

Community Renewable Energy Grant

Project Construction Grant: Eligible and Ineligible Costs

The Oregon Administrative Rule 330-250-0100 provides a list of project costs that are eligible, and not eligible, to be covered by the construction grants from the Community Renewable Energy Project Grant Program. The following is a list of project costs that are eligible to be covered by a construction grant if they are incurred by an applicant after the application deadline in the opportunity announcement they applied for:

- The cost of components of all proposed renewable energy systems included in the project.
- Materials and supplies required for the construction, installation, and interconnection of the proposed renewable energy system(s).
- The cost of title searches, escrow fees, permits fees, license fees, and shipping.
- Design or engineering expenses related to renewable energy system components.
- Environmental studies, including source testing.

Under 330-250-0100(1)(f) the department may determine other costs that should be eligible, to date the department has identified that the following costs are also eligible:

- Interconnection fees.
- Structural supports directly related to the installation of the renewable energy system.
- Trenching for conduit and piping directly related to the renewable energy system installation and interconnection.
- Site preparation directly related to the installation of the renewable energy system.
- Costs associated with a structure required by permit to house the renewable energy system, and only when those costs are associated with the portion of the structure required to house and maintain the renewable energy system are eligible.
- Project management costs directly related to the acquisition, construction, installation, and reporting of the renewable energy system(s) by partners, consultants and/or contractors incurred by the grantee.

The following project costs are not eligible to be covered by the Community Renewable Energy Project Grant Program:

- Costs paid by a person other than the applicant or a partner of the applicant.
- Interest and warranty charges.
- Litigation or other legal fees and court costs.
- Patent searches, application, and filing payments.
- Costs to maintain, operate, or repair the renewable energy system.
- Administrative costs to apply for grants, incentives, loans, tax credits, or other funding for a project.
- Training or education expenses.

- Costs that are incurred to bring a host building up to building code standards or otherwise repair the building in order to install the system, including design or engineering expenses.
- Costs associated with structures or structural components not directly related to installation of the renewable energy system.
- Donated, in-kind or volunteer labor and materials.
- Costs for fossil fuel-powered generator systems.

Under 330-250-0100(2)(l) the department may determine other costs that should not be eligible to be covered by the Community Renewable Energy Project Grant Program. To date the department has identified that the following costs are not eligible:

- Penalties.
- Administrative costs associated with grant reporting, including CPA attestations.
- Demolition and other site preparation that is not directly related to the installation of the renewable energy system.
- Costs related to site security.
- Site clean-up.
- Construction of access roads.
- Site landscaping.

If after reviewing the program's Oregon Administrative Rules and this document, you have further questions about whether a specific cost is eligible to be covered by the grant, please email the program team at community.grants@energy.oregon.gov.