

Introducing the Office of Heat Response and Mitigation

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Phoenix's **Climate and Heat Readiness Investment**



\$2.8M in 2021-2022 budget



14 new positions across 3 departments






Infrastructure and maintenance



Information resources



The new Office of Heat Response and Mitigation

- Director 
- Tree and Shade Administrator 
- Built Environment Specialist 
- Administrative Assistant 





Vision for Office of Heat Response and Mitigation



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- Respond to AND mitigate urban heat
- Understand and communicate costs and benefits
- Develop and apply meaningful metrics
- Innovate and evaluate our work



Vision for Office of Heat Response and Mitigation



- Coordinate local and regional heat initiatives
- Partner with national and international institutions
- **Be responsive to community needs and guidance**
- **Advance heat equity**



What's happening at OHRM

- Discussing Council and departmental priorities
- Introducing office to community groups and partners
- Hiring Admin. Asst., Tree and Shade Administrator



What's happening at OHRM

- Supporting Cool Corridor selection and planning
- Curating and pursuing external funding opportunities
- Preparing for launch of “Let’s Talk Heat” booklet (Office of Arts & Culture)





Discussion & Questions



