

Recommendations for 2023 VOP Budget Amendment: Climate Ready Oak Park

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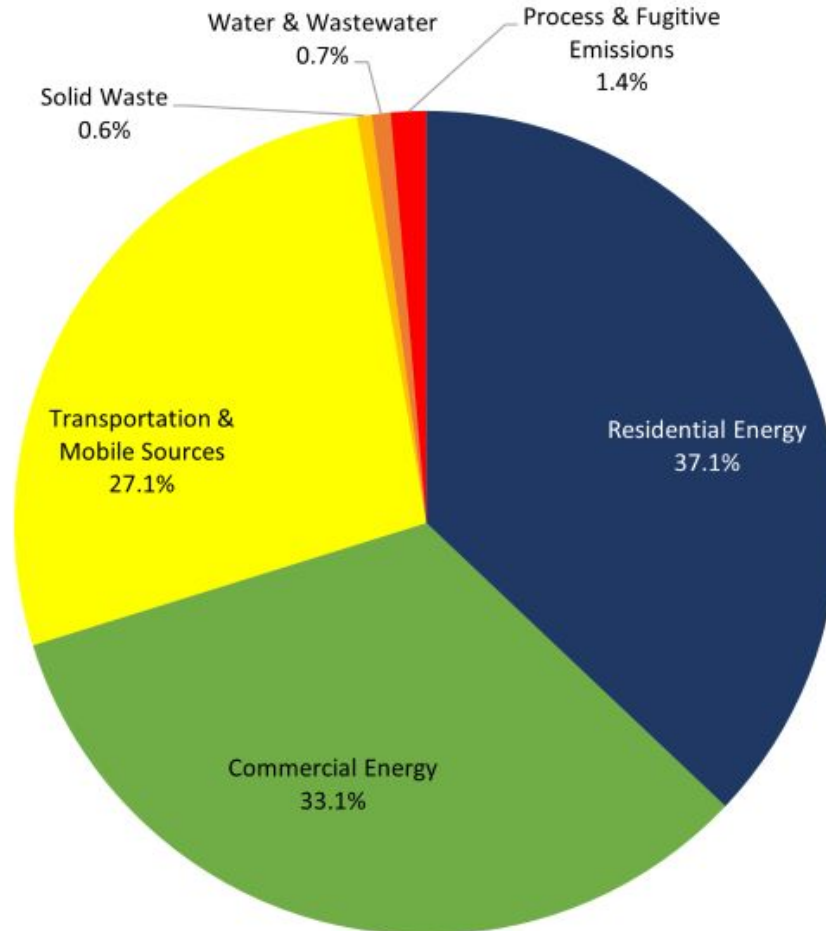




Climate Ready Oak Park

- Carbon neutral by 2050
- 60% reduction in GHG emissions by 2030

2019 Oak Park GHG Emissions by Category



Federal & State Resources Available

- US Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
- US Inflation Reduction Act
 - *>\$27 billion and \$20 billion in rebates & incentives for buildings*
- IL Climate and Equitable Jobs Act

Proposed Use of Additional FY2023 Funds

Item	Budget Request
<i>ARPA Slide 6</i>	<i>\$2,300,000</i>
<i>ARPA Slide 7</i>	<i>\$275,000</i>
<i>ARPA Slide 8</i>	<i>\$125,000</i>
ARPA SUBTOTAL*	\$2,700,000
General Operating Budget**	\$200,000
TOTAL	\$2,900,000

**Anticipate additional proposals for ARPA sustainability earmark in FY24 for the Climate Ready Oak Park Plan.*

*** Anticipate budget amendments during FY23 for matching requirements for federal and state grant opportunities.*

Budget Amendment Recommendations: ARPA Funds

Program / Item	Description	Emissions reduction potential	2023 Request
Technical assistance (TA) Center (BD06)	Subcontract with organization to pilot a "one-stop shop" program to educate, support and coordinate residents and small business requests for energy, resiliency & healthy housing retrofits	HIGH	\$400,000 (\$0 in FY23 budget)
Energy Efficiency Grants (BD06)	Provide grants to support energy retrofits for low to moderate income households	HIGH	\$1,600,000 (\$100k in FY23 budget)
Outreach & Education Program (BD03)	Ensure low-income & vulnerable populations know the options for implementing and financing energy & climate resiliency upgrades via an effective outreach campaign connecting residents with the TA center	HIGH	\$300,000 (\$0 in FY23 budget)
Slide 6 Subtotal			\$2,300,000

2023 Budget amendment: ARPA

Program / Item	Description	Emissions reduction potential	2023 Request
Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (TS02)	Develop strategy to increase access to electric vehicle charging stations and parking, with an emphasis on EV charging access for residents without a garage	HIGH	\$100,000 (\$0 in FY23 budget)
Transition Municipal Fleets to Zero Carbon Vehicles (DP01)	Replace existing gas- or diesel-powered fleet with electric vehicles	MEDIUM	\$175,000 (\$35k in FY23 budget)
Slide 7 Subtotal			\$275,000

2023 Budget amendment: ARPA

Program / Item	Description	Emissions reduction potential	2023 Request
Conduct Feasibility Analysis of Local Financing for Emissions Reductions (BD01)	Contract for feasibility study of establishing an Oak Park Revolving Loan Fund, Residential PACE program, or other financing program	MEDIUM	\$75,000 (\$0 in FY23 budget)
Building Benchmarking Program (EN01)	Perform annual mandatory energy benchmarking at all large buildings via a transparent platform (like Energy Star), as allowed by State statute	LOW (increasing in later years)	\$50,000 (\$25k in FY23 budget)
Slide 8 Subtotal			\$125,000

2023 Budget Amendment: General Operating Fund

Program / Item	Description	Emissions reduction potential	2023 (Additional) Cost
Sustainability Grant Writer	Multi-year grant-writing resource to obtain federal & state funds that support initiatives across the Village	HIGH	\$100,000
Customer Service - Neighborhood Services Green Programs	Additional staff dedicated to processing energy retrofit grants and other green programs	HIGH	\$100,000
Pool of Matching Funds for Federal Grant Opportunities	Reserve to match federal grants that support a variety of Village initiatives, from EV infrastructure to green fleet to landscaping, administered by various departments	HIGH	Per budget amendment as needed
TOTAL			\$200,000

Addendum

Additional, budget-neutral actions recommended in FY23

1. Investigate an Indirect Power Purchase Agreement with a renewable energy developer. *There are federal dollars available that the energy developer could apply for.*
2. Pass an ordinance directing the Village to explore the feasibility and operation of a Revolving Loan Fund or other forms of financing for energy efficiency and retrofit investments. *The State of Illinois is investigating a Green Bank, and Oak Park could be an early adopter with its own revolving loan program for low-income residents.*

Additional, budget-neutral actions in 2023

3. Pass an ordinance to require all restaurants and retail establishments to separate compostable waste over time, followed by a phase-in ordinance to require all residents to do the same.
4. Direct the Village to develop a strategy and identify locations for creating climate and pest-resilient forests and plantings of perennials and grasses throughout the Oak Park, or in collaboration with neighboring villages. *With a plan, Oak Park can apply for federal funds to plant and maintain them.*
5. Establish metrics for each initiative, and review progress on each quarterly.