# Oregon Clean Energy Investment Fund

Capitalizing Oregon's Future

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## **Current State of Clean Energy Funding in OR**

#### **State Investments**

Residential Energy Tax Credits expired at the end of 2017

Business Energy Tax Credit has expired and was fraught by abuse

Small Scale Energy Loan Program is frozen and has had challenges

Renewable Energy Development Grants are available

Energy Trust of Oregon has incentives in some parts of the state

### Rural Economic Development

**Oregon Solutions** 

Rural Entrepreneurship Initiative

Oregon BEST

**Business Oregon** 

#### **Sustainment**

Limited funding from and limited coordination with the private sector

Risk for loan programs is entirely born by the state

Lack of state sponsored programs to help businesses transition to cleaner business models

Missed opportunities to spur investment in rural Oregon

# **A New Vision**

Oregon commits to smart, targeted clean-energy investments through a public-private partnership that can create jobs, reduce risk to the state, leverage private sector capital, and ensure there are statewide benefits.

#### This works in other states



Public / Private investment ratio

**\$ / \$ \$ \$ \$** 

\$941 million in clean energy projects financed



Department of Commerce Innovation is in our nature.

> Washington State Clean Energy Fund

\$76 million in clean energy projects



Public / Private investment ratio

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\$96 million in clean energy projects financed

#### How this could work in OR

**SkyBlue** 



#### How this could work in OR





### High Desert Biomass Cooperatvie- Burns, Oregon



#### Zillah Oakes Inn - Yakima Valley, Washington



### **Potential project types**

#### Commercial

Commercial energy efficiency improvements

Mid- to small-scale renewable energy development (PURPA maximum project size; different ownership models could apply)

Commercial truck modernization

Investments outside ETO costeffectiveness-standards or jurisdiction

#### Industrial

Investments in emerging green- or clean-energy businesses

Industrial energy efficiency and pollution control

Clean manufacturing

RPS consistent biomass energy

#### Residential

Residential home energy loans, including solar and energy efficiency

Seismic upgrade loans

Residential wood stove replacement