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What information should Ecology provide in its annual report?

I agree with suggestions, outlined by Front & Centered

Ecology should be:

Frequently updating online report information, ideally at least twice a year, with at least one update being issued immediately prior to legislative session

Using quantitative data as well as narrative reporting based on community feedback

Incorporating detailed effects to frontline communities resulting from projects and programs, including, but not limited to:
Direct and indirect benefits to frontline communities resulting from the project;
Environmental health disparities reductions;
Unintended adverse impacts

What additional information should be included about spending that is formally supported by a Tribal resolution?

I would like to know how the tribe is governed and whether they had a public involvement process. How many members were consulted, were youth included in decisions?

What additional information should be included about spending that benefits vulnerable populations in overburdened communities?

Accountability and transparency through use of clearly defined and easily tracked metrics in order to track progress over time.

I worry that Ecology is over-thinking this. Some things would be hard for people to report.

How should Ecology determine which projects are required to report their GHG emissions reductions?

If it's easy to calculate- like electric buses, then it should be reported. There are other things, replacing oil or gas furnaces, converting to heat pumps, discontinuing wood heating... all those can be calculated.

What should Ecology consider when determining how to evaluate greenhouse gas emissions reductions from projects?

What climate solutions can be funded? Do the impacts have to be quantified?

The range should be broad. Solutions can't be one-size - especially if they are guided by community needs.

I live near frontline communities that have no local advocacy or community based organization to apply for funding. As such, I worry about equitable distribution of auction proceeds.

There is so much "low-hanging fruit" that could lower GHG and improve quality of life and public health.

Most residents don't even know the range of solutions.

People need to be educated about the possibilities then engaged in choosing those most important to them. Should they
Plant urban trees, restore wetlands, build rain gardens, help transit agencies get electric buses, or electric bike shares. Can they ask their cities to build protected bike lanes so people aren't forced to have a car.... Can they replace oil or natural gas furnaces... or stop heating with firewood. Can they start regenerative farms, or a local compost facility?

The list goes on.

How can they plan projects or seek funding? Especially if there is no CBO to apply, or their elected officials don't care about them?

What else would you like to share?

I know this is all new and that Ecology is adding staff to facilitate this program. But I work at Ecology and the opaqueness of where the funds are going has been bothering me.

I'm concerned that Ecology's staffing in some regions is so physically far from frontline communities, so removed from on-the-ground impacts and experiences I don't know how staff can be truly supportive responsive to the goals of HEAL.

I still worry about the agency's ability to get money where it needs to be.

