NYSERDA- awards shall be grants for climate education and clean energy careers asset and needs study, the initial stage of which will be completed during the 2024 budget year with funding split evenly between	
<ul> <li>Network for a Sustainable Tomorrow (NEST)</li> <li>Workforce Development Institute (WDI)</li> <li>City University of New York (CUNY) Center for Urban Research New York City Labor Market Information Service New York City Labor Market Information Service</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>\$4M each year for 2 years</li> <li>Interagency and stakeholder working group</li> </ul>	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Labor	
Climate Workforce and Transition Research to the Climate Jobs Institute (CJI) at Cornell University's ILR School	\$10,000,000
Expansion of prior years funding for the institute to convene, raise awareness, and expand collaboration within the climate and labor movement communities. Increased funding would allow expanded convening, research, and resource generation.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Labor	

Route 17 Alternative Transportation Plan	\$750,000
Community opposition and significant research demonstrate that the solution for crowded or under-maintained highways is not more and wider highways but better use of existing roadways and alternative transit options. These benefits reduce public costs for maintenance, increase public benefits, and help to address climate change. NY State should engage in a comprehensive plan for an alternative to highway widening that will negatively impact the surrounding community and environment. At least assessing the alternative before committing State and Federal Funds. FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Transportation	
Sustainability Workforce Training Center	\$1,000,000
Funding would support construction costs, programming, and operations of PUSH Buffalo's Sustainability Workforce Training Center (SWTC) and would leverage already committed public (ESD and NYSERDA) and private investments, and partnerships with the University at Buffalo and other workforce providers. Funds would specifically support capital construction costs, staffing costs, purchase of training modules, equipment and other instructional aides, curriculum development and licensing, 3rd party trainers, participant stipends, and transportation options for participants (e.g., transit passes, a passenger van). The SWTC is located in a DAC and will predominantly serve marginalized community members seeking access to industry-recognized classrooms and hands-on training in emerging green sectors and technologies (e.g., ground source and air source heat pumps, weatherization, solar maintenance, and community solar subscription management). The SWTC will also serve as the home base for PUSH's Community Hiring Hall, a social enterprise business model launched in 2013 to place workers in family-sustaining green sector jobs. FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Labor	
Green Development Zone expansion	\$2,000,000
Funding for land acquisition, vacant property stabilization, and participatory community resiliency planning in DACs (Buffalo). PUSH Buffalo's Green Development Zone model prioritizes community control of resources to promote sustainable forms of community development and community self-determination in the face of threats posed by speculative real estate markets, extractive financial and business practices, climate disruptions/extreme weather events, and environmental racism. FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. State	
Regional Clean Energy Hubs	\$6,000,000
Funding to expand NYSERDA Regional Clean Energy Hub staffing and operations in service of mobilizing GAP Fund resources and/or other healthy homes braided funding (\$500K/hub).	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	

Climate and Community Homes	\$2,000,000
Demonstration funding in support of PUSH Buffalo's zero emission first-time homebuyer project on the West Side, a rapidly gentrifying neighborhood in Buffalo. Six 2-family homes will be renovated to Passivhaus standards and sold at below-market cost to income-eligible first-time homebuyers, with sales underwritten by affordability deed restrictions. The project will be used to build technical and technological proficiency and capacity among local MWBE contractors while also providing hands-on paid job training opportunities for disadvantaged workers. Owner-occupants will have opportunities to earn rental income while receiving support to become responsible landlords of affordable, climate-friendly homes.	
School Construction Authority: Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality Unit	\$2,000,000
Create a dedicated Ventilation Unit in SCA which will provide a systemic analysis of the ventilation needs in NYC schools with a particular emphasis on schools in EJ communities.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Other Authority	
Green and Healthy Schools Fund	\$80,000,000
Dedicated to overall and general school electrification upgrades under authority of NYC School Construction Authority in NYC Public Schools most vulnerable to flooding disasters	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Education Department	
Reimbursement to City of Rochester and Monroe County for Public Power Study	\$2,000,000
Reimbursement to City of Rochester and Monroe County for a feasibility and implementation study on public power and associated costs with investigating, planning and implementing alternatives to investor-owned energy utility provision.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Other Authority	

