

HB 2021 Implementation Update

Oregon Community Renewable Energy Grant Program

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Senate Committee on Energy and
the Environment



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What HB 2021 Does

- 100% zero-emissions electricity for Oregon's two largest utilities by 2040
- Increase in small-scale renewables requirement (from 8% to 10%)
- Equity focus: environmental justice communities, clean energy plans, community benefits and impacts advisory group, labor standards
- Small-scale Renewables Study, Community Renewable Energy Grant incentive program, green tariff, and more

Our Agency Assignments

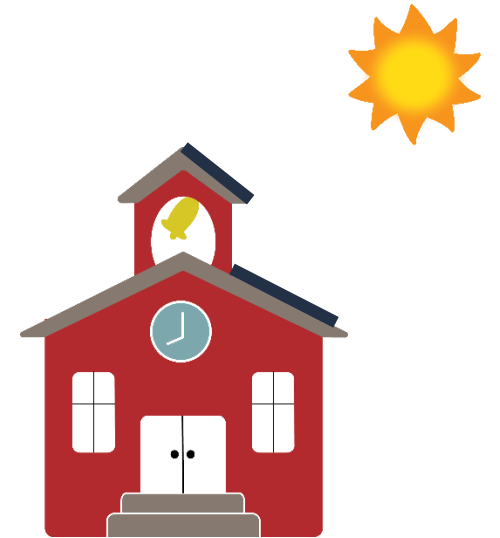
- ✓ [Responsible Labor Standards](#)
- ✓ [No New Fossil-Fuel Power Plants](#)
- ✓ [Small-Scale Renewable Energy Study](#)
- ✓ [Community Renewable Energy Grant Program](#)



COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM

HB 2021 Establishes the Community Renewable Energy Grant Program to:

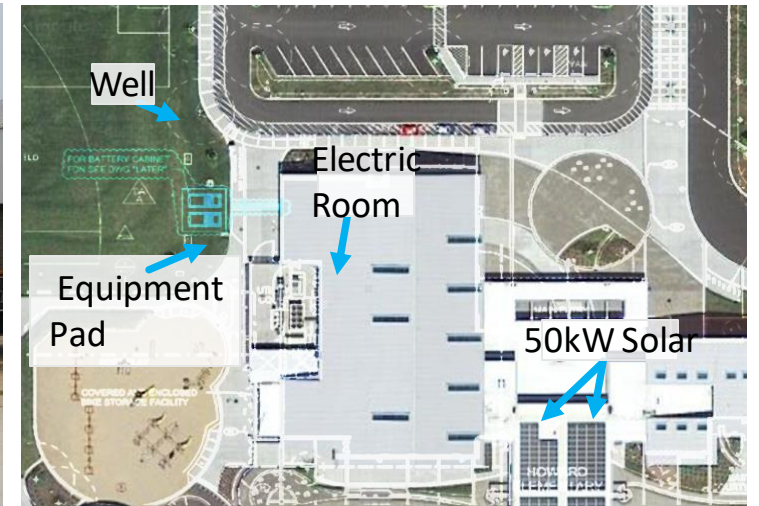
- Offset costs of planning and developing community renewable energy projects
- Support projects in traditionally underserved communities
- Promote small-scale community renewable energy projects
- Provide direct benefits to communities across Oregon by improving energy resilience, creating local jobs, promoting economic development, and reducing local energy costs



Applicant Eligibility

- Tribes
- Consumer-Owned Utilities
- Public bodies including:
 - Cities
 - Counties
 - Local Service Districts
 - Public School Districts, Community Colleges, and Public Universities

Must be outside City of Portland



Grid Edge Demonstration Project in Eugene
Photos courtesy of Eugene Water and Electric Board

