

Strategy Area: Equitable access and just transition

Focus Area	Specific Recommendation	Who will need to take action?	Additional Information	Source of Recommendation
Address equitable access and energy affordability	Develop roof top solar and community solar rebate programs to increase access to diverse groups of customers, especially low-income	Legislature, NCUC		Other
	Implement a Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP) combined with a weatherization component	Legislature, NCUC, DEQ, NCCAA	Ohio PIPP/ Electric Partnership Plan (EPP) and Maryland examples	Memo
	Eliminate or dramatically reduce fixed charges	NCUC		Memo
	Include non-energy benefits (NEBs) in cost-effectiveness testing	NCUC, Legislature		
	Invest more in low-income home repair, efficiency, and weatherization programs (also, see PiPP above), and appliance rental programs, particularly for multifamily housing and mobile homes.	Governor, Legislature, DEQ, NCORR, DHHS, Local Gov.		Memo
	Create a state-wide project management coordination system for delivery of	DEQ, DHHS, Local Gov.		Memo

	energy efficiency, urgent repair, and weatherization programs, to hold these programs to a state-wide standard			
	Expand tariffed on-bill financing programs or rural cooperatives and municipal utilities by creating, hiring, or facilitating the NC Electric Membership Corp (NCEMC) to be a state-level program administrator	NCEMC, Local Gov.		Memo
	Create a Green Bank & Loan Loss Reserve Fund to make efficiency, renewables, and repair dollars available to gov. buildings, public power providers, rural electric cooperatives, schools, etc.	Governor, DEQ, Commerce, Third-Party administrator, Local Gov.	e.g., Greenbank network.org	Memo
Foster a just transition to clean energy	Expand DEQ's authority to require the use of Cumulative Impact Mapping & Analysis and an Environmental Justice Impact Analysis in decisions regarding permits and permit renewals	Legislature, Environmental Management Commissions, DEQ	Legislative action needed to give DEQ this authority; DEQ may need to make investments in monitoring program (\$\$ from state budget)	Memo
	Implement carbon pricing policy that dramatically	Legislature		Memo

<p>reduces carbon emissions and sets up Polluter Pay Funds, with the majority of revenue going back to frontline and vulnerable communities</p>			
<p>Target investment in resilient infrastructure and technical assistance for flood mitigation and climate adaptation/resilience planning in climate-vulnerable and low-income communities</p>	<p>DEQ, Housing Finance Agency, USDA, NCORR, Local Gov.</p>		<p>Memo</p>
<p>Increase funding to the NC housing trust fund to reduce the disproportionate burden communities of color and poor communities bear from climate impacts</p>	<p>Legislature</p>		<p>Memo</p>
<p>Targeted investment in renewables, energy efficiency, home repair, and weatherization training programs through partnerships with schools</p>	<p>DEQ, Commerce, Education, Local Gov.</p>		<p>Memo</p>
<p>Create long-term jobs with family-sustaining wages</p>	<p>Legislature, DEQ,</p>		<p>Memo</p>

	and benefits for low income communities in renewables/grid infrastructure industries	Commerce, Local Gov.		
	Drive up labor standards in the solar industry by prioritizing contractors that provide family-sustaining wages and benefits for utility scale solar contracts, particularly those with any public funding	Commerce, Governor, Local Gov.		Memo
	Expand existing Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs) to create career pathways across the energy sector	Commerce, Governor, DEQ, Local Gov, Higher Education		Memo
	Technical assistance for local community from state and utility in planning for community transition where power plants are retired	DEQ, Commerce, NCUC, IOUs, Local Gov, Higher Education		Memo
	Encourage Women Minority Owned Business Enterprise (WMBE) contracts and hiring through tax incentives and policy requirement	Governor, Commerce, Legislature		Memo

	Develop best practices that guarantee protections for displaced fossil fuel workers	NCUC, Commerce, IOUs, DEQ, Local Gov.		Memo
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