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IJA Grid Resilience Update

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Grid Resilience Grant Program

- Provides grants to Oregon electric utilities to support projects that strengthen the resilience of the electric grid

Home Energy Rebates

- \$113 million will support two new home energy rebate programs for high-efficiency home improvements, appliances, and equipment

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

- \$197 million will support 12 critical measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including energy efficiency in homes and businesses

Solar for All

- \$86.6 million will support solar projects for low-income Oregonians and other disadvantaged communities

GRID RESILIENCE OBJECTIVES

Program Objectives:

- Improve the **all-hazards resilience** of the electric grid against disruptive events
- Generate the **greatest community benefit** in reducing the likelihood and consequences of disruptive events
- Invest in **America's workforce**

ODOE Project Priorities:



Natural Hazards Mitigation. Invest in projects located in areas of the state directly affected by natural hazards



Community Outreach. Invest in and engage with Tribes and other communities of interest



Maximize Community Benefits. Support immediate investments in projects that provide community benefits as soon as possible



Evaluating for Future Funding Years.

GRID RESILIENCE FUNDING AMOUNTS

Federal Funding Amount:

- Legislation set five-part formula based on population, area, probability of disruptive events, severity of disruptive events, and expenditure on mitigation efforts
 - **Initial Allocation to Oregon** (~\$50 M total over 5 years)
 - Years 1-3 awarded: \$30,899,033 (~\$20 M remaining in Years 4 & 5)
 - Required to subgrant 95% to Eligible Subrecipients: \$29,354,081
 - \$3,973,406 obligated in subgrants (as of 4/23/25)

State Match Requirement:

- States and Tribes (Applicants for USDOE fund) required to match 15% of DOE funds received
 - **State match requirements for initial allocations:** \$4,634,855 (~\$7.5 million total over 5 years)
 - To support grant administration, technical assistance, and project costs for subrecipients
 - \$535,510 spent (as of 4/21/25)

GRID RESILIENCE PROJECT STATUS

First round Opportunity Announcement

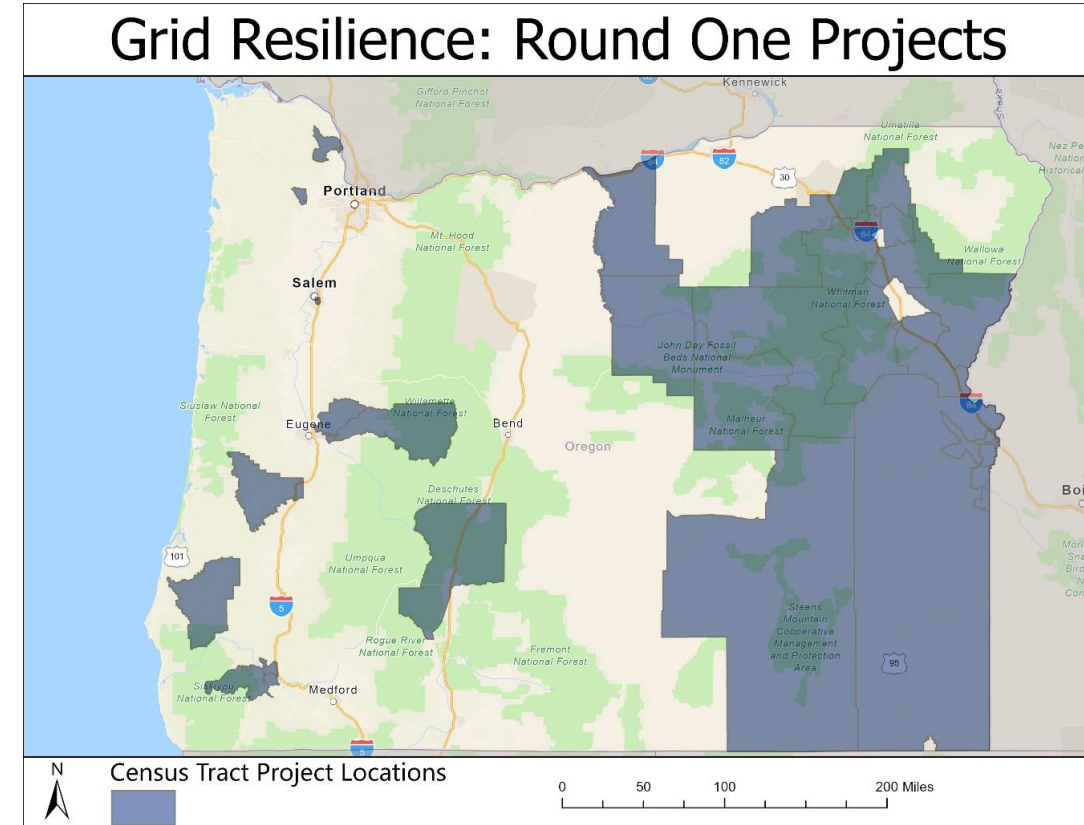
- 13 utility projects selected
- \$17,846,858 offered toward nearly \$38 million in total project costs

US DOE reviews/approves first round project selections

- 9 of 13 projects approved thus far

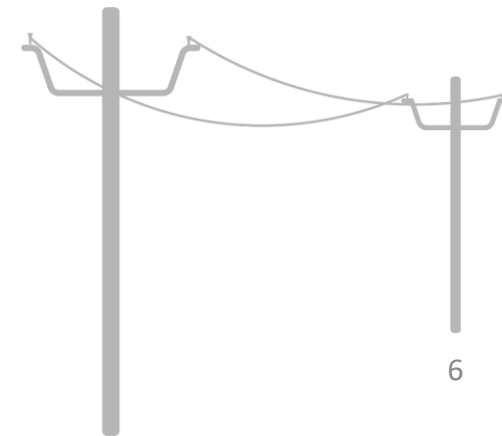
Five have grant agreements

- Delays related to uncertainty with federal executive orders and continuity of grant programs



GRID RESILIENCE NEXT STEPS

- Secure additional state match funding (POP #90) and establish a dedicated fund for federally required state matching funds for the Grid Resilience Program (SB 828)
- Prepare for Year 4 funding application
 - USDOE has yet to confirm date of opening Year 4 funding
- Continue first round project management with utilities
- Work with USDOE for approval of remaining first round projects
- Plan future rounds while waiting for updates from federal government



Thank you! Questions?

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