GRANTS TO OREGON COMMUNITIES

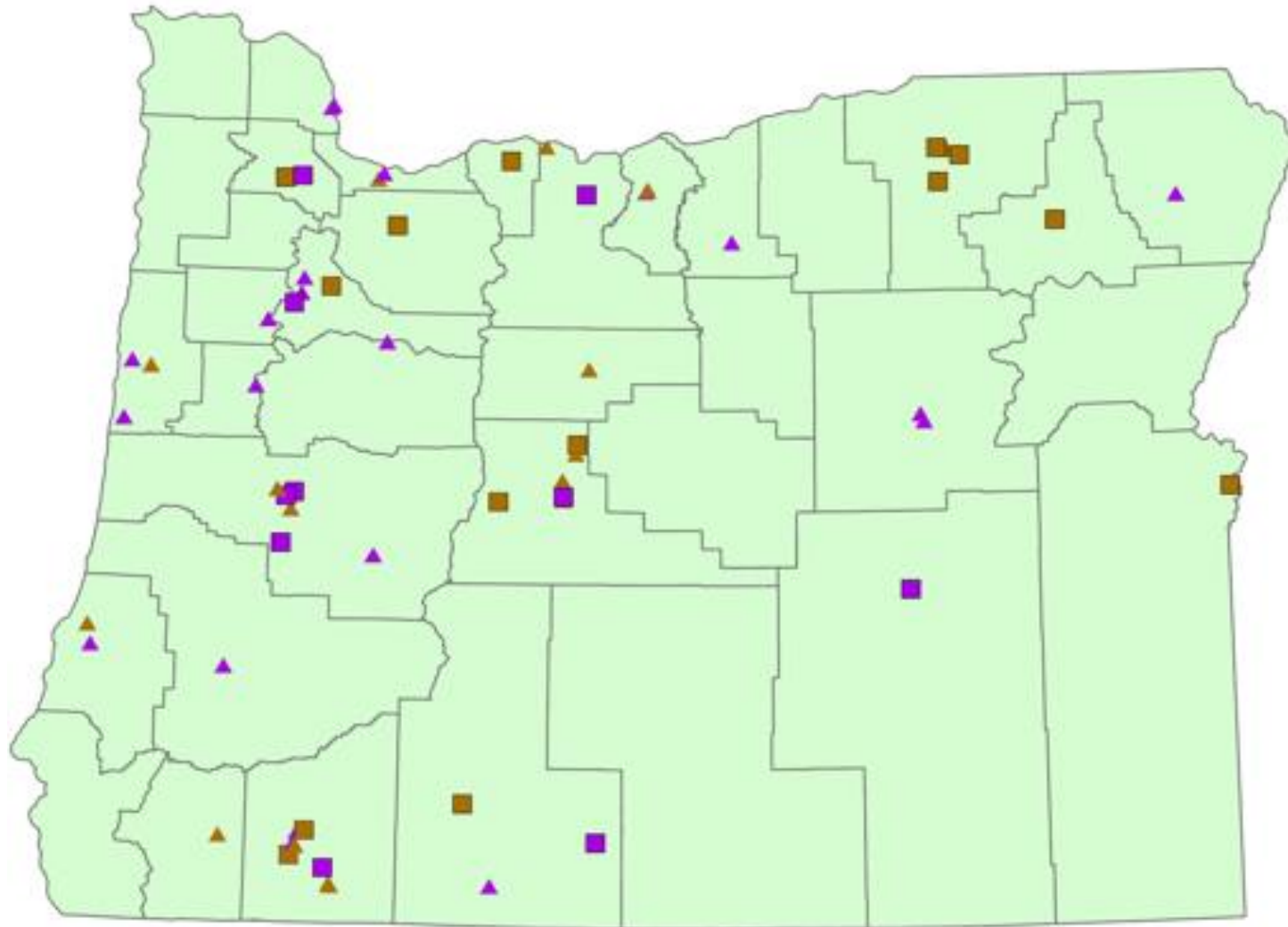
PROJECT CATEGORY	MAXIMUM GRANT AWARD	MAXIMUM % OF COST
Planning, Energy Resilience	\$100,000	100%
Planning, Renewable Energy Only	\$100,000	100%
Construction, Energy Resilience	\$1,000,000	100%
Construction, Renewable Energy Only	\$1,000,000	50%

Grants are awarded on a competitive basis and include performance agreements and time limits for completing projects.

BUDGET PRIORITIES

- 50 percent or more for grants to be awarded for planning or developing community renewable energy projects that qualify as **community energy resilience projects**.
- 50 percent or more for grants to be awarded for planning or developing community renewable energy projects that primarily serve **one or more environmental justice communities**.
- In Round 2, \$2 million out of \$12 million available is set aside for **planning grants**

ROUND 1: THE APPLICANT MAP



Legend

Project Sites

Application Type

- Construction Renewable
- ▲ Construction Resilience
- Planning Renewable
- ▲ Planning Resilience
- County_Lines

ROUND 1: APPLICANTS SELECTED

Types of applicants:

- City
- Community college
- County
- Federally-recognized Tribes
- Intergovernmental body
- Public charter school
- Public university
- School district

Geographic Region	Projects
Valley North Coast	3
Southern Oregon	5
Metro	2
Central Oregon	3
Eastern Oregon	8

