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**LA COUNTY CLIMATE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION BUDGET ITEMS IN FISCAL  
YEAR (FY) 2026-27 RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND FINAL CHANGES (ITEM NO. 23,  
AGENDA OF DECEMBER 19, 2023)**

Background

The December 19, 2023, Board motion titled “Establishing an LA County Climate Budget to Achieve Carbon Neutral County Operations”, directed the Chief Sustainability Office (CSO) to present a list of items funded in each year’s budget that are intended to advance Los Angeles County’s (County) climate change mitigation and adaptation goals.

The purpose of the list is to support the development of the climate budget by providing insights into the County’s sustainability and resiliency investments and help identify gaps that need to be addressed to achieve the County’s goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2045, expressed in the OurCounty Sustainability Plan. This is one of multiple steps to integrate climate considerations into the budget process.

Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Budget Items

When County departments submit their budget requests, they are able to tag them as sustainability so CSO staff can track them for review and analysis. In this year’s budget cycle, the Chief Executive Office (CEO) incorporated additional filters to proactively identify sustainability-related projects.

Attachment I represents sustainability budget items approved by the Board in the FY 2026-27 Recommended Budget and Final Changes budget phases. To date, over \$101.2 million in Gross Appropriations were approved, and \$94.8 million of that came from state or federal grants.

In order to more consistently assess sustainability-tagged budget requests, CSO developed a climate budget criteria (Attachment II). Based on this criteria assessment, each budget item now includes a "Sustainability Impact Tier". It also includes information, where relevant, about the Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Equity Explorer tier the project is located in as directed by the December 2023 Board motion.

#### Next Steps

Through the remainder of the budget cycle, CSO will continue to work with Department Sustainability Liaisons, a role established by your Board through the November 4, 2025, Board motion adopting the OurCounty Sustainability Plan. CSO will provide you with a follow-up list of all approved budget items tagged sustainability following the Board approval of the FY 2026-27 Supplemental Changes budget.

Additional work is underway to develop and implement climate budgeting. The Internal Services Department recently awarded a contract to develop a Municipal Climate Action Plan for the County, which will, among other things, help establish a climate investment target. CSO is also working with CEO to pilot application of the climate budget criteria to other areas of the budget. This will help provide a more comprehensive understanding of current and future sustainability investments.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Rita Kampalath, Chief Sustainability Officer, at (323) 459-3939 or [rkampalath@csolacounty.gov](mailto:rkampalath@csolacounty.gov).

