

# DEC Priorities and Potential Funding Mixes

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# Illustrative DEC Priorities

- Clean Water
- Safe Drinking Water
- Climate Change / Clean Air
- Brownfield / Contaminated Site Cleanup
- Universal Recycling

# Current Funding Mix

- Clean Water – Clean Water Fund, CWSRF
- Safe Drinking Water – DWSRF
- Climate Change / Clean Air – State EV incentives, low-income Wx, CEDF, etc.
- Brownfields/Contaminated Site Cleanup – ECF, EPA Brownfields program
- Universal Recycling – Solid Waste Management Assistance Fund

# New Funding Proposals

- FY22 Governor's Recommend One-time Surplus GF
  - Brownfield Cleanup (\$25m)
  - Weatherization (\$25m)
  - Clean Transportation (\$5m)
  - Community Clean Solar Energy (\$10m)

# New Funding Proposals

- Governor's Proposed ARPA Allocations
  - Water/Sewer Infrastructure (\$170m)
  - Climate Change (\$200m)

\* These proposal are additive to FY22 Governor's Recommended Budget proposals

# Climate Change Investments

To make investments in technology, infrastructure, and hazard reduction to counteract the negative economic impacts associated with the COVID-19 pandemic while reducing Vermont's greenhouse gas emissions, improving air quality and public health, and enhancing our resilience to a changing climate.

# Climate Change Investments

Category	Funding (in Millions)
Electric Vehicle Infrastructure	\$ 25.0
Weatherization	21.0
Electrification Incentives	29.0
Hazard Mitigation Buy-out	25.0
Climate Action Plan	100.0
Total	\$ 200.0

# Water Infrastructure

\$170 million



# Water Infrastructure Investments

To make investments water and sewer infrastructure (specifically named as an allowable use of American Recovery Plan Act funds)

# Water Infrastructure Investments

Category	Funding (in Millions)
Stormwater Retrofit Projects	\$ 75.0
Village Water/Wastewater/Pretreatment	35.0
CSO Abatement	30.0
Dam Safety	15.0
Healthy Homes (residential water systems)	15.0
Total	\$ 170.0

# Potential Funding Proposals

- Federal Infrastructure Bill
  - Significant potential, but far from certain
  - Open questions:
    - How long to spend the money?
    - Will the money use existing programs?
    - For water, will it be in the form of grants or loans?
- Federal Budget Earmarks
  - Likely coming back; will fund discrete, ready projects
  - Funding directly to communities; limited state role

# ARPA Funding Strategy in Relation to Potential Additional Federal Funding

- ARPA dollars provide more certainty
- Insufficient to meet all needs
- Transformative investment opportunity to protect public health and the environment
  - Focus on “no regrets” projects
- Budget language will be for FY22
  - Provides flexibility in out years if new funding comes online
- Mix of project implementation and advancing project concepts to design and permitting