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# Environmental Policy & Sustainability SFY'26 Proposed Budget

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# Environmental Policy and Sustainability

## Topical Areas (by priority)

Program Manager: Andrea Wright

Staff: 5 FTE positions; 1 temp  
legislative intern; support of State  
Policy Director position

### Climate Mitigation / Carbon Reduction

Carbon Policy Analysis

Clean Transportation Incentives

Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Planning and Implementation

Climate Action Plan Support

### Climate Adaptation / Resilience Planning and Implementation

State Hazard Mitigation Plan Support

FEMA Grant Projects Oversight

### Agency Energy Implementation Plan

Comprehensive Energy Plan Support

### General Environmental Policy Management

Water Quality, Air Quality, Ecological Connectivity, Contaminated Soils,  
Permitting Efficiency

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>SFY 2025 As Passed</b>	<b>SFY 2026 Proposed</b>	<b>% Change</b>
State Transportation Funds	\$531,909	\$389,377	-26.80%
Federal Funds	\$7,900,327	\$8,150,226	3.16%
Local/Other	1,177,537	\$952,544	-19.11%
Interdepartmental Transfer		\$21,860	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$9,609,773</b>	<b>\$9,514,007</b>	<b>-1.00%</b>

State: SFY 25 as passed included second half of the MBUF match

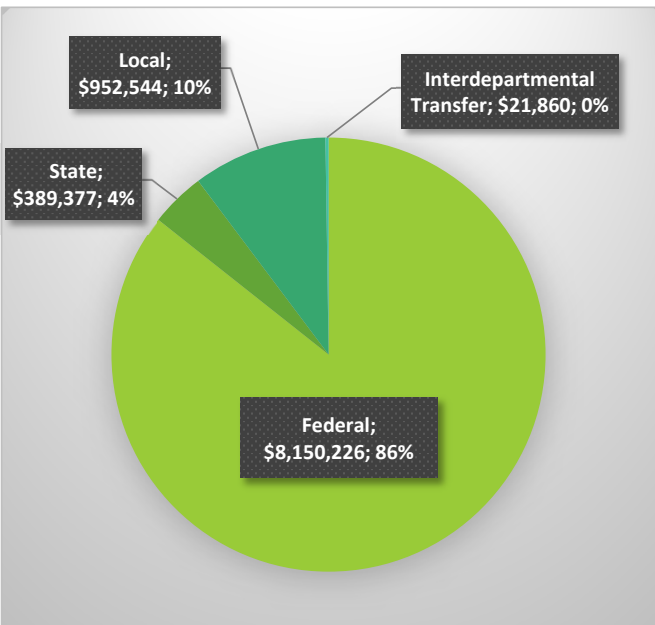
Federal: SFY 25 included 2<sup>nd</sup> half of MBUF Grant, \$1m more in NEVI, but did not include any CRP

Local/Other: Decrease due to decrease in NEVI between SFY 25 and Proposed SfY26

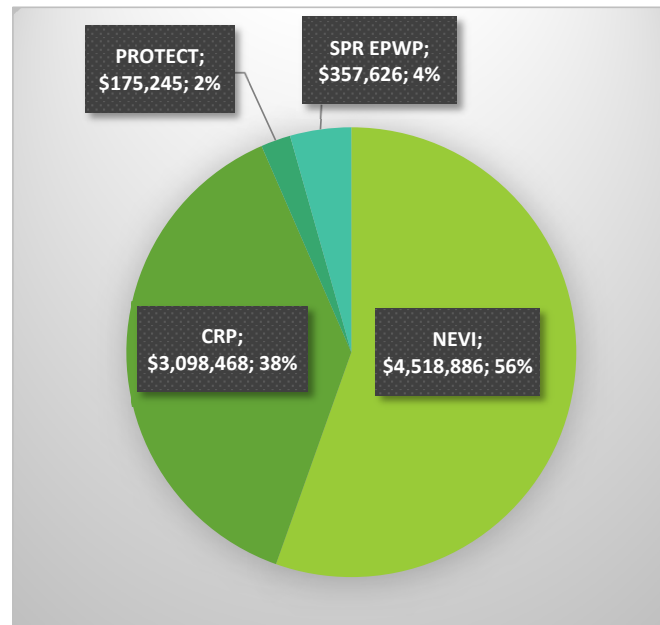
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## Environmental Policy & Sustainability - SFY '25 to SFY '26

