



# Climate Action Planning

Department of Community and Human Development  
Office of Climate and Sustainability

# Community + Human Development

**Our responsibility is to serve** as the catalyst for community partnerships, collaboration + change ensuring **equity, resilience + sustainability** for the most vulnerable El Pasoans by giving voice to the underrepresented, supporting a strong system of human services & investing in El Paso homes, families + neighborhoods.

## Advance Equity

## Reduce Poverty

## Build Sustainability

### Climate + Sustainability

- Mitigation + Adaptation
- Education + Awareness
- Policy + Practice

### Civic Empowerment

- Equity + Access
- Neighborhood Engagement
- Volunteerism

### Human Services

- Homelessness
- Health+ Wellbeing
- Recreation + Lifestyle

### Neighborhood Development

- Housing
- Community Revitalization
- Quality of Life

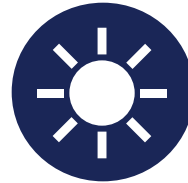


# Climate + Sustainability

*Efforts to address climate change and reduce the City of El Paso's carbon footprint date back to more than **two decades**...as does the resilience journey.*



**Municipal Energy  
CFT**



**Solarize  
Campaign  
Launch**



**Innovation  
Factory  
Launch**



**Establish New  
Office of Climate  
+ Sustainability**

**Spring 2021**

**Summer 2021**

**Fall 2021**

**Early 2022**

**Late 2022**

**2023**

**Congresswoman  
Escobar's Climate  
Crisis Advisory  
Committee**

**Facility Energy  
Audits**

**Sun Metro Grant  
For Electric Lift  
Vehicles**

**Community  
Progress Bond  
Prop C**



**The momentum is *NOW!!***

## Funding

- Community Progress Bond (\$5m)
- CPRG (\$1 M)
- EECBG (\$600 K)
- Solar For All (\$100 M)?

## Policy

- Landscape Ordinance
- Complete Streets
- Building Standards

## Plans

- Plan El Paso
- Resilient El Paso
- Regional Housing Plan
- Community Health Assessment

## Partners

- Regional Governments
- Non Profit Organizations
- Community Advocates
- Philanthropy
- Private Business
- Utilities

## Programs

- PDN C3
- PDN Climate Fellowship
- 915 Treekeepers



# Our Toolkit... 4



# Our Commitment to Climate Action

As a result of the November 2022 voter approved bond the City of El Paso is moving forward with a comprehensive Climate Action Plan.

## Objective # 1

*Address the specific impacts of the global climate crisis as they relate to the **urban desert environment and vulnerable populations** of the Chihuahuan Desert.*

## Objective # 2

*Ensure consistent and transparent collaboration inclusive of all interested stakeholders and community members assuring **tangible results and appropriate public accountability.***

## Objective # 3

*Pursue a **wide range of policy vehicles and funding resources** to advance the City of El Paso a leader in addressing the global climate crisis while balancing affordability and equity concerns for the community of El Paso.*



# Key Lines of Effort



1

developing **technical deliverables** (GHG emissions inventory and projections, benefit analysis, climate vulnerability assessment)

2

engaging with community to gather feedback about **priorities, concerns and desired outcomes** in their neighborhoods related to climate pollution - Fellowship

3

follow up on measuring impact and benefit as well as **follow through with a consistent presence** within affected communities.



