

**Climate Action Office**  
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# What is the Climate Action Office?

Climate action work is happening across state government.

- The Climate Action Office **leads, coordinates, and tracks** climate action across government.
- This supports the goals and requirements of the Global Warming Solutions Act.
- Supported by an Inter-Agency Advisory Board

# Objectives of the Inter-Agency Advisory Board to the CAO

1. To provide a space for proactive coordination on climate action across state government.
2. Articulating where policy and financial implications overlap around climate action to ensure resources are maximized.
3. To support the monitoring of progress over time in meeting the state's climate goals.
4. Identification and framing up of gaps where the climate action office might prioritize support.
5. Development of state positions on issues related to climate change.

## Agencies:

- PSD
- AOT
- ANR
- VEM
- AAFM
- BGS
- AHS (DCF and VDH)
- ACCD
- DOL
- State Climatologist

# What does the Climate Action Office do?

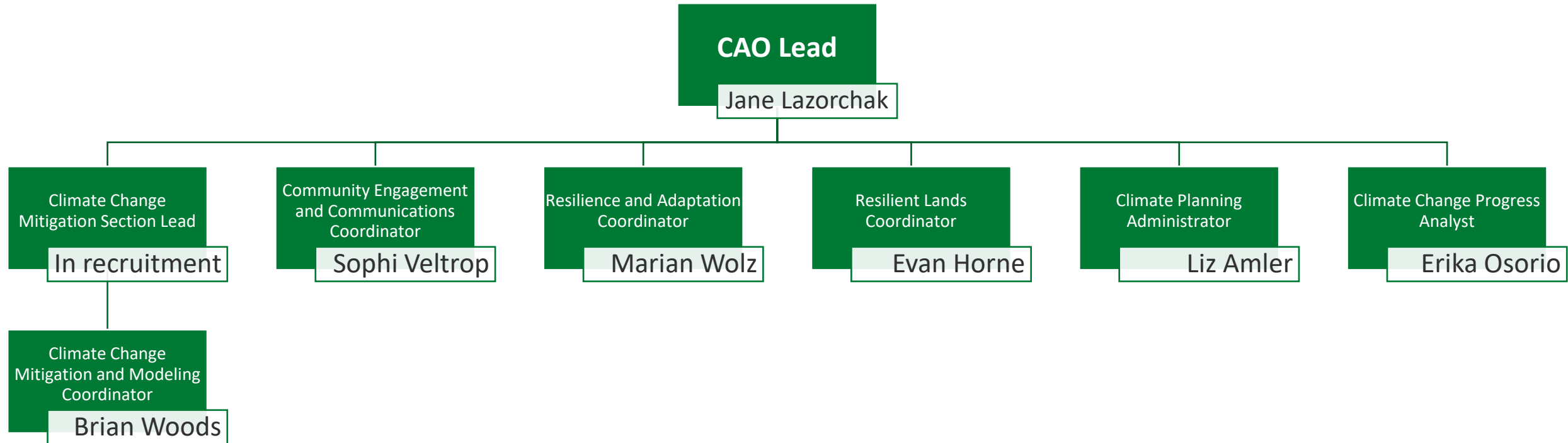
**Provide expertise and capacity** on state-led climate initiatives.

**Track and assess** climate actions and communicate those findings.

Provide **transparent, reliable** information to Vermonters.

**Meaningful conversations** between Vermonters and government about the felt impacts of climate change itself and of state actions to address climate change.

# Who are we?



# Examples of Work in the Climate Action Office



# Reduce Emissions

## Technical Analyses

- Foundational to good policy
- [Climate Policy Study](#)
- Business-as-Usual Model and Scenario Planning

## Programmatic Work

- Support rulemaking for Advanced Clean Cars II and Advanced Clean Trucks
- Refrigerant management
- Energy navigators bridge funding