Upstate Transportation Authorities to Support to improve public transportation, focused on employment access and reliability service	\$30,000,000
For the 2024 Budget year the program would provide additional funding to expand service at least the following regional transit agencies:	
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FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Transportation Statewide Public Education on the opportunities and needs for implementation of the State's landmark Climate law, the Climate Action Council Scoping Plan, and general decarbonization	\$12,000,000
The passage of the CLCPA was accompanied by fanfare, but little public education about what would be involved and why in its implementation. Prior and successive major policy shifts have been accompanied by carefully thought-out and effective public education campaigns such as the successive campaigns using marketing, media, and organizing around the rollout of marijuana legalization.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Executive Department	
<b>Expanded Empower+</b> EmPower+ helps low- and moderate-income households save energy and money toward energy improvements made to their property. Adding, \$200 million in funding to the existing EmPower+ Program to Reduce Energy Costs for Low-Income New Yorkers. create an affordable clean energy future that benefits all New Yorkers required additional resources to expand proven tools for energy efficiency and bill reductions. adoption of zero-emission standards for space and water heating equipment.	\$200,000,000
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	

Funding to help support the expansion of training, equipment, and transition for the delivered fuel industry to also offer energy services and energy efficiency services	\$20,000,000
Delivered fuel companies are trusted community members with established customer relationships and networks. Several New York-based delivered fuel companies have transitioned to include broader energy services and energy efficiency services. NYSERDA has existing relationships with suppliers, training providers, and these companies and can provide staff, and grants to support expanding energy services beyond delivered fuel for all current companies that choose to participate. These funds would support outreach, public education, and pilot cross-training approaches including the use of the NYSERDA on-the-job training program, grants for equipment, and other costs to expand services to include renewable energy, energy efficiency, indoor air quality, and other whole-house approaches. These funds can be combined with existing State funds as well as Federal DOE funds.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
NYSERDA Funding for Pre-retrofit measures and Health and Safety Improvements	\$30,000,000
Funding in line with the previously proposed Gap fund, Empower+ program, and piloted previously by Utilities and NYSERDA.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
NYCHA Funding for Pre-retrofit Measures and Health and Safety Improvements	\$30,000,000
Significantly increasing funding for NYCHA repairs, and systems upgrades that are necessary before the implementation of energy efficiency measures, on-site renewable energy location, electrification, and decarbonization. Funding that will immediately make the lives of residents safer and better, and reduce emissions in the long term.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Other Authority	
DHCR Funding for Pre-retrofit Measures and Health and Safety Improvements	\$25,000,000
Many CBOs in collaboration with NYSERDA have successfully braided housing funding including AHC grants with NYSERDA funding to meet pre-retrofit needs or cover cost gaps that low-income homeowners cannot meet. These funds are to specifically be used for these purposes. FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Affordable Housing Corporation	

We Stay/Nos Quedamos Resiliency Hub Proposal	\$630,000
NQ's Resiliency Hubs are blue-green infrastructure projects that will provide community-led crisis coordination centers during emergencies, and activated centers of community education and power-building in non-crisis times. The Hubs sit at the nexus of community resilience, emergency management, climate change mitigation, and social equity, providing opportunities for communities to become more self-determining, socially connected, and successful before, during, and after disruptions.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA Planning and Piloting Climate Farming Solutions in Rural New York	\$17,000,000
Provides grants to farms and to community-based organizations to do education and planning for climate resilience, adaption, and emissions mitigation that helps meet NY State's Climate Goals and preserves farmland, in Western New York, Finger Lakes, Central New York, Southern Tier, Mohawk Valley, North Country & Mid Hudson. FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept Agriculture and Markets	\$11,000,000
Renewable Energy Sustainable Farming Pilot Payment Program Funding	\$60,000,000
Funding to support 80 projects that provide economic benefits to existing small farmers and produce or store renewable energy from solar, water, and wind sources. These projects may not replace arable farmland or woodlot. Supporting pilots to develop replicable models for the co-location of agricultural production and renewable energy generation on the same land without reducing arable worked farmland significantly. The pilots shall include a focus on BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) and beginning farmers, who face unique challenges in the agricultural sector. All of the farmers should have demonstrated a commitment to regenerative agriculture, soil carbon sequestration, or other related practices, through the practices and systems that they have chosen to implement on their farms. Pilot farmers shall	
receive a community engagement stipend for their time co-creating and giving feedback on the program, as well as support to implement the pilot projects.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Grant Facilitation and Capacity Building Program	\$50,000,000
Incentives for existing power generation companies to transition to clean energy	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: ESDC / REDC / Dept. Economic Development	

