



# Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

## Oregon Zero-Emission Fueling Grants 101



# OZEF Grants

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- Pilot program established by Oregon State Legislature in HB 5202 and HB 4139 (2022)
- One-time funding of \$15 million
- Medium and heavy-duty zero-emission fueling projects
- Technical Assistance and Capital Improvement Grants
- Competitive Applications

# Medium and Heavy-Duty ZEV Fueling

- Projects for planning/installing infrastructure for the purpose of powering medium and heavy-duty vehicles and equipment
- Medium and Heavy-Duty:
  - Class 3-8 GVWR, Forklifts, Non-road, and Equivalent equipment
- Fueling Types
  - Electrification: Phase 2 Charging, DC Fast Charging
  - Hydrogen Fuel Cell Technology





# OZEF Grant Options

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- Technical Assistance Grant: Initial Planning, Consultations, Surveys, etc.
  - Ideal for applicants who are just beginning to think about transitioning
  - Grant covers 50% of eligible project expenses (100% for Certified Oregon Business Inclusivity and Diversity applicants)
- Capital Improvement Grant: Site Prep, Utility Improvement, Construction, and Installation of Charging or Fueling Equipment
  - Ideal for applicants who are ready to begin construction on ZEV fueling infrastructure
  - Grant covers 80% of eligible project expenses (100% for COBID applicants)

# Competitive Applications

- Applications will be evaluated, scored, and ranked based on:
  - Application Completeness
  - Project Design
  - Project Status
  - Public Air Quality Benefit
  - Applicant Profile





# Application Scoring and Preferences

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- Incomplete Applications will be removed from evaluation
  - Option to reapply during the rolling application period
- Projects that offer high value for the cost will be preferred
- Projects that increase ZEV fueling for public access will be preferred
- Projects located in vulnerable communities or near existing corridor projects will be preferred
- Projects submitted by COBID applicants will be preferred
- Projects submitted with higher match % will be preferred



# Location Based Application Preferences

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- All sites must be in Oregon to be considered
- To check if site is located in a vulnerable community, please use the Oregon DEQ Vulnerable Populations and Diesel Emission Mitigation Grant Criterion
- Projects connected to transportation corridor projects like the West Coast Electric Highway (examples include within a mile of I-5, Hwy 101, and other Oregon EV Routes)

# Application FAQs

- Is there a limit to the \$ amount an application can request?
  - No, but competitive grants will score higher
- Are the grant funds divided between the two offerings?
  - No, both grant offerings will pull from a single source of funding without allocations for each





# Application FAQs Continued

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- What does publicly accessible mean? Is it required?
  - Is the site made available for use by equipment that is not owned by the granted party.
  - It is not required
- What type of bids are required for the application?
  - Evidence that supports the amount requested
  - Estimates, project planning cost breakdowns, consultant rates, etc.

# Submitting the Application

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- Submit application and supplemental materials by
  - Initial deadline: January 16, 2023
  - Rolling application submittals
    - Applications submitted after January 16, 2023
    - Reviewed and awarded monthly
    - Applications will be accepted, scored, and awarded until \$15 million has been spent
- Submit Applications to [dieselgrants@deq.oregon.gov](mailto:dieselgrants@deq.oregon.gov) with Oregon Zero Emission Fueling with “OZEF Application” in the title.

# Awarding and Reimbursement

- 3-week review period
  - Applications are reviewed, checked for completeness, scored, and compared
- Award announcements
  - Selected applications will be notified of their awarding
  - Awarding will be posted publicly
- Contracting
- Reimbursement



# Thank You

- Questions?
- Contact:
  - [DieselGrants@deq.oregon.gov](mailto:DieselGrants@deq.oregon.gov)
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