

City of Alexandria, Virginia
FY 2026 Proposed Operating Budget & CIP
Budget Questions & Answers

March 24, 2025

Question:

Can someone tell me the amount of money allocated for the Office of Climate Action's programs/activities vs. what was spent?

Response:

The Office of Climate Action was established in FY 2023 beginning with the creation of the Climate Action Officer position midway through the fiscal year. Subsequently, it completed its staffing to include the transfer of five positions from various departments and the creation of the Senior Communications Officer position occurring between the end of FY 2023 and FY 2024.

Office of Climate Action						
	FY24		FY25			FY26
	Budgeted	Actuals	Budgeted	YTD Actuals	<i>Anticipated Costs</i>	Budgeted
Personnel	\$1,045,08	\$1,028,991	\$1,128,36	\$812,196		\$1,181,623
Non-Personnel	\$600,000	\$89,745	\$650,000	\$97,184	*\$228,000	\$600,000
Total	\$1,645,080	\$1,118,736	\$1,778,367	\$909,380		\$1,781,623

*Currently, the Office of Climate Action has approximately \$73,000 in encumbered funds, and \$155,000 in anticipated costs for:

- \$50,000 Electric lawn equipment incentives with COG/Clean Air Partners
- \$50,000 Energy Masters – programmable thermostats and various energy efficiency upgrades
- \$25,000 Multi-Family EV Charging Technical Assistance Program
- \$30,000 Community Engagement Activities, including Eco-City Festival

During FY 2025, the Office of Climate Action anticipated spending an additional \$150,000 that would have provided incentives for energy efficiency and electrification improvements for residents. This was to be supplemented with a \$100,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. That project award was delayed, and with increasing uncertainty in confidence of reimbursement, staff recommends delaying incentive design to FY 2026.

Staff also collaborated as a partner with [Power Forward Communities](#), a coalition led by [Habitat for Humanity International](#), [United Way Worldwide](#), [Enterprise Community Partners](#), [Rewiring America](#), and [Local Initiatives Support Corporation](#) (LISC), including jurisdictions across the country to invest in energy efficiency upgrades using funds from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, with the intent of leverage City funds to capitalize larger investments. While Power Forward Communities was officially awarded a \$2 billion, seven-year National Clean Investment Fund (NCIF) grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), these federal funds have been delayed and are currently held up in various legal challenges.