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6 Funding Methods to Achieve Climate Equity in US Cities.

United States city budgets are tighter than ever due to COVID-19. The American Rescue Plan Act, recently passed by Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden, will provide some relief in the near term, while the proposed American Jobs Plan offers a tantalizing vision of federal infrastructure investments that could drive local climate action and equity nationwide.

Yet there remains an immutable reality that U.S. cities without dedicated revenue streams to fund climate change mitigation, resilience and environmental justice will continue to face fiscal constraints. Simply put, these social and environmental causes are at risk of being deprioritized when they stand side-by-side with other essential services.

But even in our economically challenging times, the light of leadership remains bright at the city level. Mayors, community coalitions, advocacy groups and city councils have maintained focus on climate change and the need for aggressive action to protect and improve their communities' futures.

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