Electric Public Transit Buses Cost Sharing Grants	\$100,000,000
Grants to help support the cost difference between electric and diesel buses, for the roughly 580 buses	
that are replaced each year statewide. (This is only part of the overall \$1.1B estimated cost.)	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Power Up Long Island (Power Up Communities & Power Up Solar: a project of the Long Island Progressive Coalition Education Project)	\$2,000,000
Non-profit energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades on Long Island to support the expansion	
of outreach public education and project implementation for community solar and storage projects	
focused on community group purchasing with houses of worship and other nonprofit organizations on Long Island through our PowerUp Solar campaign.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Marginalized farmers fund, including technical support and public engagement	\$10,000,000
Create a fund for resources for marginalized farmers including technical support and public engagement.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept Agriculture and Markets	
Forest Conservation Easement Land Trusts (FCELT) Grant Program	\$13,500,000
Land Trust Alliance, has a specific grant program "Forest Conservation Easement Land Trusts (FCELT)	
Grant Program;" this is included on the DEC but it is also a standing program on its own. This helps to	
increase the pace of forest land conservation to keep forests as forests and continue to help combat	
climate change with funding opportunities to expand DEC Natural carbon sequestration Programs.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Environmental Conservation	
Bovine Methane Reduction Grants	\$10,000,000
Funding to reduce methane burps from cows through better feeds and funding for methane capture through manure management; mentioned the Methane Reduction Plan.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Environmental Conservation	

Agricultural Energy Audit Program	\$20,000,000
Offers financial assistance to identify electric and natural gas energy efficiency measures for eligible farms and on-farm producers, including but not limited to dairies, orchards, greenhouses, vegetables, vineyards, grain dryers, and poultry/egg. This program would send grants to small and family farms (owned and operated by NY residents) to decarbonize, replace equipment, and address climate vulnerability, including but not limited to electric tractors and equipment, electric trucks for market farming, or renewable energy conversion of cold storage on site. FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Carbon Neutral Community Economic Development Program	\$20,000,000
Offers economic development projects across New York State for projects that are regionally significant and designed for carbon-neutral net zero energy performance. (It's worth noting that projects are aligned with the goals of the Regional Economic Development Council's link opens in a new window; you must close the new window to return to this page.) Strategic Plan or other State Priorities: This program would send grants to small and family farms (owned and operated by NY Residents) to decarbonize, replace equipment, and address climate vulnerability - including but not limited to electric tractors and equipment, electric trucks for market farming, or renewable energy conversation of cold storage on site.	
Soil Health Bill Organize Farming Grants	\$20,000,000
Support Farms that use organic systems are building soil carbon and also providing a long list of other ecosystem services - reducing erosion, eliminating the use of toxic materials in producing food, not using synthetic nitrogen fertilizers with the high level of emissions that go into the production, transportation, and application of those fertilizers, etc.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Environmental Conservation	
<ul> <li>0% Interest Green Jobs Green New York Loans (GJGNY)</li> <li>Capitalize a fund for zero-interest loans through the NYSERDA/New York Green Bank to establish affordable financing for solar panels, weatherization, pre-electrification, and electrification of buildings. This can build on past efforts such as GNGNY/HPwES and should include an expanded zero-interest on-bill recovery loan, modeled on the NYSERDA COVID relief efforts.</li> <li>FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA</li> </ul>	\$1,300,000,000

New Efficiency New York	\$70,000,000
Utility-based energy efficiency rebate programs for market-rate single-family, multi-family, and commercial entities. Does not permit gas appliances.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Public Service	
Comfort Home	\$30,000,000
Weatherization rebate program for market-rate single families to increase base incentives and encourage electrification.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Public Service	
Clean Heat	\$100,000,000
Heat pump rebate program for market-rate single-family, multi-family, and commercial entities.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Public Service	
Multifamily Low Carbon Pathways	\$20,000,000
Weatherization and heat pump rebate program for market-rate multifamily.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Public Service	
Green and Resilient Hospitals Pilot Program	\$20,000,000
Grants to identify appropriate strategies and pilot them for eliminating on-site emissions, including diesel backup generators at hospitals and other efforts to increase energy efficiency, implement on-site renewables and energy storage, and add EV infrastructure at hospitals (NYSERDA).	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Community Thermal Energy Network Pilots	\$40,000,000
Invest in community thermal energy networks, build on the existing NYSERDA Community Heat Pump Pilot Program.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	

