



Request for Comments

August 27, 2021

Proposed New Jersey's Clean Energy Program Fiscal Year 2022 First Budget Revision

[Docket Number QO21040720](#)

BACKGROUND AND PROPOSED BUDGET REVISIONS

On June 24, 2021, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("NJBP") approved the Fiscal Year 2022 ("FY22") Budget for the *New Jersey's Clean Energy Program™* ("NJCEP") through a Board Order ([Docket No. QO21040720](#)). NJBP Staff ("Staff") now proposes a revision to the FY22 Budget ("Proposal"), reallocating \$5,400,000 in funds to the Residential Existing Homes ("Existing Homes") Program from the Commercial and Industrial (C&I) Buildings Program, all as described in more detail below.

The Existing Homes Program consists of two sub-programs: Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® ("HPwES") and HVAC. At the end of Fiscal Year 2021 ("FY21"), the HPwES Program received an increased number of applications that are projected to exceed the original HPwES forecast by approximately \$3,400,000, as the applications are processed into commitments and/or payments during FY22. In addition, during late FY21 and early FY22, the HVAC Program received a large volume of applications that are projected to exceed the original HVAC forecast by approximately \$2,000,000. Conversely, during the early part of FY22, demand for some of the C&I Buildings sub-programs has been less than expected resulting in available funds to meet the \$5,400,000 needed for the Existing Homes Program. The C&I Buildings Program Manager will monitor program activity and update forecasts to determine if, as part of the annual true-up budget process, additional funds may be required to replace some or all of the funds proposed for transfer to the Existing Homes Program at this time. The unusual application volumes and amounts appear to be related, at least in part, to the then impending closure of some NJCEP programs on June 30 and the transition of those programs to the utilities, which began late in FY21 and will continue through FY22.

Staff is requesting comments on the Proposal prior to presenting it to the Board for consideration. The schedule and process for submitting comments is set forth at the end of this Request for Comments.

BUDGET TABLES

The following tables show the relevant portions of the current Board-approved budget, the proposed revisions to that budget, and the resultant budget:

Current Board Approved FY22 Budget by Cost Category							
Cost Category Budgets							
Program/Budget Line	Total Budget	Administration	Sales, Marketing, Website	Training	Rebates, Grants and Other Direct Incentives	Rebate Processing and QA	Evaluation
TRC Total	\$148,133,472.00	\$7,386,808.00	\$348,056.00	\$37,500.00	\$137,520,072.00	\$2,841,036.00	\$0.00
Res EE Programs	\$12,498,503.00	\$1,715,086.00	\$87,014.00	\$0.00	\$9,535,636.00	\$1,160,767.00	\$0.00
Existing Homes	\$12,498,503.00	\$1,715,086	\$87,014	\$0	\$9,535,636	\$1,160,767	\$0.00
C&I EE Programs	\$135,634,969.00	\$5,671,722.00	\$261,042.00	\$37,500.00	\$127,984,436.00	\$1,680,269.00	\$0.00
C&I Buildings	\$135,634,969.00	\$5,671,722	\$261,042	\$37,500	\$127,984,436	\$1,680,269	\$0.00
Proposed Revisions							
Cost Category Budgets							
Program/Budget Line	Total Revised Budget	Administration	Sales, Marketing, Website	Training	Rebates, Grants and Other Direct Incentives	Rebate Processing and QA	Evaluation
TRC Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Res EE Programs	\$5,400,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,400,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Existing Homes	\$5,400,000.00				\$5,400,000.00		
C&I EE Programs	(\$5,400,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$5,400,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00
C&I Buildings	(\$5,400,000.00)				(\$5,400,000.00)		
Resultant Revised FY22 Budget by Cost Category							
Cost Category Budgets							
Program/Budget Line	Total Revised Budget	Administration	Sales, Marketing, Website	Training	Rebates, Grants and Other Direct Incentives	Rebate Processing and QA	Evaluation
TRC Total	\$148,133,472.00	\$7,386,808.00	\$348,056.00	\$37,500.00	\$137,520,072.00	\$2,841,036.00	\$0.00
Res EE Programs	\$17,898,503.00	\$1,715,086.00	\$87,014.00	\$0.00	\$14,935,636.00	\$1,160,767.00	\$0.00
Existing Homes	\$17,898,503.00	\$1,715,086.00	\$87,014.00	\$0.00	\$14,935,636.00	\$1,160,767.00	\$0.00
C&I EE Programs	\$130,234,969.00	\$5,671,722.00	\$261,042.00	\$37,500.00	\$122,584,436.00	\$1,680,269.00	\$0.00
C&I Buildings	\$130,234,969.00	\$5,671,722.00	\$261,042.00	\$37,500.00	\$122,584,436.00	\$1,680,269.00	\$0.00

PROCESS AND SCHEDULE FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS

The deadline for comments is 5:00 p.m. on September 17, 2021.

Please submit comments directly to the specific docket listed above using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s [Public Document Search](#) tool. Comments are considered “public documents” for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act and any confidential information should be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3. Written comments may also be submitted electronically to Board.Secretary@bpu.nj.gov in PDF or Word format with the subject “Proposed NJCEP FY22 First Budget Revision.”

Please submit any questions via email to publiccomments@njcleanenergy.com with the same subject line identified above.