Our Climate Future- Strategic Funding Plan: Phase I

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Agenda

- Questions for Council to Consider
- Our Climate Future Background
- Strategic Funding Plan
  - Purpose
  - Revenue Projections
  - Allocations
  - Next Moves
- Next Steps

Guidance Sought

- What feedback do Councilmembers have on this approach?

- Are there additional considerations that should be included for allocation prioritization?

Our Climate Future Background

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Purpose

- Guide Fort Collins toward a ***sustainable, carbon-neutral future*** while focusing on the needs of its people
- Community driven plan focused on Mitigation, Resilience *and* Equity

Structure

- **Council-adopted 2030 Goals**
  - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% below 2005 baseline
  - 100% renewable electricity
  - Achieve zero waste
- **13 Big Moves**
  - Community Voice
  - Transformational Outcomes

Support

- **Organization-wide effort**
  - Cross-departmental leadership
- **2050 Tax – Climate**
  - Voter-approved: 2023
  - First investments: 2024

Terminology

Big Moves

- Transformational Outcomes

Pathways

- Strategic Level

Next Moves

- Tactical Level

Strategic Funding Plan Purpose

Purpose and Deliverables

Purpose:

Create a strategic guidance document for Our Climate Future related investments with a focus on the most effective use of funds to achieve the goals and outcomes of OCF.

Key Deliverables:

- Revenue Projections
- Allocations
- Next Moves Plan

Timeframe: Q2 2025– Q1 2026

Project Plan

Phase I- Council Consult

Primary Deliverables

- Process for Review
- Draft Projections & Allocation Criteria

Phase II- Full Plan

Primary Deliverables

- Revenue Projections
- Allocation Criteria and Approach
- Next Moves Plan Update

→ End of Q1 2026

Living Document

Considerations

- Updated Biennially to Inform:
  - Budget Decisions
  - Council Priorities
  - Strategic Planning

Budget and Strategic Plan Timing

Revenue Projections

Primary Funding Stream Forecasts

Time Horizon- 15 Years

Phase I- Council Presentation

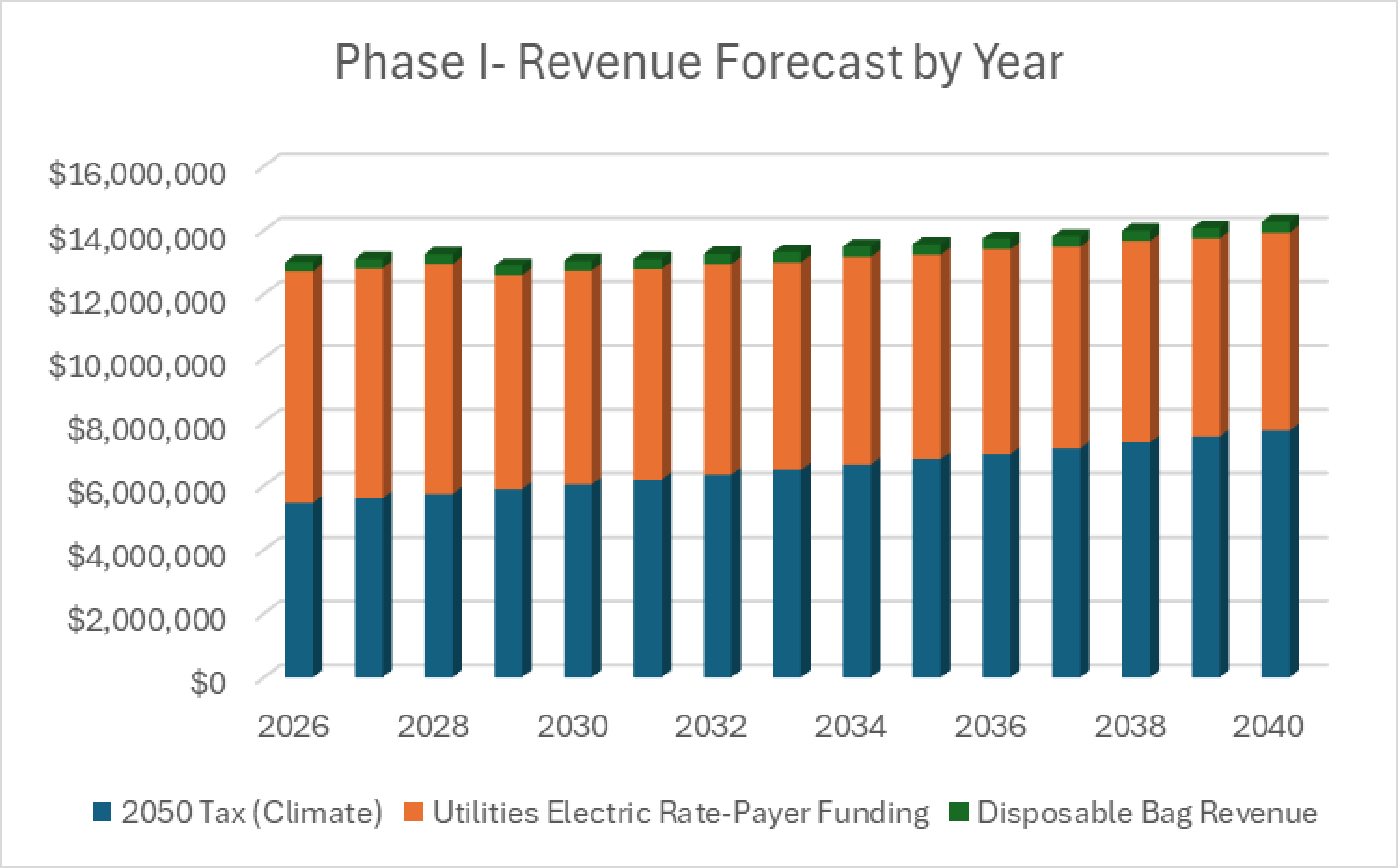
- 2050 Tax, Climate Portion
- Remittance Fees from Disposable Bags
- Utilities Electric Rate-Payer Funding