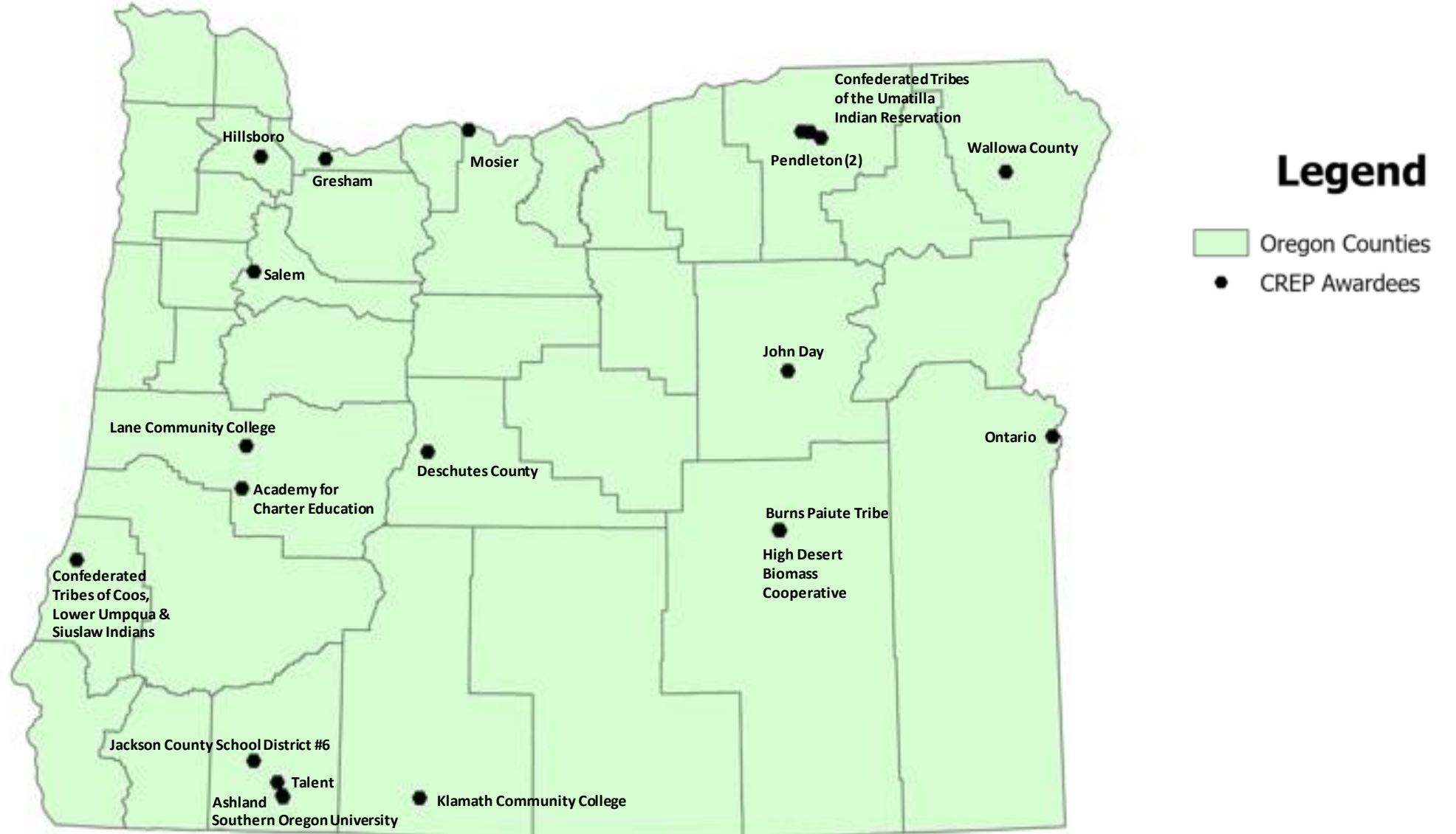
Total Awards: 21

- Construction: 13
- Planning: 8

ROUND 1: APPLICANTS SELECTED

Applicant Organization Name	
Academy for Character Education	City of Talent
Burns Paiute Tribe	Confederated Tribe of Umatilla Indian Reservation
City of Ashland	Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians
City of Gresham	Deschutes County
City of Hillsboro	High Desert Biomass Cooperative
City of John Day	Jackson County School District No. 6
City of Mosier	Klamath Community College
City of Ontario Oregon	Lane Community College
City of Pendleton	Southern Oregon University
City of Salem	Wallowa County

ROUND 1: THE AWARDEE MAP



ROUND 2 TIMELINE - *DRAFT*

December 28, 2022	Application Opened
February 15, 2023	Application Closes
Mid-February to Early March	Completion & Eligibility Review
Early March to Mid- April	Competitive Review & Technical Feasibility (Internal)
Late April to Early May	Director's Award Process and Final Selection



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Questions?

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