

2027-2029 EEC Budget Planning

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Budget Planning Key Points



- With the update to a 3-year plan, the Council will need to develop annual budgets for the next 3 years
- Modifications and flexibility between 3-year plan years to be determined as this process develops
- Today, we will review an initial Council budget proposal for consideration and feedback
- Goal is to finalize a 2027-2029 Council budget proposal in August at the latest

2026 Budget Planning Timeline



June
2026

- Begin Council budget planning discussion for 2027-2029



July
2026

- Presentation and potential vote/amendments on the 2027-2029 budget at the full Council meeting
- Budget Justification Document



August
2026

- 2027-2029 Council budget proposal must be finalized and submitted to RIE for filing preparation

Budgetary Considerations



- With transition to 3YP, expecting work to ebb and flow more with focus on implementation some years and planning in others
 - 2027: implementation oversight
 - 2nd half 2028: start planning again + oversight
 - 2029: Planning, EE docket, + oversight
- Plan in advance for expected future activities
 - 2029 SRP Planning
 - EE targets from Council due spring 2029 (with development in 2028)
 - 2029 LCP standards review

2026 Budget



Budget Category	2026 Budget
Consultant Services	\$700,000
Legal Counsel	\$70,000
Annual Report and Misc. Printing & Distribution	\$500
Council Travel and Education & Advancement	\$900
Community of Practice/Lecture Series	\$100,000
Energy Expo Sponsorship	\$20,000
EEC Website	\$500
Total	\$891,900

Historical Spends



Budget Category	2023 Total Spend	2024 Total Spend	2025 Total Spend	2026 Spend To-Date
Consultant Services	\$696,791.99	\$658,867.30	\$735,322.25	\$312,195.00
Legal Counsel	\$62,209.42	\$55,081.69	\$48,907.14	\$9,462.00
Annual Report and Misc. Printing & Distribution	\$1,514.00	\$345.00	\$350.00	0
Council Travel and Education and Advancement	\$358.90	\$415.90	\$493.20	\$226.15
Public Education	\$25,767.28	109605.47	61375.12	\$33,264.12
Energy Expo	\$40,000.00	40000	20000	20000
EERMC Website	\$300.00	620.75	500	0
Potential Study Data Refresh	\$101,673.64	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Council Branding and Comms Development	\$29,847.50	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$958,462.73	\$864,936.11	\$866,947.71	\$375,147.27

Proposed 2027-2029 Budgets



Budget Category	2027 Budget	2028 Budget	2029 Budget	3 Year Grand Totals
Consultant Services	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$700,000	\$2,190,000
Legal Counsel	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$70,000	\$210,000
Annual Report and Misc. Printing & Distribution	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$1,500
Council Travel and Education & Advancement	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$3,000
Educational Initiatives	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$300,000
Energy Expo Sponsorship	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$60,000
EEC Website	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$1,500
Total	\$762,000	\$762,000	\$892,000	\$2,416,000
Current Statutory Caps	\$1,140,000	\$1,116,000	\$1,083,600	\$3,339,600

Notes:

- Holds most values flat
- Rounded Council Travel, Education, and Advancement up \$100 to \$1,000
- Decreased Consultant Services and Legal Services for the next two years when the focus is on oversight, without major annual EE program development dockets in 2027 and 2028
- Any unspent funds are reconciled back to ratepayers

Discussion Questions



- What level of budgetary flexibility will the Council have across 3YP years?
- What public education activities (if any), would the Council like to pursue over the next 3 years?
- What dockets and regulatory activities are on the horizon over the next 3 years that the Council may want to participate in?
- Are there any modifications or additional information that you would like regarding Council services (Consultants, Legal, etc.)?
- Are there sponsorship opportunities of interest?
- When would you like to begin seeing proposals for services planned for the following year (RFP timelines, etc.)?
- Anything else?