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#### Attachments

c: County Counsel  
Chief Executive Office  
Internal Services Department

## Sustainability Budget Items

| Department                         | Budget Item Description                                                                                                                    | Gross Appropriation (\$) | Intrafund Transfer (\$) | Revenue (\$)               | Net County Cost (\$) | Budget Position | Budget Phase Approved | OurCounty Plan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Sustainability Impact Tier | ARDI Equity Explorer Tier                                                               |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Department of Economic Opportunity | Tree Grant - Funding for administrative costs associated with executing the \$8M USDA Forest Service tree grant                            | \$122,000                | 0                       | \$122,000 <sup>(A)</sup>   | \$ -                 | 0               | Recommended           | <b>Goal 2.</b> Healthy buildings and infrastructure;<br><b>Goal 4.</b> Prosperous and inclusive economy;<br><b>Goal 5.</b> Thriving ecosystems and biodiversity;<br><b>Goal 11.</b> Inclusive and accountable governance                                                                                                  | High                       | NA - Tree planting locations selected based on criteria including equity                |
| Department of Economic Opportunity | Tree Grant - Payment for assistance costs associated with executing the \$8M USDA Forest Service tree grant                                | \$831,000                | 0                       | \$831,000 <sup>(A)</sup>   | \$ -                 | 0               | Recommended           | <b>Goal 2.</b> Healthy buildings and infrastructure;<br><b>Goal 4.</b> Prosperous and inclusive economy;<br><b>Goal 5.</b> Thriving ecosystems and biodiversity;<br><b>Goal 11.</b> Inclusive and accountable governance                                                                                                  | High                       | NA - Tree planting locations selected based on criteria including equity                |
| Department of Economic Opportunity | Tree Grant - Tree planting and engagement contractual services associated with the \$8M USDA Forest Service tree grant                     | \$8,157,000              | 0                       | \$4,897,000 <sup>(A)</sup> | \$ 3,260,000         | 0               | Recommended           | <b>Goal 2.</b> Healthy buildings and infrastructure;<br><b>Goal 4.</b> Prosperous and inclusive economy;<br><b>Goal 5.</b> Thriving ecosystems and biodiversity;<br><b>Goal 11.</b> Inclusive and accountable governance                                                                                                  | High                       | NA - Tree planting locations and training population based on criteria including equity |
| Department of Economic Opportunity | Safe Clean Water Program Workforce Training - Funding for assistance costs related to workforce training for SCWP projects.                | \$1,700,000              | 0                       | \$1,700,000                | \$ -                 | 0               | Recommended           | <b>Goal 1.</b> Resilient and healthy communities;<br><b>Goal 2.</b> Healthy buildings and infrastructure;<br><b>Goal 4.</b> Prosperous and inclusive economy;<br><b>Goal 5.</b> Thriving ecosystems and biodiversity;<br><b>Goal 9.</b> Sustainable resource use;<br><b>Goal 11.</b> Inclusive and accountable governance | Medium                     | NA - Training eligibility based on criteria including equity                            |
| Department of Economic Opportunity | Safe Clean Water Program Workforce Training - Funding for administrative costs to support the workforce training related to SCWP projects. | \$229,000                | 0                       | \$229,000                  | \$ -                 | 0               | Recommended           | <b>Goal 1.</b> Resilient and healthy communities;<br><b>Goal 2.</b> Healthy buildings and infrastructure;<br><b>Goal 4.</b> Prosperous and inclusive economy;<br><b>Goal 5.</b> Thriving ecosystems and biodiversity;<br><b>Goal 9.</b> Sustainable resource use;<br><b>Goal 11.</b> Inclusive and accountable governance | Medium                     | NA - Training eligibility based on criteria including equity                            |