Clean Heat for Low and Moderate-Income (LMI) Households	\$100,000,000
Heat pump rebate program for LMI single family/multifamily. This could build on the NYSERDA low-income heat pump pilot incentive, as well as recent NYSEG/RG&E LMI clean heat adders. Expand access regardless of fuel type before electrification. (NYSERDA already has New Economy NY funding for LMI heat pump pilots).	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Affordable Multifamily Energy Efficiency Program (AMEEP)	\$30,000,000
Energy efficiency rebate program for low and moderate-income single families.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Public Service	
RetrofitNY	\$20,000,000
Weatherization and heat pump rebate program for low and moderate-income multifamilies.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
NYC HPD Retrofit Electrification	\$20,000,000
Heat pump funding for affordable housing rehabilitation projects.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Green Affordable Pre-electrification (GAP) Fund	\$1,980,000,000
To assist LMI households (renters or homeowners) in undertaking deferred maintenance and pre-electrification work (including, but not limited to lead, mold & asbestos remediation, electric panel & wiring upgrades, energy efficiency & weatherization that isn't funded through other programs). "Gap" funding for Regional Clean Energy Hubs or other program implementers to support green and healthy homes or whole house upgrades, non-energy measures including electrification readiness, local supply chain, rent for Hubs to have physical community space and additional pilots for low-income programs. Whole Home Retrofit Fund that fills in gaps in existing programs (with tenant protections).	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
<b>Utility Thermal Energy Network Pilots</b> Funding for utility thermal energy networks, pilots already funded by PSC pursuant to the 2022 Thermal Energy Network Act.	\$40,000,000

FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Public Service	
Expand the Clean Green Schools Initiative	\$600,000,000
P-12 Clean Green Schools Initiative Encouraging the development of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects and programs for and in public schools (dramatically expanding the State's current program).	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Department of Environmental Conservation's Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program	\$14,000,000
Provide matching funds required for Disadvantaged Communities applying to participate in the Department of Environmental Conservation's Urban and Community Forestry grant program; We encourage the planting of fruit and nut trees.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Environmental Conservation	
Pilot Industrial Emissions Reductions and Transition Plan	\$20,000,000
Identify and develop decarbonization/electrification plans for 20 major emitters that employ at least 100 people in New York State to reach zero emissions by 2030.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Industrial Emission Reduction Challenge	\$10,000,000
Pilot program to transition challenging industrial processes to zero emissions (cement, smelting, other heavy industry).	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Refrigerant Leak Detection + Low-GWP Equipment Rebate for SMB/DACBusinesses with Large Cooling Equipment	\$50,000,000
Many smaller grocery chains lack capital to install leak detectors, despite these helping their bottom line. Commercial refrigeration is 28% of total HFC emissions; there are also non-HFC emissions.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	

Refrigerant Recovery Rebate	\$50,000,000
To get end-of-life recovery of refrigerants closer to 90%, as required by the Scoping Plan, NYSERDA needs to subsidize the cost of recovery. Technicians would recover refrigerants from the field, and get compensated by refrigerant distributors, who would claim the subsidy from NYSERDA. The rebate should be \$5/lb. That will stimulate a lot of reclamation activity. FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Climate Smart Communities	140,000,000
Grants to Local governments to create climate offices / develop community-engaged mitigation plans and to fund mitigation projects, mostly in energy.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Environmental Conservation	
NY SUN Funding	\$1,500,000,000
Currently, NY Sun is producing 1GW of solar installations a year. Spending an additional \$1.5B a year would allow us to upgrade the average solar subsidy by 1.5X (from \$200/KW to \$350), which would more than double the capacity installed per year, to 2.5GW. This would allow us to reach a third of the state's 2050 solar goal of 60GW in just 10 years. We can target this extra \$1.5B a year to distributed and community solar in DACs by creating/increasing incentive levels for the following LMI-focused adders. The funding expansion should be linked to the implementation of those adders to the base incentives.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
NY SUN: Inclusive Community Solar Adder	\$100,000,000
Increase to \$.8/W (from \$.3/W), with 100% of the project distributed to eligible residential LMI subscribers (up from 50%), and guaranteed bill savings for 50% (up from 15%).	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	¢100.000.000
NY SUN: Community Adder for ConEd Affordable Increase Community Adder (for CDG) for affordable housing in Con Edison Territory, from \$.2/W to \$.8/W, and make it stackable with other adders. Would encourage community solar for renters.	\$100,000,000
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
NY SUN: Adder for LMI Homeowners	\$100,000,000
Increase adder to LMI homeowners from \$.2/W to \$1.60/W	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	

