

This sheet needs to be completed if there are other increases that you are requesting that are neither personnel or capital-related. One example – increase in library materials: Over the last five years, there have been a series of cuts made to accommodate reductions in LGA. Restoring all or a portion of those reductions would be addressed on this form.

Another example is the potential need for increases in repair and maintenance line-items. While not yet due for a significant upgrade, plant equipment is requiring more maintenance.

1. What is being requested: *(describe what you are asking for)*

The City of Northfield considers providing some financial support to help “seed” a fund which could be used to support local climate initiatives. Northfield Shares could potentially be the holder of the fund to which other foundations and donors could contribute. Some sort of granting process would need to be established for people to apply for funding support. This is currently being done in Minneapolis as a partnership between the City, McKnight Foundation and Minneapolis Foundation. This is the first year they are trying it out. Northfield Shares is open to discussing what such a fund could look like for Northfield.

2. Justification: *(detail why this item is needed – be specific in terms of impact on operations, productivity, unmet needs, etc.)*

The Climate Action Plan will have a section on Innovation and Demonstration and language about the City supporting such actions. Having a fund set up that could be used to help carry out a variety of actions around greenhouse gas reductions could help to support these efforts.

3. Impact if request is not approved: *(what are the consequences – what won’t happen or what will?)*

Less funding available for climate action initiatives.

4. Estimated cost: *(be as specific as possible.)*

\$5,000 - \$10,000 (Could be in the 2021 budget)

5. Funding: How will this request be financed (if known)? Are there offsets in other areas of the budget?

Uncertain. Mostly wondering at this point if the City contributing to such a fund is possible.