Phase II- Full Plan

Potential Additional Sources

- 2050 Tax, Transit Portion
- Community Capital Improvement Plan (If Passed in Nov.)
- Future Income Sources (Grants, Bonding, Etc.)

Example Annual Funding Forecast



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Allocations

Allocation Approach

Purpose

Strategically align investments with:

- Our Climate Future Goals
- Big Moves
- Council Priorities

Process

- Stage 1: Prioritization
- Stage 2: Allocation

Stage 1: Prioritization



Strategic Approach

- Maximize likelihood of hitting 2050 goals and outcomes
- Identify long term strategic investments and manage fund reserves for those opportunities
- Timing and sequencing of investments informed by the 4 levers of local government

People Centered

- Identify and prioritize strategies that address Mitigation, Resilience, and Equity
- Ensure local impact is prioritized and communicated

Interconnected

- Incorporate Council Priorities and Guidance
- Connect to other City planning documents and efforts
- Identify and support partnerships best positioned to lead

Stage 2: Allocation

Goal

Recommend funding allocations for prioritized Big Moves and Pathways

Considerations

- Align Allocations to Revenue Forecasts
- Allowable Uses
- Funding Category
- Multiple time horizons
- Mitigation, Resilience, and Equity Impacts

Mitigation, Resilience, and Equity Impacts

Mitigation

- Greenhouse Gas Reductions
- Waste Diverted
- Renewable Energy

Resilience

The capacity to prepare our human and natural systems to respond and adapt to changes and disruptions of various scales that affect our ability to thrive.

Equity

Designing programs, policies, and systems to ensure identity is not a predictor of outcomes

Tradeoffs

Identify where an effort to impact one area, may negatively impact another (Ex. GHG Mitigation impacting affordability, etc.)

Example: Organics Diversion

Big Move 2: Zero Waste Neighborhoods

- Organics Diversion Pathway

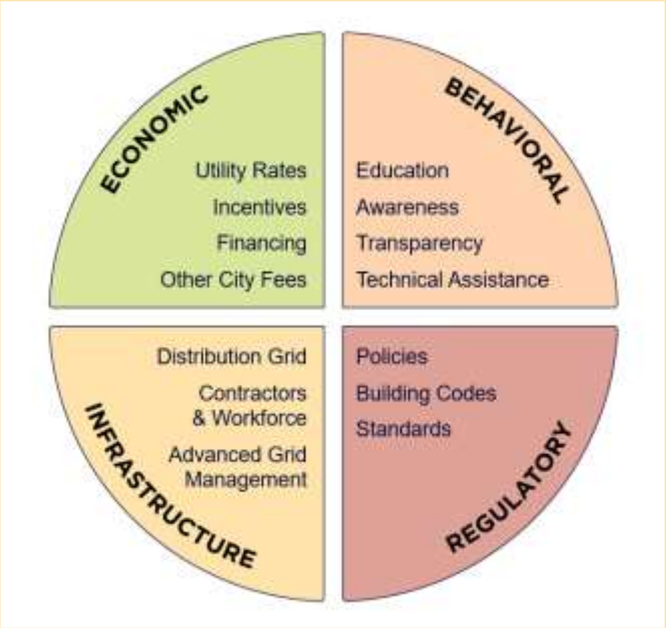
Narrative

Reduce GHG emissions such as methane by diverting organic matter from landfills to repurposed products like healthy soil from composting

What this example shows

- Strategic timing of levers
- Capital Funding
- Incorporation of multiple funding streams

