

# Environment Department, Office of Climate Resilience, and the Office of Food Justice FY27 Budget

*Environment, Energy and Open Space (EEOS) Cabinet*

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# EEOS Agenda

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- Introduction  
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# Environment Budget Overview

## Budget Summary

	FY 26	FY 27	
Operating (non-personal)	\$1,639,208*	\$1,320,587*	▼ -\$318,621
Operating (personal)	\$2.6M	\$2.6M	=
	<b>FY 26-30</b>	<b>FY 27-31</b>	▼
Capital (New Investments)	\$4.2M	\$350k	-\$3.8M

## NEW Investments

N/A

## Major Changes

- Creation of Community Energy programs team in the Environment Department
- One-year shift of costs to revolving fund for services to support large buildings
- Completion of Climate Action Plan

\*includes Office of Climate Resilience

# Environment Budget Overview - FY26 Accomplishments

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## Carbon Neutrality

- BERDO implementation, including BERDO Fest and new support programs for building owners (renewable energy, condos)
- Boston Energy Saver program launch, serving over 300 residents as of April 2026

## Environmental Quality

- Launched 3rd year of Clean Community Air Grant
- Boston Area Air Quality Summit
- Public engagement on Boston Wetlands Regulations

## Energy

- Gas streetlight conversion to LED in Bay Village
- Carried out no-cost electrical account analysis that will save estimated \$2.3M/year
- Completed solar installations on six buildings that added 2MW of solar capacity and will save an estimated \$415,000/year.

## Policy & Analytics

- Launching 2030 Climate Action Plan with 40 strategies for emissions reductions, resilience, climate justice, and workforce.
- Launching new climate dashboard and accessible progress tracking.

## New Initiatives

- Continuing Boston Community Choice Electricity and services to protect residents from electricity supplier scams.
- Implementing the Building Emissions Reporting and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO)
- Building Material Reuse Assessment Program
- Energy efficiency and renewable energy procurement to meet the City's carbon reduction goals.
- Thermal energy study (BosTEN) with MassCEC

# Boston Energy Saver

The Boston Energy Saver program formally launched in October 2025. The program is helping Bostonians lower their energy costs and upgrade to healthier, cleaner buildings.

## Program highlights:

- >1,000 residents engaged at outreach events
- >300 Bostonians supported via the BES Help Desk
- \$49 million in Mass Save investment leveraged

## 2025 Boston Energy Saver Goal

### Summary

	Units	Goal	PTG
Weatherizations	3,324	10,000	33%
Heat Pumps	1,586	5,000	32%



# Municipal Energy Savings

**The Municipal Energy Unit in the Environment Department manages the full lifecycle of the City's energy and water consumption and spending across every department and ~4,600 accounts.**

- Electric and gas procurement and contract management
- Rate optimization
- Bill monitoring and correction
- Building efficiency and decarbonization (Renew Boston Trust)
- BERDO and Green Communities compliance
- Demand Response revenue
- Utility connections and collaboration



Otis Elementary Heat Pumps

Umana Rooftop Solar

- **\$61.8M** avoided in electric supply costs since FY2015
- **\$2.3M** in new (identified 2026) recurring annual savings identified through a single rate review
- **~\$280K** in demand response revenue earned since 2022 with expansion underway
- **\$133K** in billing refunds currently in pursuit from one quarterly supply invoice audit
- **~\$500K/year** in BERDO compliance costs avoided by efficiency projects already completed
- **\$2.3M** in guaranteed annual utility savings delivered through efficiency work across 56 buildings via the Renew Boston Trust
- **\$3M** in utility incentives captured on behalf of the City through RBT

# Environment Budget Overview - FY27 Goals

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## Carbon Neutrality

- Expansion of Boston Energy Saver service to help small buildings reduce energy costs and carbon emissions.
- Implementing the Building Emissions Reporting and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO)

## Environmental Quality

- Building Material Reuse Assessment Program
- Boston Urban Wilds Strategic Plan began January 2026 and will be continuing through 2027.

## Energy

- Energy efficiency and renewable energy procurement to meet the City's carbon reduction goals.
- Continuing Boston Community Choice Electricity and services to protect residents from electricity supplier scams.

## Policy & Planning

- Implementation of 2030 Climate Action Plan.
- Climate dashboard and accessible progress tracking.

## Hiring

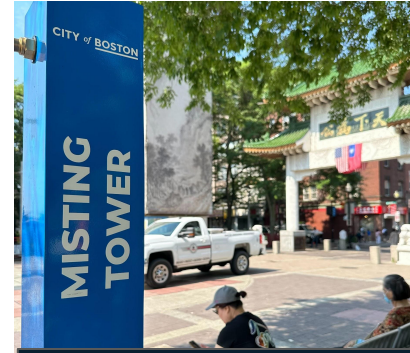
- Fill key positions and retain talent.