# A Regional Approach



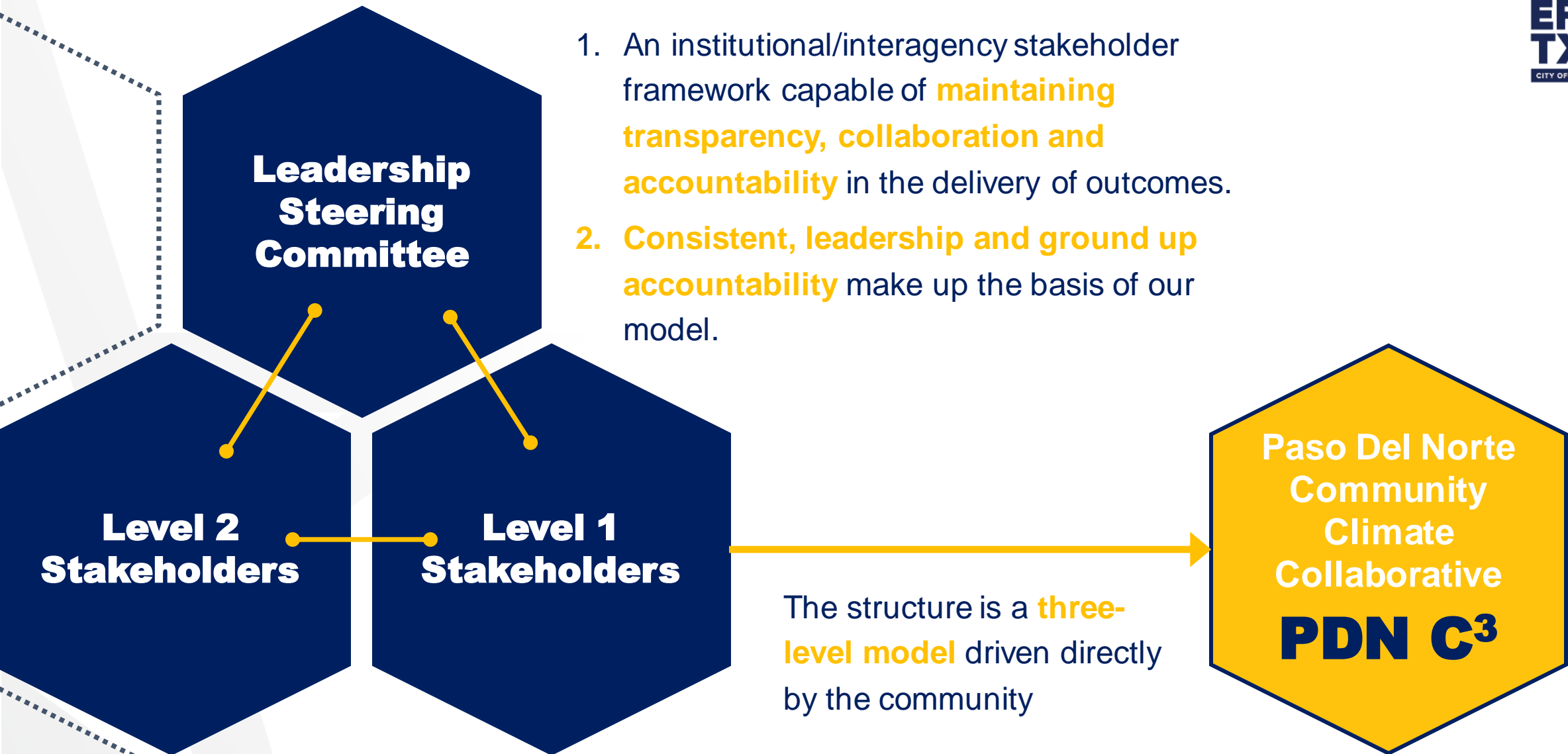
**10** municipalities

**2** counties

**5** international ports of entry

**5,587** square miles





# Civic Empowerment for Action



# PDN Climate Fellowship



Created by the City of El Paso Office of Climate and Sustainability, the fellowship is scheduled to launch in March of 2024, it will provide the cornerstone to our community's ability to **do more than reach people, but rather to empower them from within their own neighborhood.**

The mission of the fellowship is to **work across the partner network** leveraging level 2 stakeholders such as Frontera Land Alliance, the El Paso Community Foundation, Eco El Paso, the Community First Coalition and promotora groups.

Fellows will be offered specialized training in this type of work as well as in **justice, equity, diversity and inclusion** efforts.

The information gathered during the fellowship program's outreach will be incorporated into the data collection/analysis which ultimately **drive targeted outcomes and funded initiatives.**

**27** fellows

**2** years

**9** teams of 3



# Setting Goals Globally

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



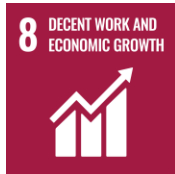
The **Sustainable Development Goals** are a call for action by the United Nations to the world:

- to promote **prosperity** while protecting the **planet**.
- recognize that ending **poverty** must go hand-in-hand with strategies that
- build **economic growth** and address a range of **social needs** including education, health, social protection, and job opportunities,
- tackling **climate change** and environmental protection
- **More important than ever, the goals provide a critical framework for COVID-19 recovery.**



# Aligning Locally

## Vibrant Regional Economy



## Safe + Beautiful Neighborhoods



## Exceptional Recreational, Cultural + Educational Opportunities



## High Performing Government



The **City of El Paso Vision Blocks** are reflective of the high level goals set forward in the SDGs.

It's our intention to establish **cross functional teams** based in these areas.

