Community Renewable Energy Grant Program
Resources for Applicants

This document includes a list of resources that may be helpful to applicants applying to ODOE's Community Renewable Energy Grant Program. These and other data sources may assist applicants in the application process, such as when describing how a community meets the *qualifying community* criteria or when describing the level of benefits a project may bring to a community.

Data About Communities

These resources may be useful when describing the communities involved with and affected by the community renewable energy project. These questions are typically, though not always, found in the *community benefits and equity considerations* section of the application.

EJ Screen: Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping tool from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

U.S. Census: United States Census Bureau data.

U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service: Rural Classifications.

Oregon Housing and Community Services Data: Includes poverty and demographic housing data.

Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool: Mapping tool from the Council on Environmental Quality.

Energy Justice Dashboard and the Low-Income Energy Affordability Data Tool: Tools from U.S. Department of Energy showing among other characteristics, energy burden and energy cost.

New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC): Mapping tool for Severe Distressed Status, and Non-Metropolitan Status.

Energy Resilience Benefits

These resources may come in useful when describing the energy resilience benefits provided by the project. Resilience questions are found in the *project description* in the planning application or in the *community benefits and equity considerations* section of the construction application.

CDC Social Vulnerability Index: Index using U.S. Census data to determine social vulnerability.

Oregon's Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan: Department of Land Conservation and Development.

Oregon Guidebook for Local Energy Resilience: Oregon Department of Energy.

National Renewable Energy Labs (NREL.gov): Resilience Planning Information and Tools

Other

These resources may be useful in other parts of the applications that involve utility coordination and descriptions about the characteristics about the location of the project.

Find Your Utility: Oregon Department of Energy.

Oregon Explorer: OSU Libraries & Press and the Institute for Natural Resources.

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