# Office of Climate Resilience Budget Overview

## Budget Summary

	FY 26	FY 27	Δ
<b>Non-Personal</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
<b>Personal</b>	\$517,980	\$531,812	\$13,832
<b>External</b>	\$2.5M	\$2.5M	-
<b>Capital</b>	~\$88 m	~\$91M	\$1.4M

## Select FY27 Focus Areas

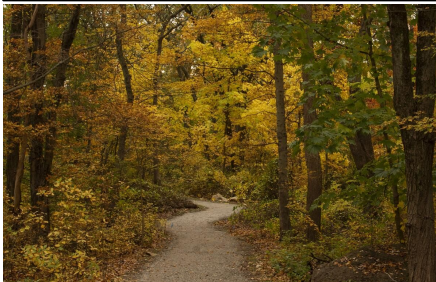


Cool Summers



Tree Planting

## Select FY26 Focus Areas



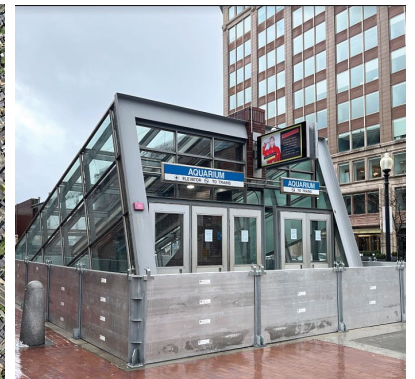
Open Space Restoration



Deployable Flood Walls



Coastal Designs



Interim Solutions

# Food Justice Budget Overview

## Budget Summary

	FY 26	FY 27	▼
Operating	\$1.4M	\$1.2M	-\$204K
	FY 26	FY 27-31	
Capital	N/A	N/A	

## Mission

The mission of the Mayor's Office of Food Justice is to build a food system that is equitable, resilient, sustainable, and just.

## FY26 Accomplishments

- Good Food Purchasing Program
  - Boston Public Schools awarded Good Food Leader: Silver status for the 23-24 school year.
- Farmers Market Coupon Program
  - Provided \$418,625 in no-cost fresh food benefits via farmers market coupons redeemed at 20 farmers markets in summer 2025
- Boston Double Up Food Bucks Program
  - \$87,934.23 in fresh fruit & vegetable discounts provided to SNAP shoppers
  - Onboarded two additional stores
- Greater Boston Collaborative Food Access Hub -
  - 93,954 lbs. average weekly fresh produce distributed
  - 24,731 lbs. average weekly recovered produce
- Additional ARPA Cold Storage Grants - 12 grantees
  - Increased cold storage by 1337 ft<sup>2</sup>
  - Increased average clients served by 33%

# Food Justice Budget Overview

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## FY27 Goals

### **Food Access**

- Development of initiatives to support affordability at locally-owned independent grocery stores to build
- Development of a food access and food insecurity dashboard
- Evaluate impact of Double Up Food Bucks program
- Develop support for year round fruit and vegetable affordability through farmers markets and locally owned independent grocery stores

### **Food Recovery**

- Implementation of food recovery recommendations

### **Good Food Purchasing**

- Conduct vendor outreach to expand the number of small, regional BIPOC food producers working through procurement channels
- Expansion of Good Food Purchasing program to additional departments

# Climate Council

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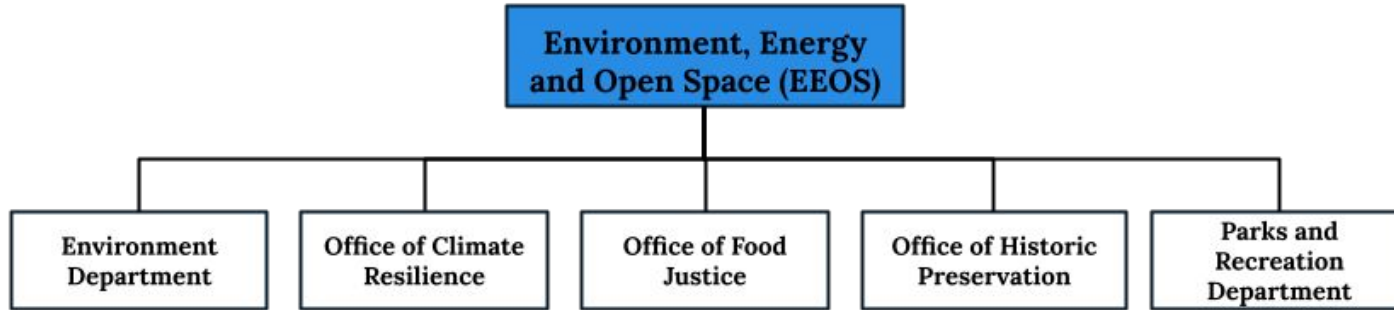
- Created by Executive Order on September 2024
- Coordinates all of government action on climate
- This Council includes 13 Cabinet members:
  - Chief Climate Officer (Co-Chair)
  - Green New Deal Director (Co-Chair)
  - Administrator of the Boston Housing Authority
  - Chief of Community Engagement
  - Chief of Emergency Preparedness
  - Chief Financial Officer
  - Chief of Housing
  - Chief of Operations
  - Chief of Planning
  - Chief of Streets
  - Chief of Worker Empowerment
  - Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission
  - Executive Director of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission



*With partnership with Boston Public Schools and other City departments*

# EEOS Organizational Chart

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