

Oregon Department of **ENERGY**

**Community Renewable
Energy Grant Program**

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House Bill 2566

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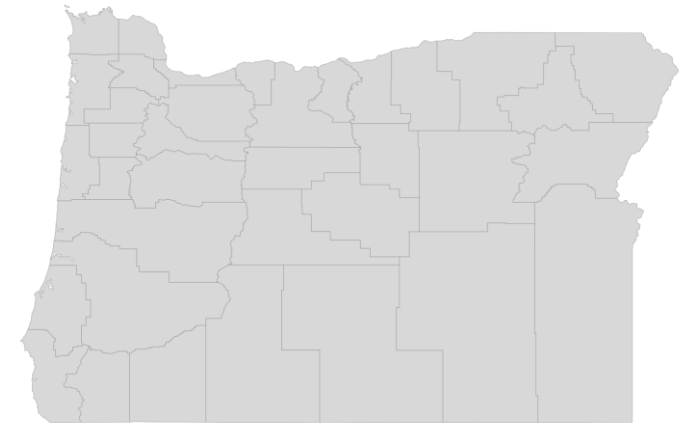
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COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM

Program Purpose

- 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



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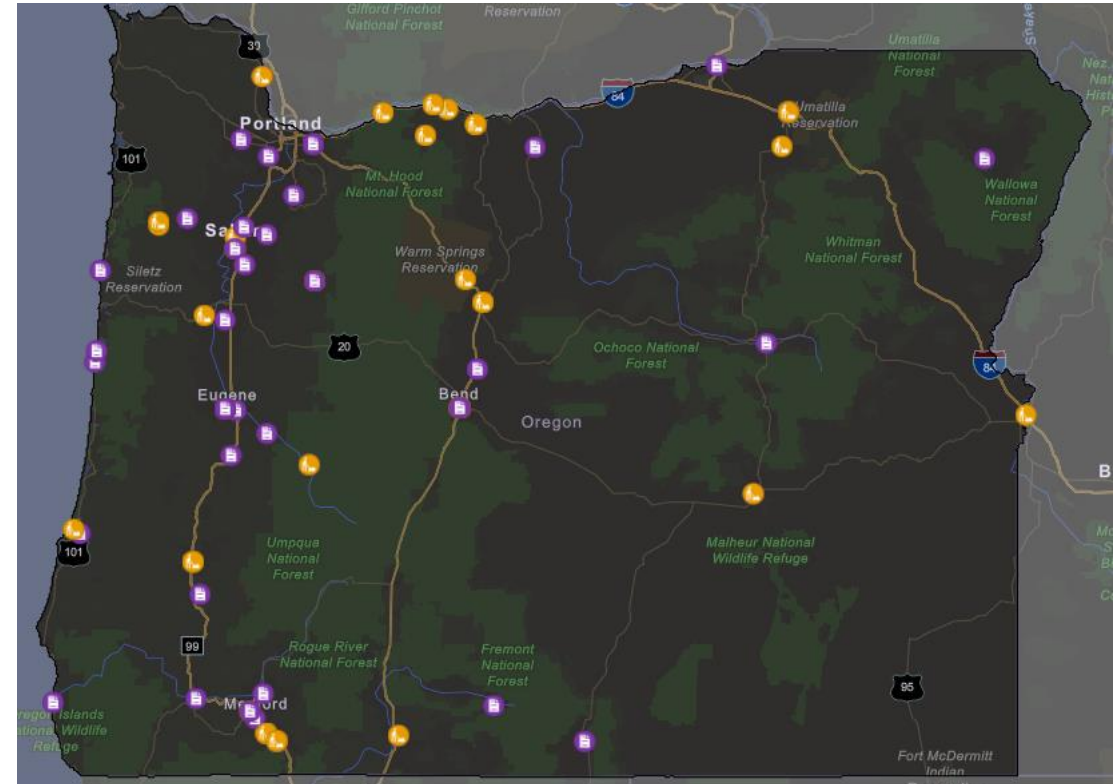
Program Overview

- Eligible applicants:
 - Tribes
 - Consumer-Owned Utilities
 - Public Bodies
- Grants for planning and construction of projects
- Two project types:
 - Renewable energy system
 - Renewable energy system to support energy resilience of structures or facilities essential to public welfare

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Program delivery

- 195 grant applications
- 50 planning grants awarded (\$4,387,990)
- 44 construction grants awarded (\$37,454,977)
- Projects located in 28 of 36 Oregon counties



Interactive [Program Map](#)

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The Dalles: Gloria Center

Multi-agency supportive services navigation center that serves as a community shelter.

Oregon Community Solar project generating up to 7,800 MWh/yr supporting low-income members.



Ontario: Community Solar

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Ashland: City Facilities Site

Project supports critical operations for the Electric department and Ashland Fiber Network (AFN) building and fuel station serving essential fleet vehicles.

Power produced during normal operation hours is allocated to low-income citizens as energy assistance per the ALIEAP program.



75 kW of solar PV using locally produced Stracker dual-axis motorized mounting system with 180,000 kWh estimated annual energy generation, 120 kW battery storage, and EV charging.

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Other Notable Projects – In Progress or Complete

Roseburg Urban Sanitation Authority | \$2,870,870 Construction grant awards at three RUSA facilities, including 400 kW floating solar at the natural treatment storage pond, solar and storage at the main office (a critical management and operations hub), and 900kW solar array to offset 44% of the plant's energy usage.

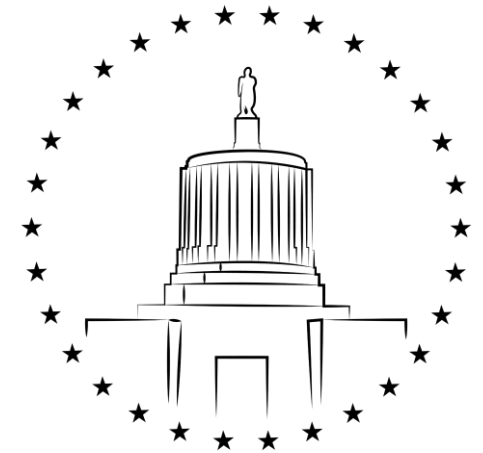
High Desert Biomass Collective | \$627,585 Expansion of current district biomass thermal heat system by constructing additional storage bin silo increasing fuel availability by 150% and upgrading feeder system to increase efficiency and types of fuel.

City of St. Helens | \$94,585 Planning for a net-metered solar PV & battery storage system to support the library housed within the Columbia Center and vulnerable residents during severe weather events.

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- Create a new grant opportunity
 - Constructing stand alone-energy resilience project
 - Support energy resilience of, or prevent outages to, structures or facilities essential to the public welfare
 - Grants up to 50% of project costs, up to \$250,000
 - No more than 20% of appropriated funds
 - Funds could provide match for COUs for the federal Grid Resilience Program
 - Suggested amendment



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Thank you!
Questions?

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