

This document includes draft scoring matrices for the competitive review portion of planning and construction grants in the Community Renewable Energy Program. The draft point scoring distribution were developed by considering the spread of requirements in the rules and to emphasize key requirements like equity and resilience. ODOE is seeking input to ensure the scoring criteria and weighting are in alignment with the priorities of the program. Input may also help determine the best methods to conduct a review.

Questions for Advisory Committee:

- a. Is the scoring and weighting reasonable or do we need to weight sections, for example equity or project plan, more or less heavily?
- b. Should prior investment in energy efficiency at a project location also include projects and activities such as education or behavior changes?
- c. When scoring the equity criteria for communities served, should consideration be given to how one factor can influence another? For instance, a community that is only in a rural county compared with the compounding factors that may exist with a community that is both in a rural county as well as having a high number of community members with low incomes?
- d. How should we factor in if applicants did or did not produce an outreach plan or use an equity framework? Should we expand the metrics to allow for outreach not formalized in a plan? Since it is not a requirement of the application in the program rules, how should it be used in the scoring criteria?
- e. When scoring for community benefit, should the situation and community be considered? For instance, should there be an extra weighting related to economic development/jobs in low-income communities?
- f. How should we compare geographic diversity? With some clear criteria as detailed in the geographic diversity criteria or a more open-ended analysis such as that listed in the diversity of technology/resource/project size criteria?
- g. Are we missing criteria?
- h. Any other thoughts?

Planning Project - Competitive Review Criteria	Max Points
Project plan	Total 30
Technical feasibility of the proposal. Points will be awarded by examining factors including technological and resource feasibility of proposed project.	20 (Pass/Fail)
Prior investment in energy efficiency measures at the project location or demonstration that the project will result in aggregate improvements to demand response capabilities. Evidence may include utility or Energy Trust project documentation or finance statements demonstrating investments.	5
Strength of financial and project plan: Points will be awarded by reviewing planning project budget and schedule.	5
Equity	Total 40
Communities Served: Project provides direct benefits to one or more Qualifying Communities.	10
Project Leadership: description of qualifying communities involved in project and represented in project leadership.	5
Community Partnerships. Applicant demonstrates partnerships within the community.	5
Community Outreach Plan: the greater the demonstrated participation and engagement of qualifying communities in public outreach the higher the score. This could include, but is not limited to, descriptions of surveys of the local community, attendance or participation at public meetings, community ideas and recommendations incorporated in project plan.	5
Equity Framework used by applicant	5
Project conducted in part or in whole by disadvantaged business enterprises, emerging small businesses or businesses that are owned by minorities, women or disabled veterans.	5
Inclusive hiring and promotion policies for workers working on the project.	5
Direct Project Benefits	Total 20
Project will enhance community energy resilience. the potential change to community energy resilience of a structure or facility that is essential to public welfare from a project.	10
Project assists applicants achieve goals included in the applicants' natural hazard mitigation plans as approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.	10
Project diversity	Total 15
Geographic Diversity: if the project is the only one in the opportunity announcement from a region of Oregon, as outlined by Business Oregon, up to 10 points. If other projects have come from the same region but it is the only one from the county, 4-7 points. If there are more than one project from the region and county in the opportunity announcement, 0-3 points. Reviewers may award points anywhere on the scale between 0 and 10 depending on the numbers of projects stemming from a given region or county.	10
Diversity or technology/resource/project size: Points will be awarded by comparing all proposals received during an opportunity period. This will weigh the proposed technology and resources to be used, along with the project's size, against other proposals, with the goal to diversify the types of systems receiving grants.	5

Development Project - Competitive Review Criteria	Max Points
Project plan	Total 40
Technical feasibility of the proposal. Points will be awarded by examining factors including technological and resource feasibility of the project.	20 (Pass/Fail)
Prior investment in energy efficiency measures at the project location or demonstration that the project will result in aggregate improvements to demand response capabilities. Evidence may include utility or Energy Trust project documentation or finance statements demonstrating investments.	5
Strength of financial and project plan: Points will be awarded by reviewing development project budget and project schedule.	15
Equity	Total 40
Communities Served: Project provides direct benefits to one or more Qualifying Communities.	10
Project Leadership: description of qualifying communities involved in project and represented in project leadership with greater levels of leadership and meaningful involvement by qualifying communities receiving higher scores.	5
Communities Served: description of qualifying communities served by project, including number of qualifying communities served, size of qualifying community served, percentage of total population served, and how they will be impacted. The higher the level of demonstrated service to qualifying communities the higher the score the project will receive.	5
Community Partnerships	5
Community Outreach Plan: the greater the demonstrated participation and engagement of qualifying communities in public outreach the higher the score. This could include, but is not limited to, descriptions of surveys of the local community, attendance or participation at public meetings, community ideas and recommendations incorporated in project plan.	5
Projects constructed in part or in whole by disadvantaged business enterprises, emerging small businesses or businesses that are owned by minorities, women or disabled veterans.	5
Inclusive hiring and promotion policies for workers working on the project.	5
Direct project benefits	Total 40
For developing project, requirement to do at least one of:	
(a) For energy resilience projects: Project will enhance community energy resilience. the potential change to community energy resilience of a structure or facility that is essential to public welfare from a project.	20
(b) Increase in local jobs	5
(c) Increase economic development	5
(d) Direct energy cost savings to family & small businesses	5
Project assists applicants achieve goals included in the applicants' natural hazard mitigation plans as approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.	5
Project diversity	Total 10
Geographic Diversity	5
Technological Diversity	5