

# Oregon Department of **ENERGY**

## Community Renewable Energy Grant Program

Advisory Committee  
Meeting **(Q2 2023)**

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Phillips

**July 13, 2023**



# MEETING LOGISTICS

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- **Logistics**
  - **Note:** Meeting is being recorded and will be posted online for reference
  - Please feel free to use the Chat to ask questions, ODOE staff will be monitoring the Chat
  - Please use the “raise hand” function to indicate interest in asking a question or making a comment
  - We have set aside time for Public Comment towards end of meeting
- **Are there any questions on how to use WebEx to participate in this meeting?**

Program Page: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/Incentives/Pages/CREP.aspx>

Advisory Committee: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/Get-Involved/Pages/CREP-Advisory-Committee.aspx>



# USING WEBEX

## Audio Options

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- Headset Earphone (ThinkPad USB-...)
- Speakers (Realtek(R) Audio)
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Microphone

- Use system setting (ThinkPad USB-...)
- Microphone Array (Realtek(R) Audio)
- Headset Microphone (ThinkPad US-...)

Webex smart audio

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You can check Speaker and Microphone settings by clicking the arrow next to Mute/Unmute.

## Second Raise Hand Option

You can also click on the hand next to your name in the Participant list to raise your hand.

Click on Lower hand when you are done.

## Chat

You can chat to Everyone in the meeting.

You can send a private message to the Host or Presenter (or all Panelists when there is a Panel).

## Reactions

Click to Raise your hand.

Click on Lower hand when you are done.

# HOW THIS MEETING WILL BE FACILITATED

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## Panelists and Participants

- Panelists: Advisory Committee Members and ODOE Staff
- Participants: There is time reserved at the end of the agenda for public comment. You can send questions via chat throughout the meeting.

## Community Agreements: Designed to foster inclusive and respectful meeting today

- Be present and ready to learn
- Be respectful to others
- Learning happens outside of our comfort zones
- Listen to learn and not to respond
- Thank you for being flexible and patient around any technology needs or changes
- If you need something at this meeting, ask for it!
  - **Technical issues or questions: Contact Stacey in the chat**

# COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM

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## AGENDA

1:00 – 1:05	Welcome & Meeting Details
1:05 – 1:25	Program Updates & Legislative Session Review & Funding
1:25 - 1:45	Committee: Feedback, Questions & Discussion
1:45 – 2:00	Public Comment & Closing

# ROUND 1: PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS

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## Planning (8 Total = \$685,318 Projected)

All Agreements Executed between 4/4/2023-5/25/2023

Planning Completion Deadlines in October and November 2023

## Construction (13 Total = \$11,290,283 Projected)

- 12 Agreements Executed between 4/4/2023 – 6/22/2023
- One in review with the grantee

First Quarterly Reports are Due July 15th

# ROUND 2: PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS

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**Planning (25 Total = \$1,946,137 Projected)**

**Construction (14 Total = \$10,053,863 Projected)**

**Grantees Announced on June 1, 2023**

**ODOE is preparing the Performance Agreements**

# COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM

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Round Three Update:

**Estimated Launch: Late Summer/Fall 2023**

**Current: Program/Application Adjustments**





# ROUND 3: CONTINUE IMPROVING

## Proposed Adjustments

- Improve Outreach Gaps with ODOE's New Strategic Engagement "Navigator"
- Continue Application Language Improvements
- Streamline Applicant's Required Budget & Financial Submissions
- Explore Scoring Criteria Adjustments (Discussion)
- Publish ODOE's Updated Eligible/Ineligible Costs Guidance



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## Legislative & Funding Update

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- HB 5506 (Budget Reconciliation Bill) provides an additional \$20M to the program bringing the total provided to the Community Renewable Investment Fund to \$70M.
- ODOE Budget Bill (HB 5016) authorizes the continued expenditure of these funds through the Community Renewable Energy Grant Program.

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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End of C-REP Update Presentation

Questions for C-REP Team?

# PUBLIC COMMENT REQUEST

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To ensure adequate time for public comments, please use the “raise hand” function now to indicate interest in asking a question or making a comment.

(Following the Discussion with the Advisory Committee)

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Please turn on your camera when asking / responding to questions.

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE: DISCUSSION

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## C-REP LEGISLATIVE FUNDING 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**.

