



# Community Climate Investment Entity Info Session

## Climate Protection Program

September 16, 2025  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. PT  
Virtually held on Zoom

# Zoom logistics

- The meeting is being recorded
- Please rename yourself to include any affiliation
- Please hold your questions until the end of the slides and we will ask folks to raise their hand; we will then call on you and prompt you to unmute.
- As a reminder, anything stated by DEQ in this info session, future Q&A sessions, or other correspondence are non-binding. The office record is the RFA and any changes to the RFA will be documented in an addendum.

# Agenda

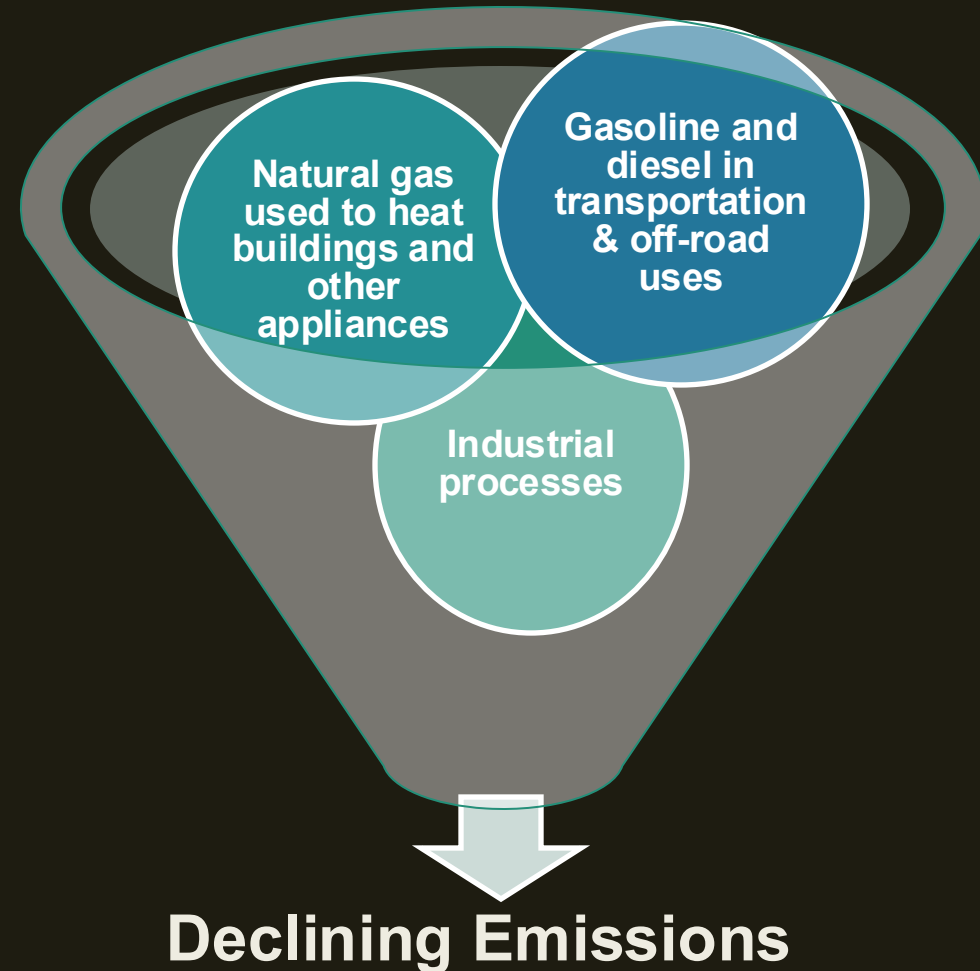
- Program overview
- Role and process of the Community Climate Investment Entity or Entities
- Questions
- Adjourn at 2

