



Community Climate Investments

Entity Application Pre-application Call #1

1/15/2026 10 am

Zoom

Thank you for joining us!

- This call is open to everyone but is intended for interested non-profits seeking to apply to become an approved CCI entity.
- Slides will be covered first and then DEQ will open it up for questions. At that time, please “Raise” your hand using the raise hand function at the bottom of your screen. You can also put questions in the chat. If dialed in, use *9 to raise your hand.
- If the question cannot be answered at this time, DEQ will try to post the response within two weeks.

What is the purpose of this session?

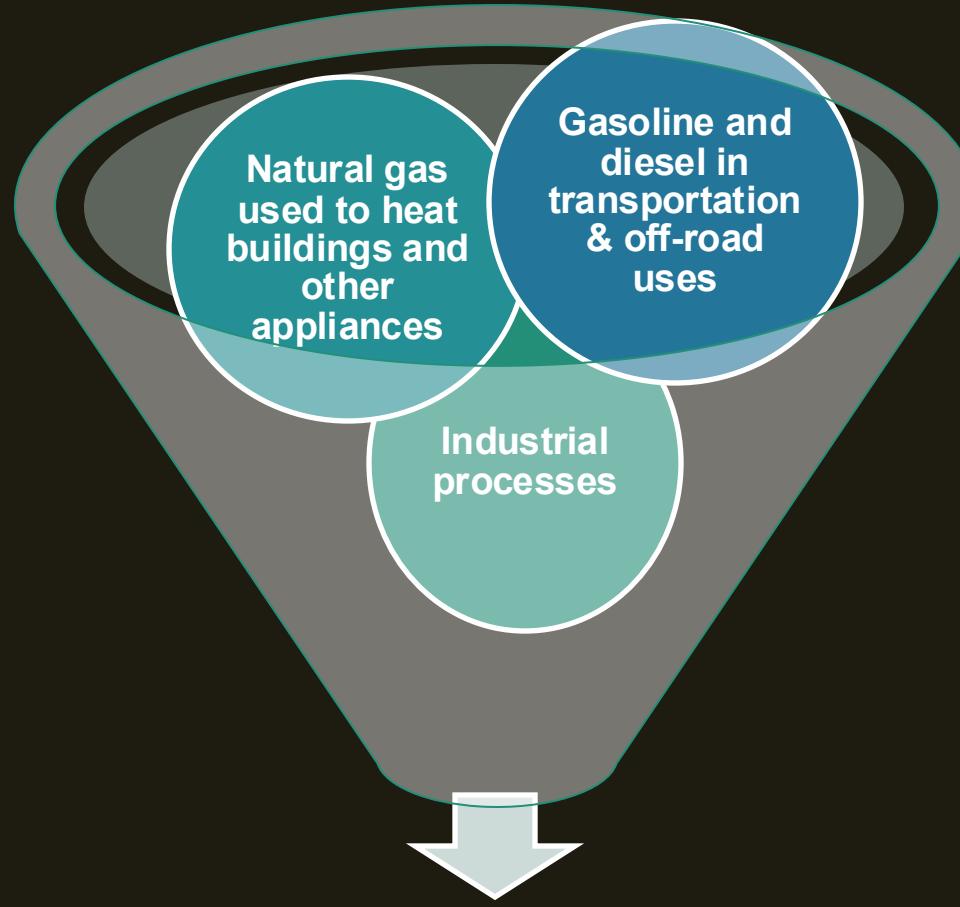
- To explain the program at a high level, the application process, and allow potential applicants to ask basic questions about the application.
- Nothing said here today by DEQ should be construed as a change to the written requirements of the RFA.
- Any official changes to the RFA will be made via an addendum to the RFA and posted on the DEQ [CCI website](#).
- Questions may be submitted to DEQ through February 27, 2026. DEQ will post responses on the [CCI website](#).
- DEQ will try to respond to questions submitted after that deadline but cannot guarantee a response by the closing date March 20, 2026.

What is the Climate Protection Program?