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE: DISCUSSION

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## Exploratory Scoring Criteria Adjustments:

1. Separate Project Strength and Equity criteria into individually scored items.
2. Improve Criteria Descriptions

### Reasons:

- Strengthen Competitive Review on Key Project Details & Program Priorities with Consistent Scoring Criteria across Planning / Construction Projects.
- Provide Applicants & External Reviewers Improved Scoring Clarity & Guidance that Further Aligns with C-REP's Legislative Funding Priorities.



CURRENT

# PROJECT STRENGTH

- Project Team
- Operations Plan
- Project Description
- Financial Plan
- \*Construction Plan

45 Points  
Combined

ADJUST

50 Point  
Total Value

- Team 10
- Plan & Schedule 15
- Budget & Finances 15
- Resilience Aspects 10

Planning & Construction

\* On Construction Projects Only



# CURRENT

## PROGRAM PRIORITIES

- Location in Community
- Communities Served
- Leadership (Community)
- Community Partnerships
- Community Outreach Plan
- Equity Framework

### Equity Criteria



(15) Renewable Only  
(10) Energy Resilience

10/15  
Points  
Combined

## ADJUST

17.5 Point  
Total Value

- Location & EJ Community Impact 5
- EJ Community Outreach (or Plan) 5
- EJ Community Engagement & Leadership 5
- Equity Framework 2.5

Planning & Construction

# NEXT STEPS...

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1. Round 3 Adjustments & Opportunity Announcements
2. R1/R2 Project Tracking & Status Report Verifications
3. Round 3 Launch Preparation

**Next Advisory Committee Meeting: Q3 2023 (Sept: TBD)**

- Program Updates
- Completed Grantee Project Updates (If Applicable)
- Round 3 Launch Update




# Public Comment

- Please state your name and any affiliation/organization
- Please aim to keep comments to 3 minutes or less



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Read our 2022 Biennial Energy Report!

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### INCENTIVES + EFFICIENCY

- Solar + Storage Rebate Program
- Energy Efficient Wildfire Rebuilding Incentive
- Heat Pump Incentive Programs
- Community Renewable Energy Grant Program**
- Rural & Agricultural Energy Audit Program
- Home Energy Scoring
- Schools & Public Buildings
- Energy Code Hotline

### SAFETY + RESILIENCE

- Energy System Resilience
- Guidebook for Local Energy Resilience
- Hanford and Nuclear Safety
- About Our Work
- Emergency Preparedness
- Oregon Fuel Action Plan
- Nuclear Emergency Info

### ENERGY FACILITIES

- About Facility Siting
- Energy Facilities in Oregon
- Energy Facility Siting Council
- Council Jurisdiction
- Facilities Under Review
- Liquefied Natural Gas

### ENERGY IN OREGON

- Biennial Energy Report
- Oregon's Electricity Mix
- Federal Funding
- Renewable Portfolio Standard
- Find Your Utility
- Climate Change
- Electric Vehicles & Alternative Fuels
- Oregon Renewable Energy Siting Assessment (ORESAs)
- Renewable Energy



# COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM

## Have a Question?

Use the Q&A Form  
on the webpage!



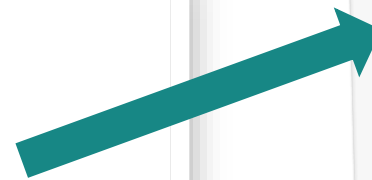
renewable project

- **22-017:** Planning activities for a renewable and resilient project

**Questions?**  
Submit them through the portal.

**APPLICANT HELP**

- 📄 Checklist of Information to Gather
- 📄 Application User Guide for Construction



### Ask Community Renewable Energy Grant Program

(\*) Indicates a required field.

Have a question about C-REP, Opportunity Announcements or the Application? Use the form below.

#### Contact Information

Organization Name	<input type="text"/>
First Name *	<input type="text"/>
Last Name *	<input type="text"/>
Email Address *	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>
Street 1	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text"/>
State/Province	<input type="text"/>
Zip/Postal Code	<input type="text"/>
Street 2	<input type="text"/>
Select an Opportunity Announcement *	<input type="text"/>
Select a Topic *	<input type="text"/>
Question/Description *	<input type="text"/>



**Thank you!**

**For questions or more information:**

**[community.grants@energy.oregon.gov](mailto:community.grants@energy.oregon.gov)**



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