

Oregon Grid Resilience Grant Program

IMPROVE
resilience

BENEFIT
local communities

ADVANCE
equity

The Oregon Department of Energy has nearly \$19 million available to support projects that strengthen resilience of the electric grid in Oregon communities. Program funding is available thanks to the federal 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Electric utilities are eligible to apply for grants to support resilience projects, which can include weatherization technologies and equipment, fire-resistant technologies and fire-prevention systems, utility pole management, undergrounding of electrical equipment, and more.

Strengthening the resilience of the electric grid can reduce disruptive events, like power outages due to extreme weather. ODOE's program is designed to fund projects that will have the greatest community benefits while addressing the most pressing grid resilience needs. The program is also designed to advance equity, environmental, and energy justice priorities in support of federal Justice40 Initiative goals to deliver benefits to disadvantaged communities.

At least 40 percent of ODOE's grant budget is reserved for small utilities – which often serve rural areas of the state – that sell less than 4 million megawatt hours of electricity per year.

Interested electric utilities should visit ODOE's website for additional details and program requirements. **The first round of applications is now open, with applications due by 1 p.m. on June 14, 2024.**

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