

Oregon Department of Energy

Response to Member's Questions and Requests for Information

The following types of projects would be eligible for a Grid Resilience subgrant:

- Weatherization technologies and equipment
- Fire-resistant technologies and fire prevention systems
- Monitoring and control technologies
- The undergrounding of electrical equipment
- Utility pole management
- The relocation of power lines or the reconductoring of power lines with low-sag, advanced conductors
- Vegetation and fuel-load management
- The use or construction of distributed energy resources for enhancing system adaptive capacity during disruptive events, including:
 - Microgrids; and
 - Battery-storage subcomponents
- Adaptive protection technologies
- Advanced modeling technologies
- Hardening of power lines, facilities, substations, of other systems; and
- The replacement of old overhead conductors and underground cables.

I would also note that the Grid Resilience program is specifically prohibited from funding new electric generating facilities, large-scale battery-storage facilities that are not used for enhancing system adaptive capacity during disruptive events, and cybersecurity projects. While Grid Resilience doesn't address cybersecurity, cybersecurity projects would be eligible under other grants available under BIL/IRA.

Thank you and we'd be happy to discuss further if you would like more information.