



TO: Terry Gray
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SUBJECT: Repurpose EC4 funds

OER is requesting to repurpose \$30,000 of EC4 funds currently allocated to OER in the FY 2025 EC4 Spending Plan. These funds were originally designated to support Direct Pay operations and maintenance planning; however, recent changes at the federal level have rendered the original intended use no longer viable. OER is therefore proposing to redirect these funds to support URI Energy Fellows at OER in 2027. OER's request for Energy Fellow funding will be forthcoming this summer.

URI Energy Fellows bring valuable talent to the OER team and expand the capacity of the office's programs. This investment will provide OER with the additional administrative capacity needed to support projects associated with implementing the Act on Climate and the 2025 Climate Action Strategy.