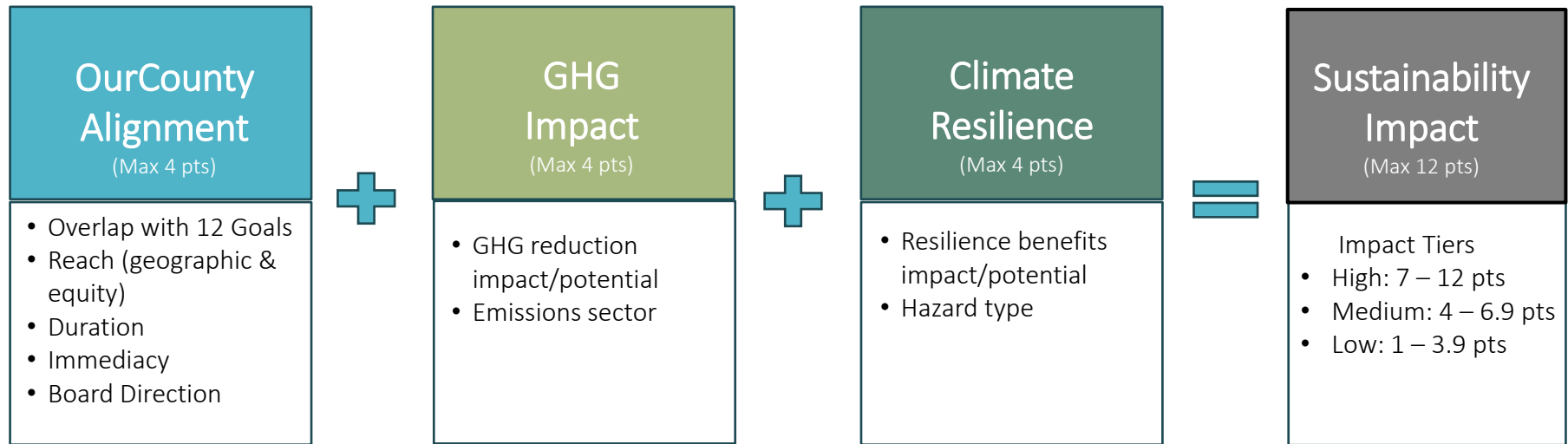
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| Internal Services Department              | Energy Efficiency & Electric Vehicle Grant - Funding received from the CA Energy Commission in support of SoCalRen projects, charging infrastructure for County fleet, and community outreach through the County Electrifyze LA program | \$82,903,000         | 0        | \$82,903,000 <sup>(A)</sup> | \$ -               | 0        | Recommended   | Goal 1. Resilient and healthy communities;<br>Goal 2. Healthy buildings and infrastructure;<br>Goal 7. Fossil Fuel Free County;<br>Goal 9. Sustainable resource use;<br>Goal 11. Inclusive and accountable governance;<br>Goal 12. Creative and equitable funding and partnerships | High   | NA |
| Internal Services Department              | Property Accessed Clean Energy Program (PACE) Admin Costs                                                                                                                                                                               | \$715,000            | 0        | \$427,000                   | \$ 288,000         | 0        | Recommended   | Goal 1. Resilient and healthy communities;<br>Goal 2. Healthy buildings and infrastructure;<br>Goal 7. Fossil Fuel Free County;<br>Goal 9. Sustainable resource use                                                                                                                | Medium | NA |
| Agricultural Commisser Weights & Measures | Accountant II - Position to, among other responsibilities, support the EV program for ACWM's Meter Division                                                                                                                             | \$142,000            | 0        | \$142,000                   | \$ -               | 1        | Recommended   | Goal 1. Resilient and healthy communities;<br>Goal 7. Fossil Fuel Free County                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Medium | NA |
| Agricultural Commisser Weights & Measures | ICE Vehicle Replacement with Hybrids                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$155,000            | 0        | \$155,000                   | \$ -               | 0        | Recommended   | Goal 1. Resilient and healthy communities;<br>Goal 7. Fossil Fuel Free County                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Medium | NA |
| Agricultural Commisser Weights & Measures | Vehicle Purchases - includes EVs for Exotic Pest Detection Program                                                                                                                                                                      | \$238,000            | 0        | \$238,000                   | \$ -               | 0        | Recommended   | Goal 1. Resilient and healthy communities;<br>Goal 7. Fossil Fuel Free County                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Medium | NA |
| <b>SUBTOTAL - RECOMMENDED</b>             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>\$95,192,000</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>\$91,644,000</b>         | <b>\$3,548,000</b> | <b>1</b> |               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |        |    |
| Department of Regional Planning           | HUD Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing Grant                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$6,000,000          | 0        | \$6,000,000 <sup>(B)</sup>  | \$0                | 0        | Final Changes | Goal 1. Resilient and healthy communities;<br>Goal 3. Equitable and sustainable land use;<br>Goal 8. Clean and affordable transportation;<br>Goal 12. Creative and equitable funding and partnerships                                                                              | Medium | NA |
| <b>SUBTOTAL - FINAL</b>                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>\$6,000,000</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>\$6,000,000</b>          | <b>\$0</b>         | <b>0</b> |               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |        |    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>\$101,192,000</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>\$97,644,000</b>         | <b>\$3,548,000</b> | <b>1</b> |               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |        |    |

**Notes:**

(A) State grant funding.

(B) Federal grant funding.

# Attachment II: Climate Budgeting Criteria



## Reference materials include:

- [2025 OurCounty Plan](#)
- [2023 Municipal GHG Inventory](#)
- [OurCounty Priority Actions](#)
- [Climate Vulnerability Assessment & Map](#)
- [ARDI Equity Explorer](#) — Concentrated Disadvantage + COVID Vulnerability