# What is the Climate Protection Program?

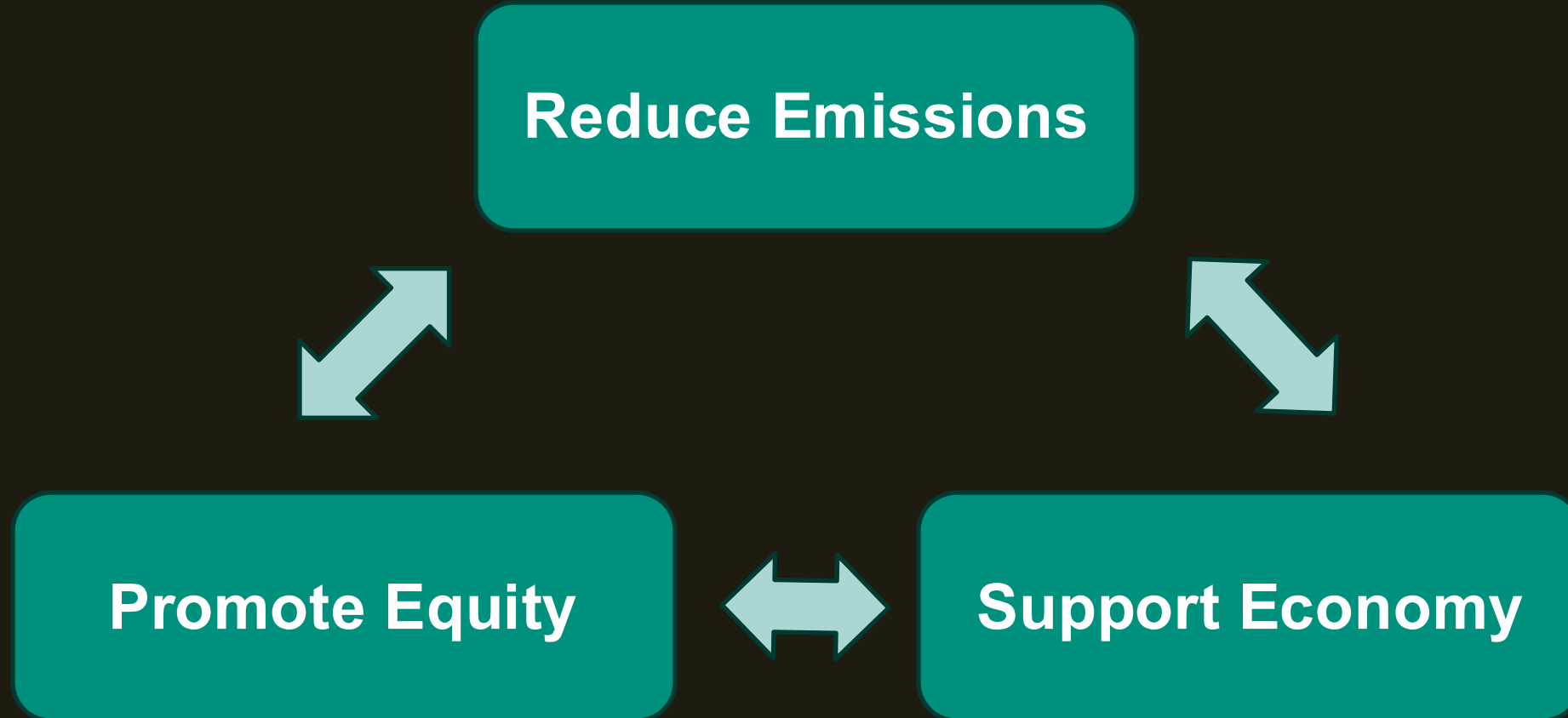
Cornerstone of Oregon's carbon pollution reduction goals

