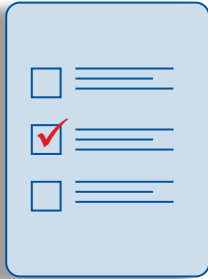


WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT ISSUE 7

What is Issue 7?



On November 2, Columbus residents have the opportunity to vote on a ballot issue that would redirect \$87 million from the city's general fund to create four funds: an Energy Conservation and Energy Efficiency Fund, a Clean Energy Education and Training Fund, a Minority Business Enterprise Clean Energy Development Fund and a Columbus Clean Energy Partnership Fund. Two of those funds - worth \$67 million - would be transferred to an unidentified group with no legislative oversight.

What is the city's general fund?



The general fund provides financial support for the city's basic services, including refuse collection and the salaries of first responders and health care workers. In 2021, the general fund was \$970 million.

Does the city have energy conservation programs?



Yes. Voters overwhelmingly approved Clean Energy Columbus in the November 2020 election, which will provide electric customers with 100% clean energy from Ohio-based wind and solar by 2022. It is part of the city's commitment to be carbon neutral by 2050.

What would happen to city finances if Issue 7 passed?



The city would cut programs and services funded by the general fund. Personnel costs constitute the largest portion of the general fund. Cuts in first responders, health care workers and other departments would be likely. Another option would be to deplete the Rainy Day Fund used to cover costs in a fiscal emergency, depleting several decades' worth of funding.

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**Remember, Election Day
is Tuesday, Nov. 2!**

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