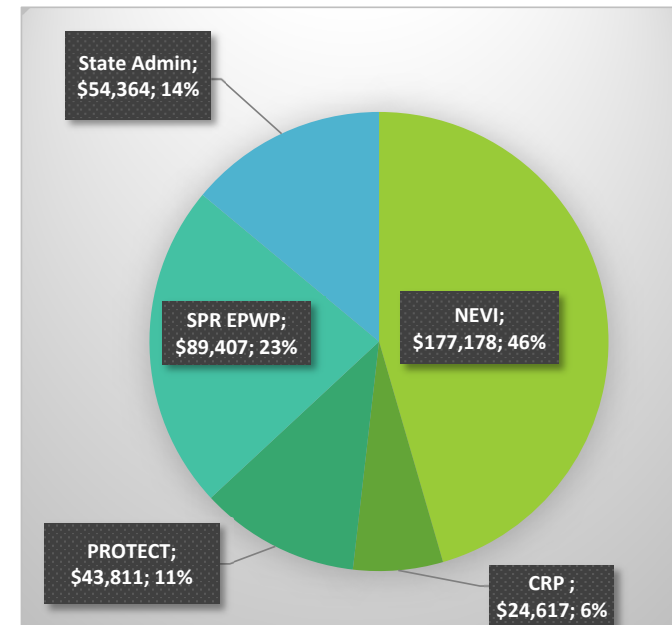
# SFY '26 Budget Breakdown \$9.5M



**Total Budget Source**  
(\$9,514,007)



**Federal Funds Source**  
(\$8,150,226)



**State Funds Match**  
(\$389,377)

# Environmental Work Plan

80/20  
(Federal/Local)

EPS SFY '26 Funds  
Federal = \$357,626  
State = \$89,407  
Total = \$447,033



## Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Planning

- Intra- and Inter-Agency coordination; various topics (carbon reduction, energy planning, adaptation and resilience); support and policy development; staff travel and education
- Federal = \$301,816; State = \$75,454



## General Environmental

- Intra- and Inter-Agency coordination; various topics (water quality, road ecology, contaminated soils, Act 250); support and policy development; staff travel and education
- Federal = \$ 55,810; State = \$13,952

# National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

80/20  
(Federal/Local)

EPS SFY '26 Funds  
NEVI = \$4,518,886  
State = \$177,178  
Local = \$952,544  
Total = 5,648,608



## \$21M Formula FFY 22 – FFY 26; \$2.5B Discretionary Grants

- NEVI Plan required annually to access funding
- Funds must first be spent on EV charging on designated corridors



## Funds Summary

- \$12.1 million total available from FFY2022 and FFY 2024 (+ \$2m ARPA converted to General Fund)
- \$9.9 million awarded for first 12 locations
- \$631,662 obligated funds for Bradford project



## Proposed for SFY2026

- Deploy remaining NEVI \$ to fully build out Alternative Fuel Corridors (3 more locations)
- Fill gaps in DCFC (fast charging) network and support level 2 community charging

# Carbon Reduction Program

80/20  
(Federal/Local)

EPS SFY '26 Funds  
CRP = \$3,098,468  
State = \$24,617  
Total = \$3,123,084



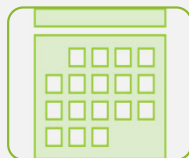
## \$32 million FFY22-FFY26

- Carbon Reduction Strategy due Nov '23 and + four years
- Variety of eligible projects to reduce GHG
- Requires geographic distribution of funds
- Allows flex to transit and up to 50% transferability of statewide



## Funds Summary (\$19.3M available from FFY22 – FFY24)

- Planned Allocations
  - Bicycle and Pedestrian Grants (\$4M)
  - Transit: Electrification (\$2.9M) and MTI (\$3M)
  - Fleet Electrification and Charging Infrastructure (\$3.6M)
  - Operational Efficiency (\$3.2M)
- \$3.5M Obligated (plus \$5.9M flexed and \$2.2M transferred)



## Proposed SFY 26 Funds

- Program oversight
- Transportation Electrification
- Flex to Transit [not shown in EPS budget]

# PROTECT PROGRAM

80/20

(Federal/Local)

match increased by up to 10%  
with approved RIP and  
incorporation into LRTP/MTP)

EPS SFY '26 Funds  
PROTECT = \$175,245  
State = \$43,811  
Total = \$219,057



\$37M Formula FFY22 – FFY26; \$1.4B Discretionary Grants

- Optional Resilience Improvement Plan (RIP) to address natural hazards
- Minimum of 2% annual appropriation to planning
- Allows for up to 50% of annual apportionment to be flexed



## Funds Summary

- \$21.9 million total available from FFY22 and FFY24
- Resilience improvements for: RIP capital program projects (\$1.9M); non-RIP Capital Program Projects (\$12.2M) [not shown in EPS budget]
- Risk Assessments Update and Expansion
- \$21.3M Obligated (including \$7.1M transferred)



## SFY 26 Funds

- Program Oversight
- Municipal Roads General Permit Cost Effectiveness Study
- Project Resilience Incremental Costs



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