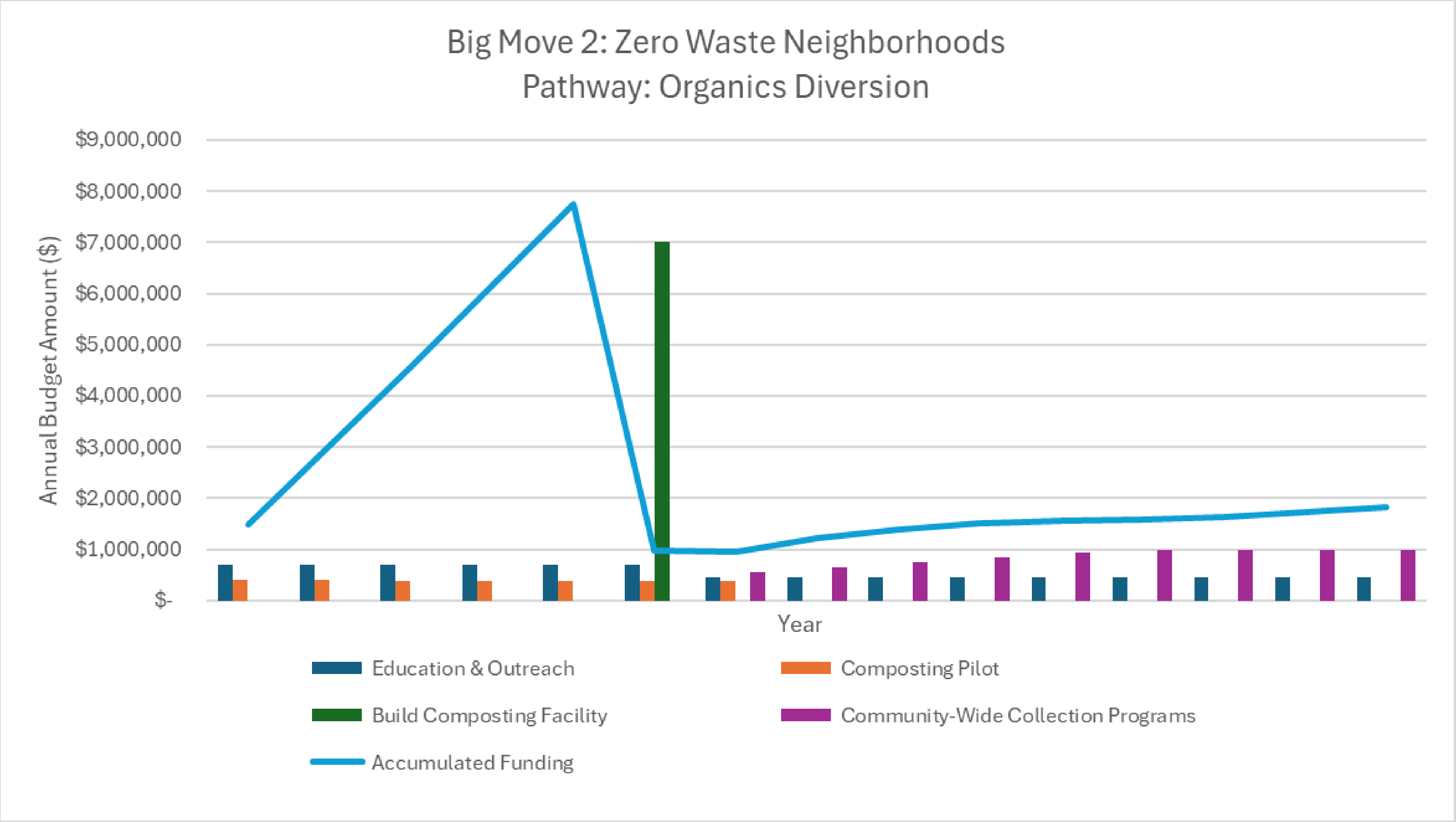
Example- Strategic Timing of Levers



Big Move 2: Zero Waste Neighborhoods
Pathway: Organics Diversion

	Short-term	Medium-term	Long-term
Behavioral	Outreach & Education	Outreach & Education	Outreach & Education Community Wide Collection Programs
Economic	Composting Pilot		
Infrastructure		Build Composting Facility	
Regulatory			Policies & Partnerships

Example Funding Outlay



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Here's what the following Example will show