# Action...Now

- **Climate Action Planning will be an 18 month process**
  - deep community engagement
  - intensive regional data gathering
  - extensive multi partner collaboration
- **Available Now:**
  - 915 Treekeepers
  - Solar Co-op
- **Pursuing federal resources:**
  - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
  - Solar for All
  - Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant



# El Paso Zoo + Botanical Gardens

- **Planned a Center Point of Community Outreach and Engagement**
  - conservation
  - individual impact
  - education
- **Planning for Net Zero Energy**
  - Investment Grade Audit
  - Renewable Energy
  - Electric Car Charging
- **Interdepartmental Coordination for Citywide Impact**
  - Plans for Program Replication
  - Learnings incorporated into the climate action plan
  - Data Gathering and Demonstration



# Summary of Next Steps

**January  
2024**

- Authorization to Enter into Regional Interlocal Agreements
- Authorization to enter into Workforce Solutions Borderplex Agreement for Climate Fellowship
- Award of Climate Action Consulting Contract

**January –  
March 2024**

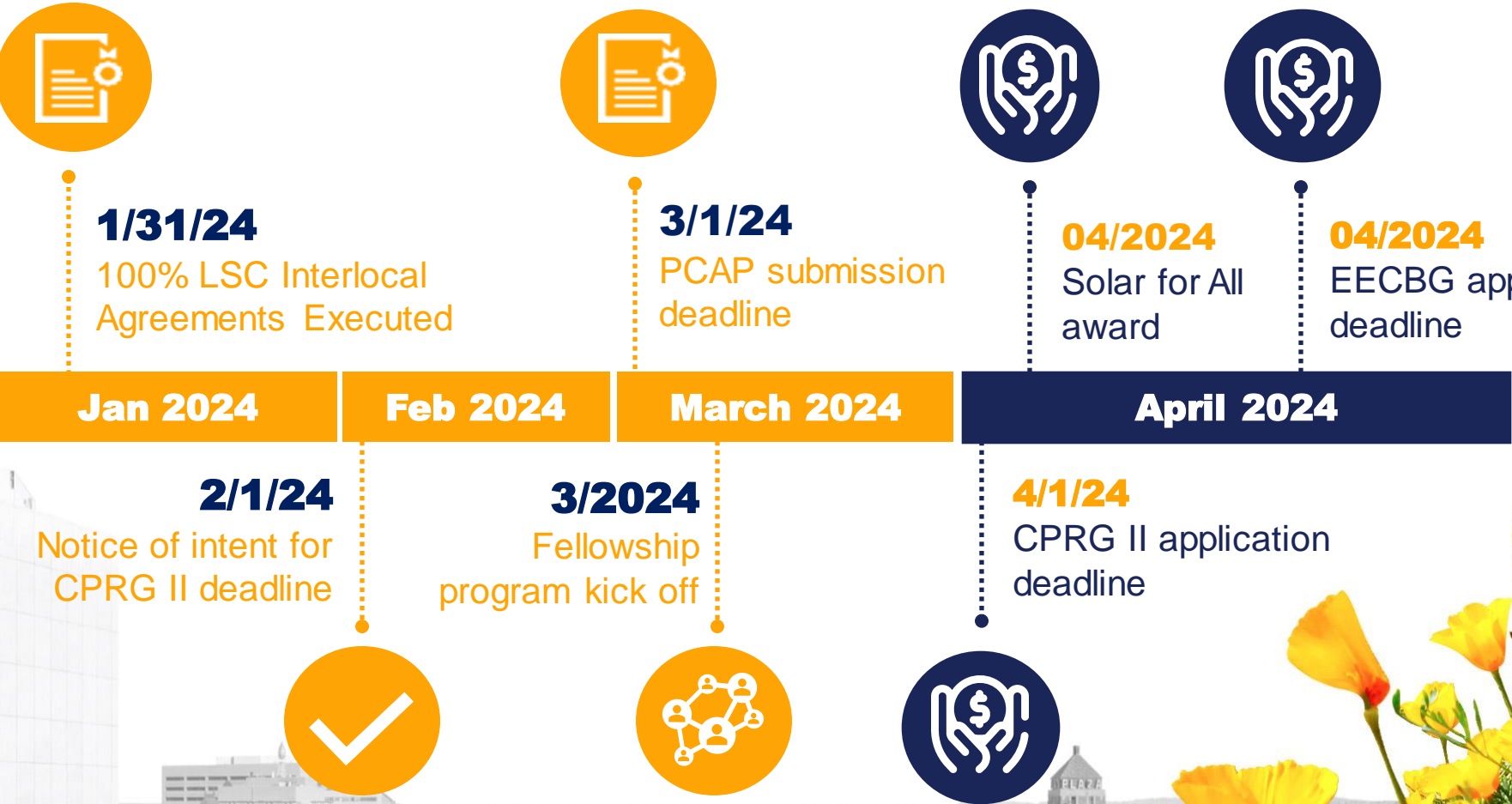
- Gather Data / Begin Preliminary GHG Inventory
- Engage Community / Establish preliminary priorities
- Begin Community Benefit Analysis
- Identify potential measures for submittal for CPRG Phase II

**March 2024**

- Submit preliminary climate action plan to EPA
- Launch PDN Climate Fellowship
- Qualify for submittal of CPRG Phase II



# Breakdown of Key Deadlines



## MISSION



Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community.

## VISION



Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government.



## VALUES

Integrity, **R**espect, **E**xcellence,  
**A**ccountability, **P**eople