NY SUN: Canopy Adder	\$100,000,000
Increase the canopy adder to \$.6/W, and make it stackable. This would incentivize canopies which should be prioritized to leave space for future/current electrification equipment and to maximize solar production while still accommodating FDNY pathways. This is in line with what the Federal government just did for the federal solar tax credit.	
NYS Solar Tax Credit Funding	\$35,000,000
Increase maximum tax credit amount to \$10,000 and include paired energy storage as an eligible system (S.8009-B Part HH).	\$33,000,000
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Taxation and Finance	
<b>Build Public Renewables (BPRA) Implementation</b> Fund Build Public Renewables Act and public power. FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NY Power Authority ( NYPA)	\$100,000,000
Resources for Resource-Braiding Sites across the State, Housed in the NYSERDA Regional Clean	\$100,000,000
Energy Hubs	
Support a whole home retrofit approach by streamlining access to state energy programs and incentives and strengthening NYSERDA's Regional Clean Energy Hubs ("Hubs") including additional pilots for low-income programs, rent for physical spaces, the development of referral processes, technology, and common applications across programs, Fund the development and ongoing updating of a statewide database that lists all available state, federal and local funding programs, Fund additional staff members at each Hub, Fund statewide technical assistance for the Hubs, Fund staff liaisons and develop a statewide advisory group to provide implementation feedback and recommendations to NYSERDA. Public engagement and public education via Clean Energy Hubs and Green Jobs, Green New Y ork CBO Program (funding for NYSERDA to support a well-funded, long-term statewide public information campaign, utilizing all forms of media as well as outreach by the Clean Energy Hubs in partnership with schools and community-based organizations).	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Expanded Methane Leakage Detection	\$50,000,000
Funding for monitoring methane leaks in oil and gas infrastructure.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Environmental Conservation	

Truck Voucher Incentive Program (Zero-emission MHDV fleet)	\$274,000,000
Zero-emission medium and heavy-duty vehicle (MHDV) rebate program. NYSERDA will cover from 90-100% of the incremental cost differential between a zero-emission and combustion vehicle, with a per-vehicle cap depending on the type of vehicle and its class (needs \$1.37B over 5 years).	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Electric Public Transit Buses	\$220,000,000
Yearly cost to cover the cost difference between electric and diesel buses, for the roughly 580 buses that are replaced each year statewide. Needs \$1.1B over 5 years. Federal bipartisan infrastructure law will address some of the funding needs.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Electric School Buses: Gap Funding	\$35,000,000
The bond fund provides \$500M, which will fund approximately 10K buses. \$855M is needed in total through 2032 when electric school buses are expected to reach cost parity. \$35M per year closes the gap between what the Bond Act provides and what is needed. Federal funding may also help close this gap.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Zero-emission State Light Duty Vehicles (LDV) fleet	\$17,000,000
Yearly cost to electrify New York State Light Duty Vehicles (LDV) fleet through 2028. Gov. Hochul put this in the '22-23 budget, which needs to be maintained year on year.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Zero-emission State MHDV fleet	\$30,000,000
Yearly cost to electrify New York State Medium and Heavy Duty vehicle (MHDV) fleet, falling steadily to \$7.5M per year by 2040.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Zero-emission Light Duty Vehicles (LDV)rebates for Counties	\$14,700,000
Yearly cost to electrify the county government-owned Light Duty Vehicles (LDV) fleet through 2028.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	

Zero-emission MHDV rebates for Counties	\$26,500,000
Yearly cost to electrify the county government-owned Medium and Heavy Duty Vehicles (MHDV) fleet, falling steadily through 2040.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Zero-emission Light Duty Vehicles (LDV) rebates for Municipalities	\$14,700,000
Yearly cost to electrify municipally owned Light Duty Vehicles (LDV) fleet.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Environmental Conservation	
Zero-emission MHDV Rebates for Municipalities	\$26,500,000
Yearly cost to electrify municipal-owned Medium and Heavy Duty Vehicle (MHDV) fleet.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Environmental Conservation	
Expand MTA Service	\$400,000,000
To expand transit service to meet the goal of average service being below a 6-minute wait time citywide (NYC #6minuteservice).	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Other Authority	
Expand State Support for Local and Regional Mass Transit Authorities to Expand Service	\$400,000,000
To expand transit service statewide at all transit agencies to meet a goal of wait time being below 10 minutes on average (#10minuteservice).	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Transportation	
School Bus/Charging Infrastructure: Manufacturing and Maintenance	\$80,000,000
Job creation in school bus and charging infrastructure manufacturing and maintenance (NYSERDA)	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
School Bus/Charging Infrastructure: Centralized Procurement	\$300,000,000
School transportation, including centralized procurement of zero-emission school buses and charging infrastructure, support for operations and maintenance software and hardware;	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	