# Annual State Climate Spending Document

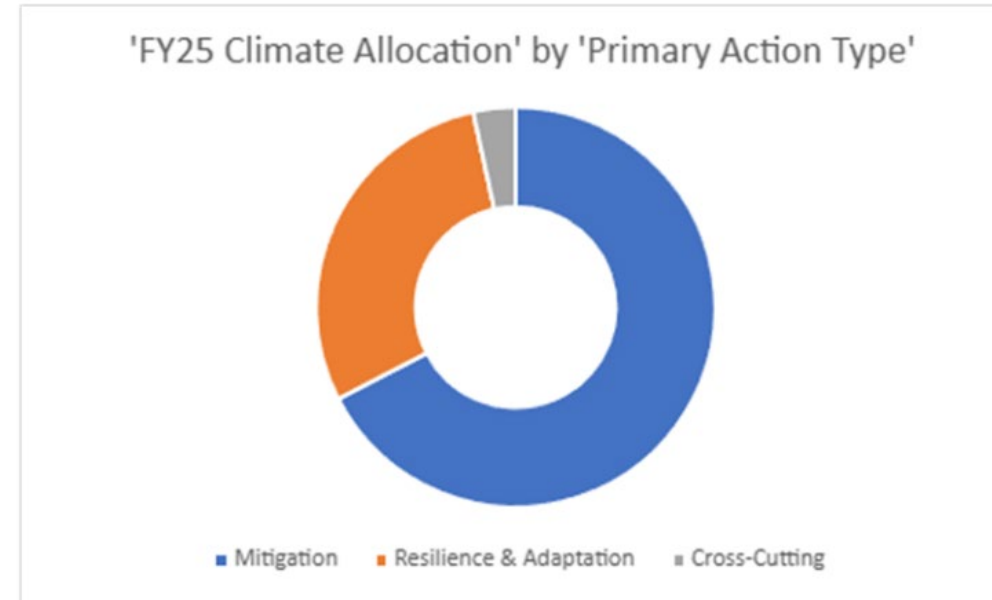
- Spending on climate action has steadily increased in recent years but there are challenges ahead that will change that picture.
- Climate spending totals \$524,508,384 for FY 2025 - this is in large part due to federal investments, which are set to end as soon as this year.
- In addition to funding from the American Recovery Act coming to a close, federal funds from laws like the Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill are vulnerable to rollback from the federal government.
- Sustained federal funding for critical programs like the Climate and Health Program in the Department of Health are also at risk.
- While state funding has also advanced initiatives—from flood preparedness and recovery to new energy navigator positions that support low-income Vermonters accessing grant funds—new funding sources will be necessary if we want to continue to advance at the pace and scale needed to meet our climate goals.

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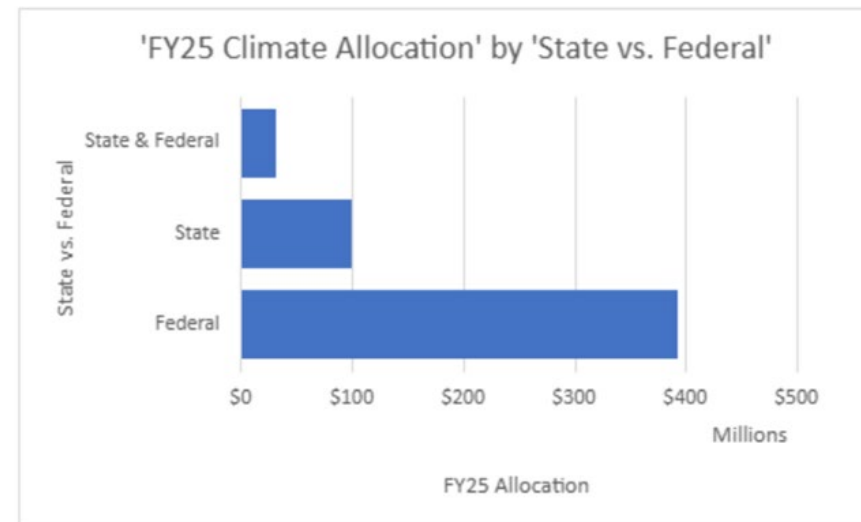
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## Types of Climate Action Funded

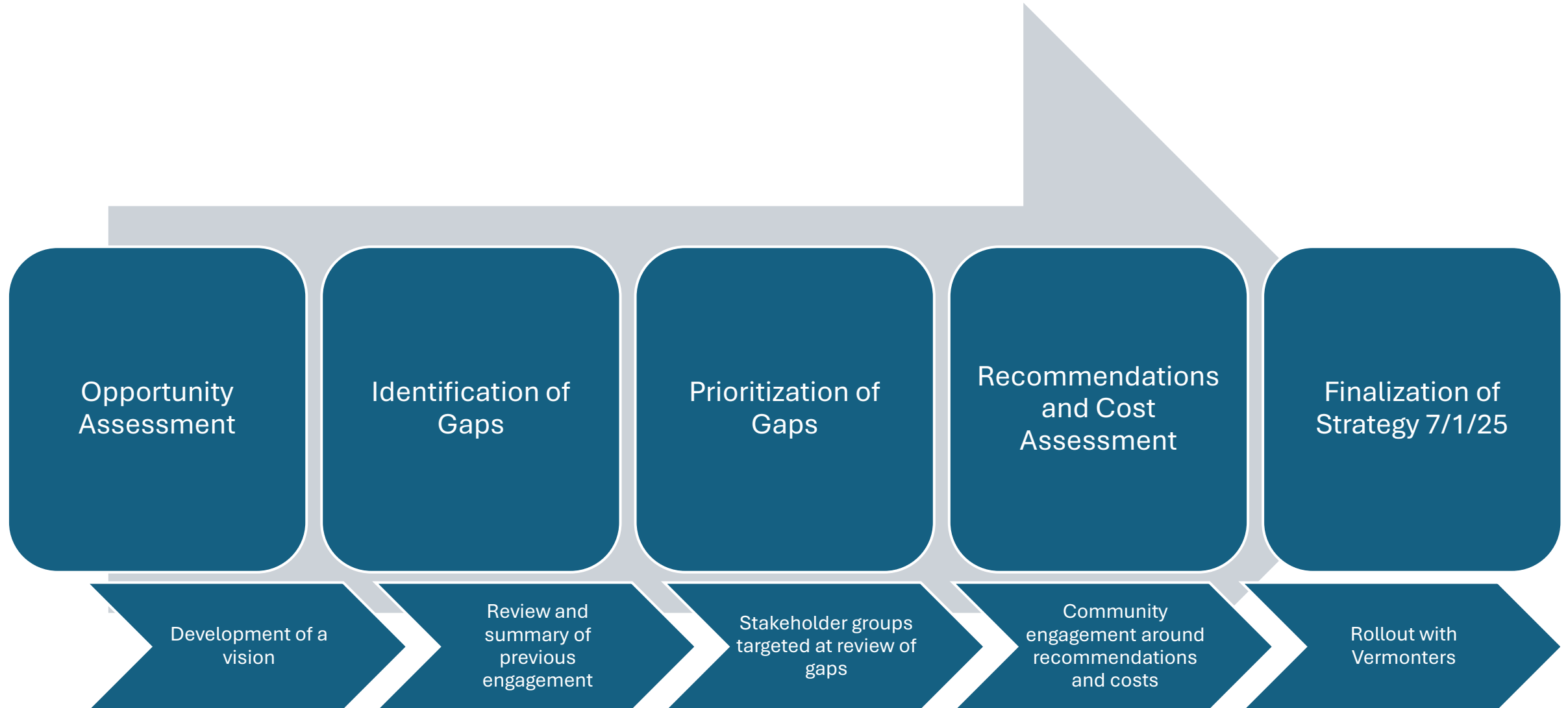
Allocation of climate spending falls into three main categories:



