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Oregon Community Renewable Energy Grant Program Advisory Committee: Meeting #3

December 1, 2021

For more information:

[State of Oregon: INCENTIVES - Community Renewable Energy Grant Program](#)



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Welcome

Harney County, Oregon



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Leading Oregon to a safe, equitable, clean, and sustainable energy future.

Our Mission

The Oregon Department of Energy helps Oregonians make informed decisions and maintain a resilient and affordable energy system. We advance solutions to shape an equitable clean energy transition, protect the environment and public health, and responsibly balance energy needs and impacts for current and future generations.

What We Do

On behalf of Oregonians across the state, the Oregon Department of Energy achieves its mission by providing:

- A Central Repository of Energy Data, Information, and Analysis
- A Venue for Problem-Solving Oregon's Energy Challenges
- Energy Education and Technical Assistance
- Regulation and Oversight
- Energy Programs and Activities

ODOE's Objectives

- First, thank you for serving!
- **Quick recap of HB 2021 Community Renewable Energy Grant Program:** what does it ask ODOE to do?

ODOE Objective:

To work with the Advisory Committee, interested stakeholders, Tribes, and the public to develop and adopt rules for the new Community Renewable Energy Grant Program as well as administer that program over the next four years to accomplish the program goals of providing grants to encourage community renewable energy projects that support resilience and environmental justice communities.

Meeting Logistics

- **Logistics**

- Note that we'll be recording this meeting and will post it 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?**

How this meeting will be facilitated:

- **Panelists and Participants**

- Panelists: Advisory Committee Members and ODOE Staff
- Participants: There is time reserved at the end of the agenda for public comment, and you can send questions through 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

AGENDA

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| 1:00 – 1:05 | Welcome, Objectives, and Logistics [<i>Done</i>] |
| 1:05 – 1:10 | Agenda and Discussion of Today's Work |
| 1:10 – 1:50 | Continue Advisory Committee Feedback and Discussion |
| 1:50 – 2:00 | Public Comment |

Topics for Discussion

- Equity Metrics
- Community leadership
- Utility Consultation
- Resources to support community applications

Equity Metrics

- (1) Equity metrics will be used to evaluate program applications, inform opportunity announcements and provide a framework for overall program performance and reporting requirements. The following equity metrics will be considered and provided designated space within program applications.
 - (a) Project leadership. Applicants will describe the involvement and leadership of the project team as described in OAR [330-250-0030](#) (3)(c).
 - (b) Communities Served. Applicants will describe how projects serve environmental justice communities described in section [330-250-0010](#) (12).
 - (c) Community Partnerships. Applicants will describe partnerships with regional stakeholders and community groups associated with the project described in sections [330-250-0050](#) (3) and [330-250-0100](#) (3).
 - *(d) Community Outreach Plan. If applicable, applicants will describe a community outreach plan associated with the project.
 - *(e) Equity Framework. If applicable, applicants will describe an equity framework associated with the project.

Consultation with Local Utility

- (b) ~~Letters from~~ Evidence of consultation with the following entities:
- (A) Written authorization from the applicant's governing body allowing submission of the application.
- (B) Confirmation that the applicant consulted with the electric utility. Applicants are encouraged to include information from the electric utility that may assist the department in evaluating the feasibility of the proposed project. Confirmation may include~~A letter from the electric utility serving the communities covered by a community renewable energy project, including:~~
 - (i) ~~confirmation that the applicant consulted with the electric utility~~a letter from the electric utility serving the communities covered by a community renewable energy project; or
 - (ii) other evidence that the applicant has consulted the electric utility.~~and/or~~
 - (ii) ~~information that may assist the department in evaluating the feasibility of the proposed project.~~



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Draft Program Rules



Yaquina Head Lighthouse, Newport, Oregon

Next Steps

- Any questions not covered today?
- Next Advisory Committee meeting
- **Reminders of key dates**
 - December 6th: Deadline to submit rule for DOJ review
 - January-March: Outreach and communications support - Flyers? Newsletters?
 - March 1st: Target date for opportunity announcement to apply for grants



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Public Comment

Haystack Rock, Cannon Beach

Public Comment

- (1) Please state your name and any affiliation/organization**
- (2) Identify which topic or part of the draft rules that you're responding to**

Please limit your comments to 5 minutes, thank you!



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Thank
You!

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