Cornerstone of Oregon's carbon pollution reduction goals

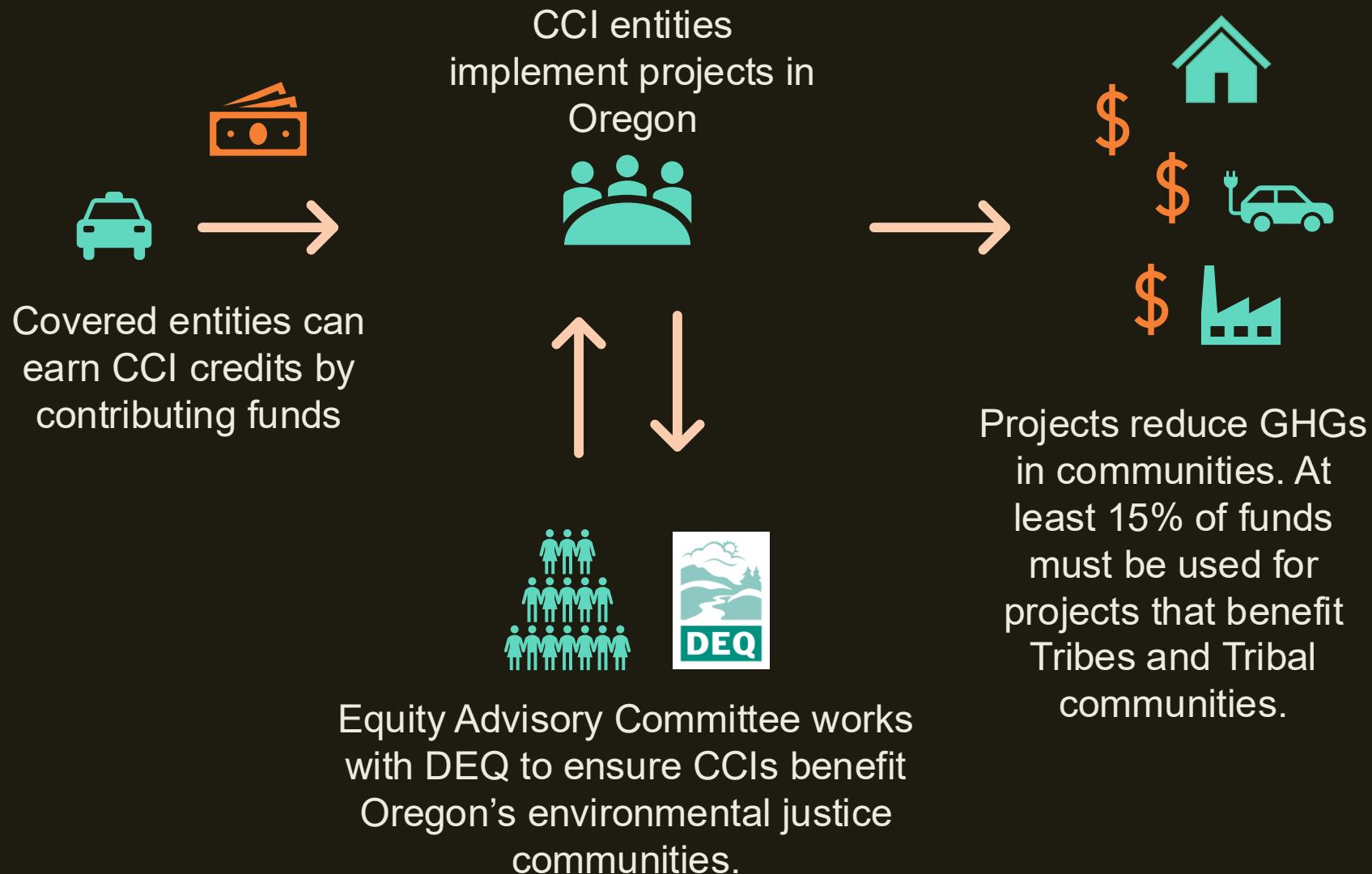
Places limits on climate pollution in across multiple sectors

- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Transportation



Declining Emissions

Community climate investments



Community climate investment priorities

• Promote public health, environmental, and economic benefits for environmental justice communities

- **Promote** public health, environmental, and economic benefits for environmental justice communities
- **Accelerate** the transition to clean energy particularly in or near environmental justice communities
- **Reduce** other air pollutants, particularly in or near environmental justice communities
- **Reduce** greenhouse gas emissions on average at least one ton per CCI credit



What projects can be supported by these funds?

- Actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from:
 - Transportation of people or freight
 - Residential buildings
 - Industrial processes or facilities
 - Commercial buildings



How are these funds used?



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



Fee for CCI entity

- Approved by 2023 legislature and adopted in last year's rulemaking
- Collected from approved CCI entities twice annually
- Up to 4.5% of all contributions in that timeframe
- Supports DEQ's oversight, including auditing and regular reporting on program goals

Requirements of a CCI entity

Accepting Funds

Holding Funds

Work Plan: Development, Approval, and Implementation

Annual Reports

Auditing

Successful applicants will be 501c3 non-profits with:

- Strong and transparent financial controls and systems for managing and implementing funds received directly from regulated entities.
- Experience with and trust in engaging, partnering with, and uplifting underrepresented communities in Oregon.
- Experience developing and delivering projects that will achieve reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and co-pollutants in environmental justice communities.

Scoring:

- Financial information – 35 points
- Project experience – 25 points
- Comprehensive management plan and proposed projects – 20 points
- Key persons and any known partners or subcontractors – 15 points
- References – 5 points

- **Total potential: 100 points**

Working timeline

2025

Q1

Post and recruit for the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC)

Q2

Review committee member interest

Q3

First EAC meeting, CCI entity info session

Q4

Second EAC meeting

2026

Q1

Post and close RFA, review responses

Q2

Select CCI entity or entities and begin drafting agreements

Q3

Negotiating agreement (s)

Q4

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

Application dates

- Next pre-application call is Feb 11 at 2 p.m.
- Deadline to submit questions is Feb 27 at 5 p.m.
- Deadline to submit applications is Mar 20 at 4 p.m.

Questions?

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- You can also put your question in the chat.
- We will call on folks in the order that they raise their hand followed by questions in the chat.
- If a question cannot be answered now, we will try and respond within two weeks.

Contact us!

For any questions related to Community Climate Investments and this Application, please visit the [website](#) and/or contact:

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