Places limits on climate pollution in across multiple sectors

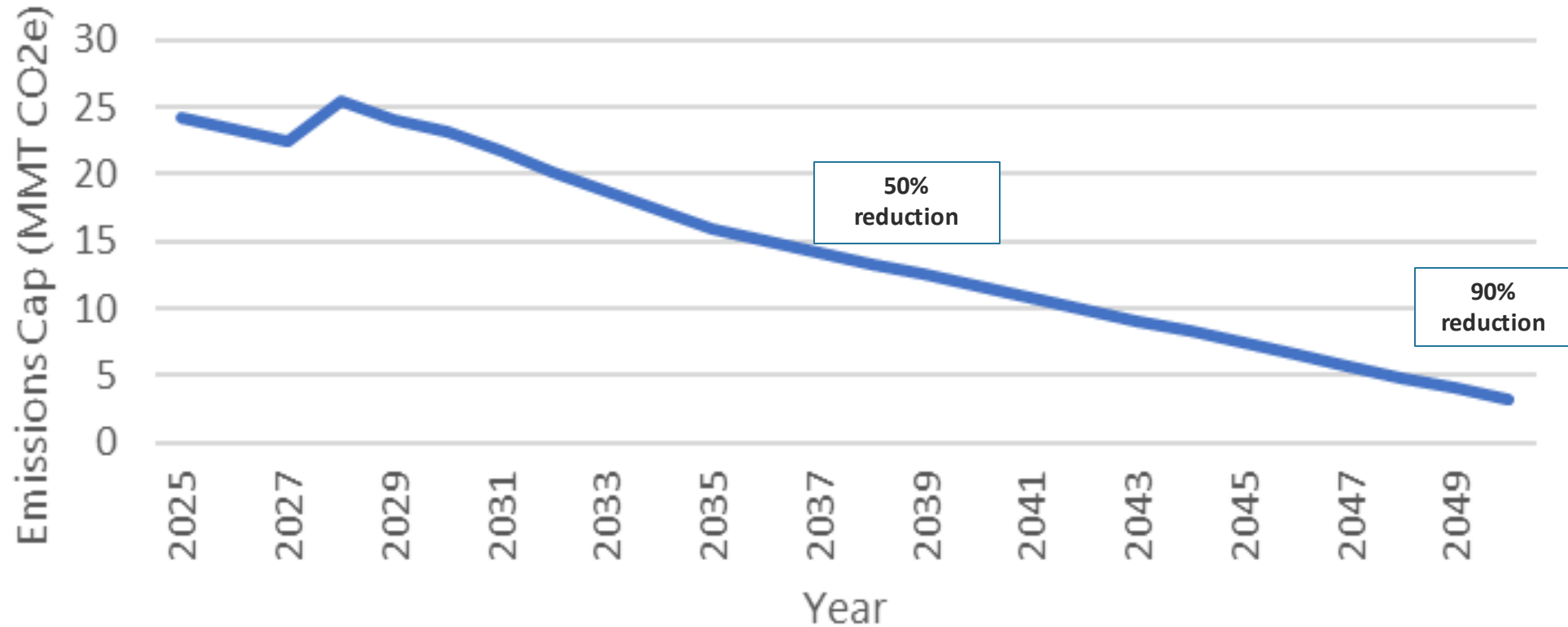
- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Transportation