Big Move 6: Efficient, Emissions Free Buildings

Pathways

- Building Performance
- Building Electrification
- Building Construction

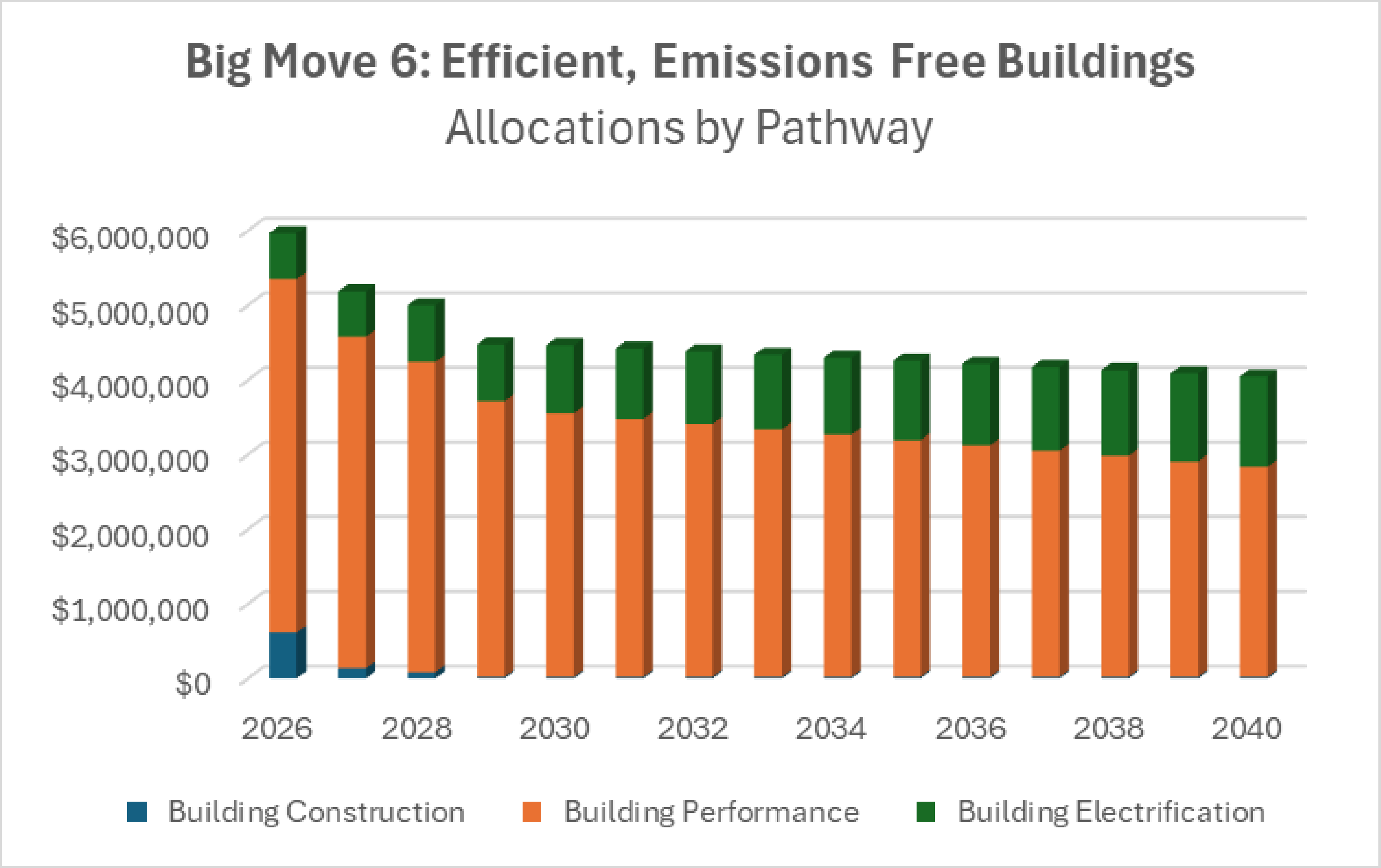
Narrative

To reduce GHG emissions from buildings, consistent investment in incentives and strategic timing of funding is critical.

What this example shows

- Strategy Across Pathways
- Funding Timing

Big Move 6 – Annual Target Funding Allocations



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Next Moves Plan

Next Moves Plan - Background

Purpose and Connection

- Communicate actions being taken on each Big Move
- Provides work plan for staff
- Accountability to the community
- Tie actions to budgetary needs

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Current Updates

- 2- Zero Waste Neighborhoods
- 6- Efficient, Emissions Free Buildings
- 12- 100% Renewable Electricity

Big Move 6: Efficient, Emissions Free Buildings

Everyone lives and works in healthy, energy and water efficient buildings which transition to become emissions free.

Building Performance Pathway

Next Moves

- Establish Building Performance Standards
- Provide energy efficiency improvement programs for homes and businesses
- Provide behavioral energy efficiency programs for homes and businesses
- Provide financial mechanisms to support retrofit programs (e.g., Epic loans, CPACE)

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Next Steps

Summary

Phase II

Primary Deliverables

- Revenue Projections
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Due Date

- End of Q1 2026

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