

# Project Planning Grant: Eligible and Ineligible Costs

All reasonable planning costs incurred after the application deadline in the opportunity announcement to which the grantee was awarded a grant from are eligible to be covered by the [Community Renewable Energy Project Grant Program](#). [Oregon Administrative Rule 330-250-0050](#) provides a list of planning costs that are eligible to be covered by planning grants from the Community Renewable Energy Project Grant Program. Eligible planning costs include, but are not limited to, costs associated with:

- Consulting fees.
- Load analysis.
- Siting, excluding property acquisition.
- Ensuring code compliance.
- Interconnection studies.
- Transmission studies.
- Other analysis and studies necessary for planning a renewable energy system.

Other reasonable expenditures made in the community renewable energy project planning process are also eligible. This could include costs for:

- Outreach, engagement, and consultations directly related to the planning of the renewable energy project involving community stakeholders, members of environmental justice communities, and local businesses.
- An energy audit for a facility that was part of the planning directly related to the proposed community renewable energy project.
- A feasibility study directly related to, or part of the proposed renewable energy project described in the performance agreement. Only those costs associated with planning a renewable energy system are eligible to be covered by a planning grant.

Expenditures made in the community renewable energy project planning process that have been determined ineligible to be covered by a planning grant include:

- Costs not associated with the planning of a renewable energy system, such as planning for a fossil fuel generator.
- Fixed costs the applicant would incur in the applicant's normal course of business such as existing staff salaries or overhead costs.

The Community Renewable Energy Grant Program funds may be used in conjunction with other incentives and grants including federal funding, however, the total amount of incentive and grant funds combined cannot exceed 100 percent of the planning costs. If the combined amounts would exceed 100 percent of the planning costs, any community renewable energy grant would be reduced so that the total incentives and grants would not exceed 100 percent of the planning costs.