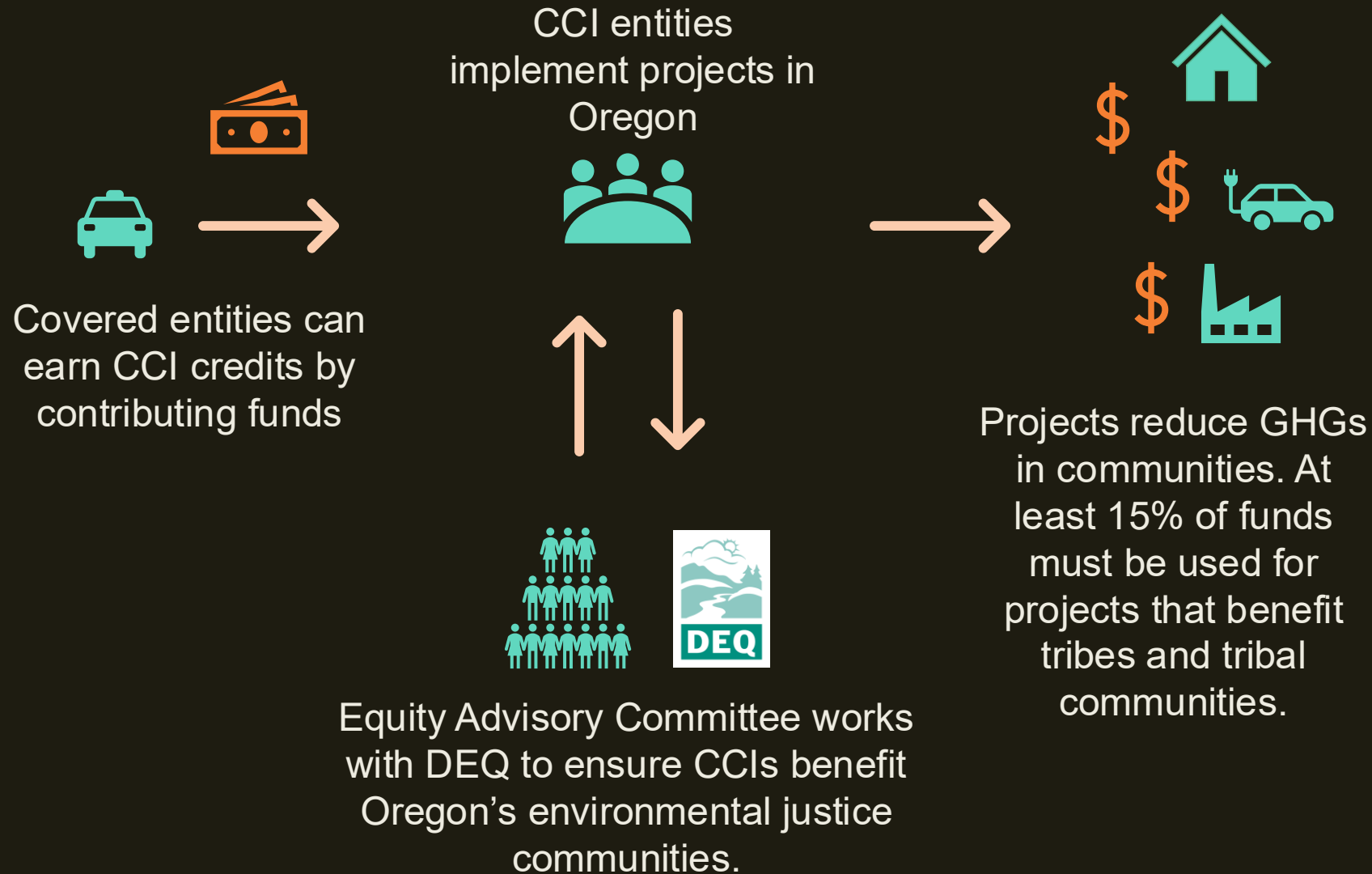
# Program goals



# Climate Protection Program caps



# Community climate investments





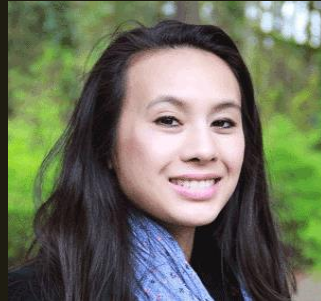
# Community climate investment priorities

- **Reducing** greenhouse gas emissions on average at least one ton per CCI credit
- **Reducing** emission of other air contaminants, particularly in or near environmental justice communities
- **Promoting** public health, environmental, and economic benefits for environmental justice communities
- **Accelerating** the transition to clean energy particularly in or near environmental justice communities





# Equity advisory committee members



Charity Fain, Community Energy Project  
Kevin Howard, Climate Changes Everything  
Jamie Pang, Oregon Just Transition Alliance  
Donald Williams, From the Light Consulting  
Xitlali Torres, Verde  
Ashley Audycki, Rogue Climate  
Mary Healy, Coquille Climate Resilience Task Force  
Metzin Rodriguez, Unite Oregon  
Kyna Harris, Oregon Public Health Institute  
Shelley Beaulieu, Dragonfly Consulting



# Eligible projects

Actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from:

- Transportation of people or freight
  - le) Diesel fleet replacement with electric
- Residential structures
  - le) Installing heat pumps or weatherizing
- Industrial processes or structures
  - le) Increasing energy efficiency
- Commercial structures
  - le) Installing solar and storage on a business



# Eligible uses of the funds

- Administering CCI funds and projects
- Project implementation
- Capacity building

# CCI entity fee

- Approved by legislature, the CCI entity fee of 4.5% is included in the Climate Protection Program.
- This fee will be collected from approved CCI entities twice annually and will be 4.5% of all contributions in that timeframe.
- This supports DEQ's oversight of the program, including auditing and regular reporting on program goals.

# Application to be a CCI entity

- Must be a 501c3 organization that is eligible to do work in Oregon.
- Must demonstrate their experience, capacity, systems, and controls.
- Must demonstrate their approach to both implementing projects and calculating reductions of greenhouse gases and co-pollutants.
- Must demonstrate their approach to engaging communities that the program intends to benefit.

# Requirements of a CCI entity

- Accepting Funds
- Holding Funds
- Work Plan
  - Development
  - Approval
  - Implementation
- Annual Reports
- Auditing



# Working process timeline

2025

**Q1**

Jan, Feb, Mar

Post and recruit for the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC)

**Q2**

Apr, May, Jun

Review committee member interest

**Q3**

Jul, Aug, Sep

First EAC meeting, CCI Entity Info Session, Post CCI Entity RFA

**Q4**

Oct, Nov, Dec

Community Climate Investment Entity RFA closes

2026

**Q1**

Jan, Feb, Mar

Review responses to RFA, select CCI entity or entities

**Q2**

Apr, May, Jun

Begin drafting agreement with CCI entity or entities

**Q3**

Jul, Aug, Sep

Complete agreement(s), companies can choose to earn CCIs

**Q4**

Oct, Nov, Dec

Next steps with CCI entity or entities



# Resources and questions

- [Climate Protection Program Website](#)
- [Sign up to receive program updates](#). This is how we will notify the public that we have released our request for applications.
- Reach out if you have questions. Once we post our request for applications, we will also host two public sessions for questions related to the application.  
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