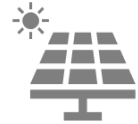


# What's Happening at ODOE: Spring 2024

As the spring season blooms, so does the Oregon Department of Energy's effort to support communities throughout Oregon. ODOE is excited to launch three grant program opportunities serving Tribes, cities, counties, public bodies, and utilities that can support reaching their renewable energy goals.

## Community Renewable Energy Grant Program

The Community Renewable Energy Grant program supports communities in the **planning or construction of renewable energy or energy resilience projects**. Eligible projects include renewable energy generation systems like solar or wind, as well as energy storage systems, electric vehicle charging stations, or microgrid technologies paired with new or existing renewable energy systems. Eligible applicants are encouraged to partner with community groups, non-profits, private businesses, and others on potential projects.



The program is open to Oregon Tribes, public bodies, and consumer-owned utilities. Public bodies include counties, cities, and special government bodies, such as ports and irrigation districts.

ODOE has \$18 million available for grants up to **\$100,000 for eligible planning projects** and up to **\$1 million for eligible construction projects**.

Applications are due on May 10, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

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## Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program has about \$1.2 million available for grants to eligible local governments for energy efficiency, renewable energy, or transportation-related projects. ODOE **will be funding projects on a rolling basis**, with a focus on projects that benefit Justice40 communities in the first round. Eligible applicants include Oregon public bodies that did not receive a direct EECBG allocation from the US DOE. For a qualifying community, **grants will range between \$50,000 and \$100,000**.



Eligible activities for the program are:

- Building audits and retrofits, including grid interactivity, electrification, and Home Energy Scoring.
- Energy Savings Performance Contracts for efficiency and electrification in municipal buildings.
- Building efficiency and electrification campaigns.
- Solar installations and battery storage, such as power purchase agreements and direct ownership.
- Electric vehicles for municipal fleets.
- EV charging infrastructure for the community.

The first round will remain open until May 21, 2024 or when funds have been fully allocated, whichever is first.

### What is Justice40?

The IJA and IRA are aligned with the federal Justice40 initiative, aiming to ensure that 40 percent of federal investments benefit disadvantaged communities.

The Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool has an interactive map to identify Justice40 communities.



Scan or click to learn more about ODOE's grant programs.



## Grid Resilience Grant Program

The newly launched Grid Resilience Grant Program has nearly \$19 million available to support projects that strengthen the resilience of the electric grid in Oregon communities. Oregon electric utilities are eligible to **apply for grants that support resilience projects**, including weatherization technologies and equipment, fire-resistant technologies and fire-prevention systems, utility pole management, undergrounding of electrical equipment, and more.



**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. Utilities that sell 4 million MWh or more of power annually are required to match funds at 100 percent, while the small utilities are required to match one third of funds.

Applications are due on June 14, 2024 by 1 p.m.

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### Oregon State Energy Strategy

The Oregon Legislature, through HB 3630, directed ODOE to develop a **State Energy Strategy**. The report will be developed in consultation with relevant agencies, federally recognized Tribes, and stakeholders. It will further build on state laws, policies, and targets regarding energy and greenhouse gas emissions; existing energy and integrated resource plans; and energy-related studies and data analysis.

The State Energy Strategy that will identify potential pathways to achieving Oregon's energy and climate policy objectives. It's vital that we hear diverse perspectives as we develop a strategy that reflects the needs of the state that it will serve.

We want to hear from you!

Please take our [short survey](#) by April 21, 2024 to share your thoughts.



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### Oregon Energy Security Plan

The Oregon Department of Energy has been directed by the federal government and the Oregon State Legislature to prepare an **Energy Security Plan for Oregon**. The plan will identify risks to electricity, liquid fuel, and natural gas / propane systems and propose ways to mitigate those risks.

The final product will offer project and policy options that could be implemented to reduce risks for Oregon as a whole as well as for specific regions throughout the state. It will act as a living resource that will be revised and updated regularly.

**Stay Tuned!** The Energy Security Plan team is planning in-person town halls around the State to learn from Oregonians about how these issues affect them.

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## Community Navigator Program

ODOE's Community Navigator program is designed to empower local communities throughout the state of Oregon in their pursuit of energy solutions. We believe everyone deserves access to the resources and knowledge needed to create a more safe, equitable, clean, and sustainable future.

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