Taxi Electrification	\$80,000,000
Provide cost recovery grants and debt relief for taxi drivers who will transition to electric zero-emission vehicles.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Transportation	
Electric Bus Manufacturing	\$150,000,000
To incentivize in-state electric bus manufacturing and supply chain.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
NY State Cash for Clunkers	\$80,000,000
Pilot early retirement of gas cars subsidy	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Electric Garbage Trucks Matching Grants	\$25,000,000
Grants to shift sanitation vehicles and transfer stations to zero emissions, all-electric operations, prioritizing those in EJ and DAC Communities. Covering up to 50% per vehicle cost of refuse/garbage trucks/sanitation vehicle fleets	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Environmental Conservation	
Landfill Methane Fund Food Waste Prevention and Organics Recycling Facilities	\$50,000,000
The State should expand existing financial assistance programs, and use funding provided to implement the Climate Act, for emergency food relief organizations, organics recycling facility infrastructure, municipalities, non-profits, and food scraps generators. This includes incentivizing public-private partnerships for organics recycling facility development.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Environmental Conservation	
Landfill Methane: Funding for Enhanced Landfill Covers	\$50,000,000
DEC should develop regulations for enhanced landfill covers to increase oxidation of methane, specialty landfill gas collectors for difficult-to-access areas, and gas dewatering to increase collection efficiency.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Environmental Conservation	

Fund a SUNY-Wide Zero Waste Action plan	\$25,000,000
Funding for SUNY create system-wide zero waste goals (legislation introduced).	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Other Authority	
Refrigerant job training for leak detection, end-of-life reclamation, and low-GWP equipment	\$10,000,000
New or expanded training and resources for contractors, technicians, and designers to reduce refrigerant emissions, addressing both leak detection and end-of-life reclamation of refrigerants already in use and the transition to low-GWP equipment and spray foam insulation (Source: Invest in Workforce Development strategy from Building section of Scoping Plan). FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Fund Campus Sustainability Program Positions on All SUNY and CUNY Campuses Campus sustainability positions: Fund each SUNY and CUNY campus to hire X number of FTEs (based upon campus size and operational complexity) in the following functional areas: Energy Management, Materials (waste) Management and Sustainability Education & Engagement (legislation introduced).	\$80,000,000
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Other Authority	
Office of Worker Cooperatives Fund ESD to re-establish the Office of Worker Cooperatives Authorized previously under the General Powers of Department of Economic Development as a revised "New York State Office of Community Wealth Building and Democratic Employee Ownership" in collaboration with other State Agencies. Initial focus is to include support for fossil fuel-dependent workers and communities to create worker and community co-ops (ESDC). FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: ESDC / REDC / Dept. Economic Development	\$20,000,000
Workforce Development Support Services for those with Barriers or Support Needs	\$66,000,000
Funding workforce development and wraparound or ancillary services, to ensure access to careers and technical education in renewable energy, energy efficiency, electrification, or decarbonization fields	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	

NYSERDA administrative funding to implement and enforce Climate Action Fund Fund-mandated labor and responsible contracting standards	\$11,000,000
Fund NYSERDA administration and capacity building to enforce responsible contracting, labor, and community benefits standards wherever public support is sufficient	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Fund Development of a True Building Decarbonization Roadmap	\$11,000,000
Fund the NY State Department of Labor to engage the NYS Education Department, SUNY/CUNY system, community-based organizations, and workforce development, labor and private sector partners to study and then develop a strategy to recruit, train, and skill up the clean energy workforce required to decarbonize the building sector. Workforce development funding to ensure all New Yorkers can access the expanding clean energy workforce and that there are adequate workers for the jobs being created.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYS DOL	
Fund the NYSERDA Energy Equity Collaborative	\$12,000,000
Fund the NYSERDA Energy Equity Collaborative will be established in 2022	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Clean Energy Hub Workforce Development Grants	\$22,000,000
Funding for climate and clean energy apprenticeships, pre-apprenticeships, certificate programs, internships and pathways. Streamline and expand programs to make them more accessible.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Clean Energy Hub Program Expansion Grants	\$68,000,000
Funding for innovative programs and projects focused on climate change and clean energy education and careers. These can be identified and supported through a process laid out by the newly proposed Climate and Clean Energy Education and Careers Working Group. Some examples include:	
• Roots of Success workforce readiness program pilots in high schools, prisons, and communities, such as the program that is part of the Ithaca Green New Deal.	
<ul> <li>Clean Energy High School Innovation Centers such as the Chemung Center for Innovation hosted by the Waverly School District.</li> <li>Internships such as the Energy Corps program hosted by the Network for a Sustainable Tomorrow</li> </ul>	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	

