

CONNECT THE BUDGET TO THE
VISION AND VALUES OF YOUR
COMMUNITY



On Climate, Pittsburgh Puts Its Money Where Its Goals Are

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Before flying to Glasgow last week to [attend COP26](#), the UN climate conference, Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto delivered his final budget to the city council. It was a fitting pairing of events, because Pittsburgh is making climate a priority in its city budget.



Mayor Peduto addresses City Council

City of Pittsburgh

The City of Pittsburgh excelled in 2020-2021 in connecting budgetary actions with the mission and vision of the organization and community. The city has a long-standing reputation as a climate action leader and has now established itself as a leader in Priority Based Budgeting towards a specific outcome. The climate action-focused insight workshop series encouraged all departments to participate and contribute ideas towards solutions for the city's future.

We partnered with the ResourceX team to to basically do our budget request process for the 2022 fiscal year. So out of the 200 and something budget requests that we received, Grant and Will on the climate, sustainability and resilience team, took all of those requests, scored them on their own rubric, and then came back with the understanding that 37 of these would promote very positive climate and equity goals. And then from those 37, they put forth to the Mayor and Chief of Staff four unique projects. And it really just kind of brought everything into one cohesive package.

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