



# Austin FY 2026 Budget Updates on Climate Initiatives

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# CLIMATE ADVANCEMENTS

- Climate Revolving Fund and Energy Program Manager
- Sustainable [Purchasing] Program Manager
- Electric lawncare pilot program
- Solar recycling
- Local clean energy
- Water conservation
- Litter abatement and furniture reuse
- City lands for climate projects
- Austin Civilian Conservation Corps

# SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS

- ❑ **Climate Revolving Fund:** established to pay for energy upgrades at city facilities, including energy efficiency improvements and solar energy systems. Bill savings will return to the fund to pay for more energy upgrades. \$300,000 in seed funding allocated from the General Fund.
- ❑ **Energy Program Manager:** new position at the Office of Climate Action and Resilience to run the Climate Revolving Fund
- ❑ **Local clean energy:** \$3.7 million, plus five new staff for clean energy programs at Austin Energy, including battery incentive
- ❑ **Water conservation:** \$1.4 million for water conservation and meter accuracy at Austin Water

# CONSUMPTION

- ❑ **Sustainable [Purchasing] Program Manager:** new position for the Office of Climate Action and resilience to lead development of comprehensive environmentally sustainable purchasing policies and practices
- ❑ **Electric lawncare pilot program:** \$323,000 for the Parks and Recreation Department to purchase at least one riding electric mower and charging infrastructure, likely at Zilker Park
- ❑ **Litter abatement and furniture reuse:** \$619,000 for the Furniture Reuse Warehouse and six new litter abatement staff at Austin Resource Recovery
- ❑ **Solar recycling:** resolution directed evaluating creating a fee for a comprehensive program to recycle solar generating equipment

# NATURAL SYSTEMS AND OTHER

- ❑ **City lands for climate projects:** resolution directed conducting an evaluation of city land for climate projects. This can include carbon sequestration, solar energy, sustainable agriculture and other uses.
- ❑ **Austin Civilian Conservation Corps:** \$864,000 allocated.

# ADDITIONAL CLIMATE INVESTMENTS FOR FY 2026

Measure	Amount
Climate Revolving Fund	\$300,000
Energy Program Manager	\$124,276
Sustainable [Purchasing] Program Manager	\$104,274
Electric lawncare pilot program	\$323,000
Local clean energy rebates	\$3,720,309
Local clean energy staff position	\$114,655
Water conservation	\$1,375,038
Litter abatement and furniture reuse	\$619,000
Austin Civilian Conservation Corps	\$864,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,544,552</b>

# Thank You

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