

Climate Action + Increased Funding Requests

Budget process guidance document

FY20-21 Budget: What's New

Climate actions questions are now included in the increased funding request (IFR) form.

Three questions about the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) will help the Budget Team understand if your efforts relate to the CAAP's three main goals: reducing emissions, preparing for change, and increasing community equity.

Our Goals

CHANGE	Climate change is causing cities across the country to fundamentally change the way they do business. Climate resiliency and emissions reductions are now part of the budget process.
SPOTLIGHT	This process change will help us better identify climate champions taking climate action throughout the organization, recognizing that all divisions are taking steps to reduce their impacts and prepare for change.
DATA	Good data is crucial for climate-informed decisions. The new IFR form can spotlight innovative climate solutions, room for efficiencies, and which sections the climate team can better support in taking climate action.
CAAP	The integration of climate priorities into the City's budget is a top priority in the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) implementation.

How Your Section Can Benefit

- All sections are likely already taking some sort of climate action. This process can highlight those efforts and identify opportunities to increase climate impacts.
- Using a climate lens in project planning can reduce costs, increase collaboration within the City, and help your section become more resilient, or ready for change.
- There is a more climate-friendly way to do most things. Funding requests that have considered their implications for climate emissions and readiness demonstrate that a section is balancing it's funding needs with other City goals.

The Climate Team is Here to Support

Lunch and learns	Two lunch and learns will focus on climate action planning in the budget process, and how to complete the IFR form. 12:00 – 1:00 pm on 12/16/19 City Council Chambers	12:00 – 1:00 pm on 1/15/20 City Council Chambers
Division meetings	Sustainability staff will set up meetings with each Division Director to review the climate-IFR process. Directors are encouraged to invite any staff working on budgets.	
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IFR Form Questions

Climate Action and Adaptation Plan					
Description	Amount	...	Does this item reduce City or community greenhouse gas emissions?	Does this item make Flagstaff more resilient to change?	Does this item increase community equity?

How do I fill out the IFR – CAAP questions?

Goal 1: Reducing greenhouse gas emissions

- **What this means:** Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are how Flagstaff contributes to climate change, and are created when we use energy sources like electricity and fuel, or when goods are consumed.
- **Why it matters:** Flagstaff has pledged to reduce its emissions 80% by 2050.
- **How to meet the goal:** GHG emissions are reduced through energy efficiency, reducing consumption, or switching energy sources. Examples include: purchasing electric vehicles, upgrading to more energy efficient equipment, not unnecessarily idling vehicles.

Goal 2: Increasing Flagstaff’s resiliency

- **What this means:** Increasing resiliency means creating a City and community that are better prepared to respond to changes in our economy, jobs, housing, forests, recreation and water.
- **Why it matters:** Preparing the city’s communities, systems, and resources to be more resilient to climate change impacts will help the City respond to both emergencies and long-term trends.
- **How to meet the goal:** Resiliency is increased through strategic preparation for managing our vulnerabilities and risk to change, and improvements in municipal self-sufficiency.

Goal 3: Increasing community equity

- **What this means:** The City hopes to address climate change in a manner that improves equity – or fairness – within our community. Community equity is increased when people are better equipped to deal with change and when access to services is improved.
- **Why it matters:** Vulnerable communities – including the elderly, infirm, low-income, communities of color and children – are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.
- **How to meet the goal:** Equity is increased when broader segments of the community are able to access services and information, improve self-reliance, or prepare for change.

Examples

Here are a few examples of how sections integrated climate action into their FY19-20 RSLs.

Section	RSL	Relationship to CAAP Goals		
		Reduces GHG Emissions?	Increases Resiliency?	Increases Equity?
Parks	Smart irrigation system	Yes: reduced water use reduces energy use (& GHGs)	Yes: increases City’s ability to deal with drought	No
Water Production	Two back-up power generators	No	Yes: will enable the City to prolong water production in event of power outages	Yes: elderly and low-income populations are less able to adapt to water shortages
Economic Vitality	Innovate Waste Competition	Yes: using reused materials reduces the demand for new goods and raw materials	Yes: increases economic resiliency through new jobs and the utilization of local, otherwise wasted materials	Yes: opens business start-up opportunities to a broader range of residents; creates jobs