

FY 2024 Budget Comments Received



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Tuesday, February 7, 2023	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>I live in Alexandria and have for the past three years (and hopefully for many years to come!). I am writing in the hopes that the Manager will prioritize funding to fight climate change in next year's budget. Specifically, I hope that the Office of Climate Action programs will be fully funded, and that any leftover funds from the 2023 budget will be applied to the 2024 budget for climate programs. I would love it if low- or moderate-income residents benefit FIRST from the city's energy efficiency and clean energy programs — they are the ones who need help the most! I know that budgets like this one are always tight and include lots of tough decisions, but this is my number one issue, and I am confident that addressing the climate crisis will have major benefits beyond just climate in terms of making life easier for all of us living here in Alexandria.</p> <p>Thank you for your action already on the climate crisis, and please do as much as you can moving forward!</p> <p>Jamie Biondi</p>
Thursday, January 26, 2023	<p>I am a City of Alexandria resident and I ask the Manager to prioritize climate change in the City's budget for next year.</p> <p>Please fully fund the Office of Climate Action programs in the FY24 budget, and on top of that funding, please dedicate leftover funds from FY23 climate programs to similar programs in FY24.</p> <p>This funding is critical to support City policies in its Environmental Action Plan, Climate Crisis Declaration, and draft Energy and Climate Change Action Plan, as well as to support the budget recommendations of the City's Environmental Policy Commission.</p> <p>Please make sure that low and moderate-income residents benefit first from the city's residential energy efficiency and clean energy programs.</p> <p>I recognize that this is a tight budget year, but the city and world can't postpone rapid cuts to greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the effects of climate change. And these climate programs will save the city money over time.</p> <p>Thank you to the Manager, Mayor and Council for your action over the past year on the climate crisis.</p> <p>Steve Castle</p>
Tuesday, January 24, 2023	<p>Please fully fund the Office of Climate Action programs in the FY24 budget, and on top of that funding, please dedicate leftover funds from FY23 climate programs to similar programs in FY24.</p> <p>This funding is critical to support City policies in its Environmental Action Plan, Climate Crisis Declaration, and draft Energy and Climate Change Action Plan, as well as to support the budget recommendations of the City's Environmental Policy Commission.</p> <p>Please make sure that low and moderate-income residents benefit first from the city's residential energy efficiency and clean energy programs.</p> <p>I recognize that this is a tight budget year, but the city and world can't postpone rapid cuts to greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the effects of climate change. And these climate programs will save the city money over time.</p> <p>Thank you to the Manager, Mayor and Council for your action on the climate crisis.</p> <p>Kaitlyn Golden, MSW</p>
Sunday, January 22, 2023	<p>Please fully fund the Office of Climate Action programs in the 2024 budget, and on top of that funding, please dedicate leftover funds from 2023 climate programs to similar programs in 2024. This funding is critical to support City policies in its Environmental Action Plan, Climate Crisis Declaration, and draft Energy and Climate Change Action Plan, as well as to support the budget recommendations of the City's Environmental Policy Commission.</p> <p>Please also make sure that low and moderate-income residents benefit first from the city's residential energy efficiency and clean energy programs.</p> <p>I recognize that this is a tight budget year, but the city and world can't postpone rapid cuts to greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the effects of climate change. And these climate programs will save the city money over time.</p> <p>Thank you to the Manager, Mayor and Council for your action over the past year on the climate crisis.</p> <p>The Rev. Richmond Jones</p>
Sunday, January 22, 2023	<p>Hi. I'm an ALX citizen and I'm writing to request the manager consider climate change when making the budget for FY2024. Please fully fund the Office of Climate Action programs in the FY24 budget, and on top of that funding, please dedicate leftover funds from FY23 climate programs to similar programs in FY24.</p> <p>I also hope you make sure that low and moderate-income residents benefit first from the city's residential energy efficiency and clean energy programs.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Emily Straight</p>
Saturday, January 21, 2023	<p>Please make sure that low and moderate-income residents benefit first from the city's residential energy efficiency and clean energy programs. They are in greatest need.</p> <p>To do that you will need to fully fund the Office of Climate Action programs in the FY24.</p> <p>We need to support our Environmental Action Plan and the City's Environmental Policy Commission.</p> <p>These are not just nice policies which can wait till tomorrow. You only need to watch the PBS Newshour to realize how catastrophe waits if we don't take action now.</p> <p>Susan C Tate</p>

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Friday, January 20, 2023	<p>Thank you for your thoughtfulness in this process. Your leadership in taking action on climate policy for our citizens and for this city are deeply appreciated and don't go unnoticed. I humbly and urgently request that you please fully fund the Office of Climate Action programs in the FY24 budget, and on top of that funding, please dedicate leftover funds from FY23 climate programs to similar programs in FY24. This funding is critical to support City policies in its Environmental Action Plan, Climate Crisis Declaration, and draft Energy and Climate Change Action Plan, as well as to support the budget recommendations of the City's Environmental Policy Commission.</p> <p>As you draft the budget, please also make sure that low and moderate-income residents benefit first from the city's residential energy efficiency and clean energy programs. I recognize that this is a tight budget year, but the city and world can't postpone rapid cuts to greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the effects of climate change. And these climate programs will save the city money over time.</p> <p>So much money has been allocated for building electrification and efficiency from the Inflation Reduction Act. It's like the city has its own bank account full of funds to make sure we realize the emissions reductions estimated to come from the IRA -- we just need to take advantage of it and make sure residents know about this "wallet" they have at their disposal. And, any and all building codes and zoning laws that can incorporate climate-smart and clean energy provisions (like mandating electric heat pumps, water heaters, EV chargers, etc. in ALL new builds across the city) will save the city massive amounts of money in the long run.</p> <p>Thank you for prioritizing these measures and thank you to the Manager, Mayor, and Council for your action on the climate crisis.</p>