Green the Curriculum	\$6,000,000
Funding for the State Education Department to develop comprehensive, globally relevant, interdisciplinary, justice-centered climate education and workforce development programs for New York State's 2.6 million K-12 public school students, in close consultation with stakeholders.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Other Authority	
Create a Center of Excellence on Decarbonization at SUNY	\$60,000,000
Funding to create a SUNY Center of Excellence on decarbonization of buildings and transportation (SUNY)	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Other Authority	
System-wide Sustainability Director at SUNY	\$2,000,000
System-wide Sustainability Director at SUNY (legislation introduced)	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Other Authority	
Community Directed Climate Solutions Grant Program	\$1,000,000,000
Fund the creation of the Community Directed Climate Solutions Grant Program at NYSERDA as delineated in the Climate and Community Protection Fund Legislation	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Expand DEC EJ Grants	\$50,000,000
Expand Department of Environmental Conservation Environmental Justice Grants.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: DEC	
Community Expertise Grants/Request for Information	\$6,000,000
Fund NYSERDA to administer direct payments for community expertise (CAA).	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
NYSERDA Community Expertise Honorariums	\$10,000,000
Fund NYSERDA to Provide DAC Honorarium (CAA) Funding for NYSERDA to provide honorarium to community leaders involved in Climate Action Council, Climate Justice Working Group, and other ongoing voluntary board seats related to the CAC and Scoping Plan process.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	

Funding for P.I.L.O.T. Payment Replacement Support Power Generation Transition	\$100,000,000
Funding to replace lost taxes from fossil fuel closures: Electric Generation Facility Cessation Mitigation Fund to expand access and ensure that it includes school aid payments, and other equivalent payments not currently included in the program, the passage of Just Energy Transition Act, or other power plant transition efforts. FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Public Service	
Layoff Avoidance Pilot	\$10,000,000
Fund a program to identify Worker Transition Support Funding including incentives for companies to train employees to avoid layoffs, incentives for utilities to transition to RE/energy storage while maintaining workforce/wages, and funding to transition displaced workers into careers in healthcare and/or teaching.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
<b>Commercial &amp; Industrial (C&amp;I) Carbon Challenge</b> Funding to expand the NYSERDA Commercial and Industrial Carbon Challenge, for use by participants to train and transition over displaced/at-risk-of-displacement workers, or upgrade operations where potential job losses are significant. The program currently prioritizes decarbonization support but does not specifically focus on avoiding job losses (NYSERDA), commercial and industrial. The program provides support to large, non-residential energy users to unlock deep decarbonization opportunities. Includes incentives for energy-intensive companies to get proactively involved in renewable energy generation and energy storage, beneficial electrification, and manufacturing process emission reduction.	\$50,000,000
<b>Early Retirement Planning and Pilot</b> Develop a plan and pilot to fund to support fossil fuel employees facing layoffs early retirement, which can be modeled on the Comptroller's Early Retirement Incentive, or Federal Transition Assistance programs.	\$20,000,000
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Labor	

On-the-job Training	\$75,000,000
Increase the NYSERDA On-the-job Training Program reimbursement rate from 75% to 90% for higher-tier reimbursement and include higher union-led projects alongside certified MBE/WBE/SDVOBs as a high-priority business classification. Expand the reimbursement cap from \$150,000 per business to \$300,000 per business. Expand additional incentives to cover placement and training support for displaced fossil fuel workers alongside priority population workers & DAC workers and exclude displaced workers' reimbursement from the \$300,000 cap. Expand the reimbursement period for displaced workers with a salary match to their pre-displacement wages for up to 2 years. Expand DAC/priority population worker reimbursement period for up to 2 years. Also, expand the NYSERDA on-the-job training program to cover displaced/impacted workers and workers in DACs. FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Wage Guarantee Planning	\$15,000,000
Expanded Unemployment Benefits (DOL) - Funding for DOL to develop systems and plans to offer extended unemployment benefits to meet existing incumbent workforce levels if major lay-off occurs.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Labor	
Individual Worker Assurance Pilot Fund grants, income support, or programs administered by a labor union or NYS Department of Labor that provide direct support for workers adversely affected or displaced by fossil fuel facility closures, fund a program for individual worker assurance. Develop a program for wage guarantees for displaced workers (this may be in the form of expanded unemployment benefits), and develop a program for early retirement support for those who choose it. FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Labor	\$125,000,000
Cornell ILR Worker Transition Research	\$10,000,000
Fund Research on Worker and Community Transition Assurances to Workers Institute at Cornell	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Labor Electric Generation Facility Cessation Mitigation Program	\$400,000,000
Funding to replace lost taxes from fossil fuel closures: Electric Generation Facility Cessation Mitigation Fund to expand access and ensure that it includes school aid payments, and other equivalent payments, not currently included in the program.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: ESDC / REDC / Dept. Economic Development	

