

Amazon's \$1B plan to combat data center backlash draws more backlash

On Friday, Amazon committed to donating more than \$1 billion over the next five years to communities neighboring data centers.

In a press release, Amazon Web Services' CEO Matt Garman said that communities would decide how to prioritize funds across "education, job training, energy affordability, water, and energy preservation, and local priorities."

Laying out other community commitments, Amazon also promised to ensure data centers wouldn't increase power bills or wipe out local water supplies. Regarding the latter, Amazon promised to be "water positive" by 2030, while claiming that 75 percent of projects have already met this goal.

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