## State vs. Federal Investments

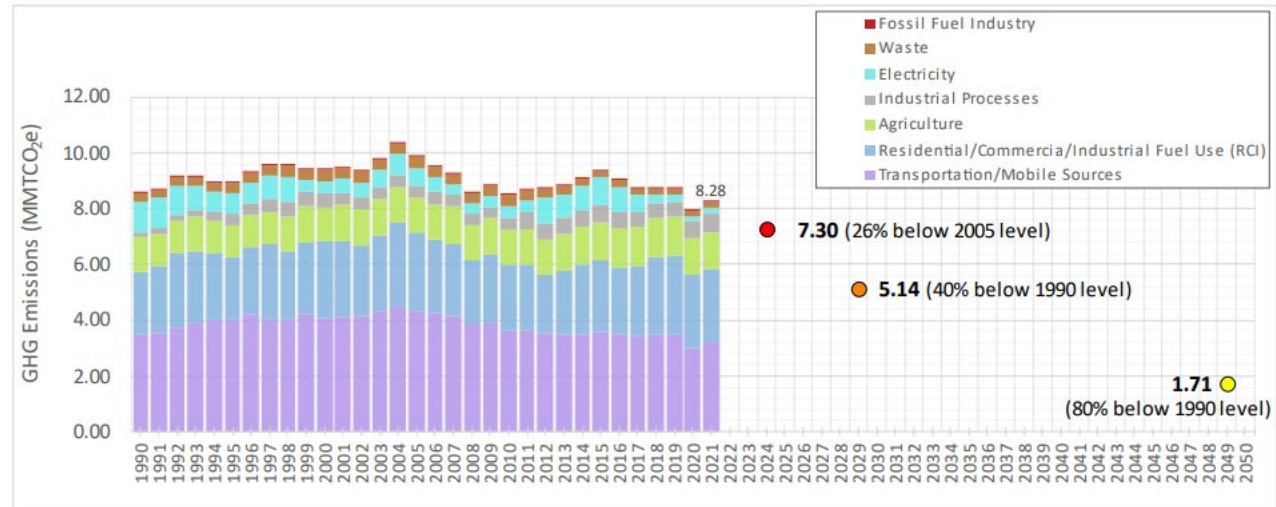


# Resilience and Adaptation: Resilience Implementation Strategy



# Tracking Progress

## Annual Greenhouse Gas Inventory



## Measuring and Assessing Progress Tool

Developing a tool for monitoring and evaluating progress on key strategies and activities intended to drive emissions reductions and adaptation actions in line with the GWSA

# Community Engagement

## Objectives of climate action outreach are:

- **Provide information and knowledge** that helps people prepare for climate impacts, take action, and access programs that can benefit them.
- **Lift up the voices and viewpoints of communities** into the implementation of climate-related initiatives and the ongoing work of the Climate Action Office and other key entities, including the Vermont Climate Council, so that a diverse group of Vermonters can influence this work.
- **Build relationships and communication channels** that will help Vermonters work collaboratively on future climate action with the state.

# **GWSA and Climate Council**

- **Administrative support for the Climate Council**
- **Manage contractual services in support of GWSA**
- **Support the Climate Action Plan Process**
  - **Update due July 1, 2025**

# Contact Us

Learn about future engagement opportunities:

- Sign up for the Climate Action Office's newsletter
- [www.climatechange.vermont.gov/calendar](http://www.climatechange.vermont.gov/calendar)

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