Just Transition Site Reuse Planning Program	\$1,890,000
Double the current annual budget for the Just Transition Site Reuse Planning Program funding from \$1.67M per year to \$3.34M per year (grants to communities that host fossil fuel infrastructure for energy & transition planning) to be accessible to all fossil fuel facility host communities and double the DAC adder from \$10K to \$20K.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	<u> </u>
Transition planning assistance Grants to host communities	\$140,000,000
Grants to communities that host fossil fuel infrastructure for energy and transition planning (DEC)	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Environmental Conservation	
Pension Liquidity and Support Study	\$3,000,000
Assess what support and funding will be needed to ensure pension funds for impacted union and public pension funds are stable and liquid as the energy transition continues through meeting the 2050 climate goals. Fund efforts by the NYS Comptroller to work with the New York State Department of Labor NYSDOL to ensure adequate support for impacted union Pension funds to remain operative and liquid.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYS Comptroller	
Worker Transition to Cooperatives Pilot Program	\$18,000,000
Support for fossil fuel dependent workers and communities to create worker and community co-ops (ESDC).	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: ESDC / REDC / Dept. Economic Development	
Study on what support and subsidies are needed to avoid loss of health benefits	\$1,000,000
Healthcare support for displaced workers needs as the energy transition continues through meeting the 2050 climate goals.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Labor	
Healthy Air and Healthy Jobs Pilot	\$18,000,000
Establish a pilot fund to train and transition displaced workers into new careers in public health and teaching, including funding for training and wage reimbursement (similar initiative in CA budget).	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Labor	

Weatherization Assistance Program Expansion	\$70,000,000
Department of Homes and Community Renewal Weatherization Program	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Other Authority	
Expand Funding of Empower+ with State General Revenue	\$70,000,000
Energy efficiency rebate program for LMI single-family. This would match the current CEF ratepayer funding. Ensure that Empower+ is accessible to NYers regardless of the type of load-serving entity, including coops, munis, LIPA. Expand the tiers to 80% and 150% of AMI to match Federal program updates.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Assited Home Performance Grant based Incentives	\$25,000,000
Expand funding for NYSERDA Green Jobs Green New York Assisted Home Performance Grants	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Pilot Day Care Decarbonization	\$6,000,000
Grants for free deep energy retrofits for decarbonization for home-based daycares	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
Statewide Low-income Transit Fare Grants	\$100,000,000
NYSDOT Statewide Fair Fares Subsidy Program (new program): this would fund the expansion of Reduced Transit Fair Subsidies statewide modeled on existing programs including the NYC Fair Fares Program.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Transportation	
Paratransit and Ambulette Electrification Rebates	\$75,000,000
Paratransit and Ambulette Electrification Rebates (up to 50% of cost for EVs) Expanding the DEC Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Vehicle Rebates	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: Dept. Environmental Conservation	

Grants for Wraparound Support services for WFD efforts	\$62,000,000
Fund wraparound support (e.g. childcare, mentoring, transportation, etc) & stipends for WFD programs prioritizing disadvantaged communities (mirroring CLCPA requirements) frontline community members, Those facing barriers to employment, and people whose jobs in extractive industries who may need retraining.	
Funding workforce development and wraparound or ancillary services, to ensure access to careers and technical education in renewable energy, energy efficiency, building electrification and decarbonization, renewable heating and cooling, electric vehicle manufacturing, maintenance, and operations fields for residents of disadvantaged communities or Environmental Justice Communities who face barriers to entry, and permanently displaced workers, whose incumbent jobs in the extractive or energy-intensive industries are impacted by energy regulatory changes. FUNDS ALLOCATED TO: NYSERDA	
J.E.T.A Study	
The "just energy transition act", whether the legislation passes or not NY State should proactively engage in a thoughtful planning process for our Gas transition requires a study of competitive options to facilitate the phase-out, replacement, and redevelopment of New York state's oldest and most polluting fossil-fueled generation facilities and their sites by the year 2030.	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO:	\$5,000,000
TOTAL:	\$13,247,170,000