



Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Equity Advisory Committee

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is searching for individuals to join the Equity Advisory Committee for [Oregon's Climate Protection Program](#). The program is designed to reduce climate pollution from fossil fuels used in Oregon by 90% by 2050.

To apply, fill out and submit the [Equity Advisory Committee statement of interest](#) by April 4, 2025. The statement of interest is an online fillable form. Please read the information below before applying to understand the program and the committee's role.

Community climate investments

Each year, the Climate Protection Program sets a limit on greenhouse gas emissions. DEQ distributes free compliance instruments to every company regulated under the program. If a company's emissions are higher than what they receive, they can use any extra unused instruments from previous years, trade with other companies, or they can choose to acquire a limited number of community climate investment credits. Companies can choose to earn these credits by contributing funds to DEQ-approved third-party entities. These DEQ-approved entities then invest the funds in projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prioritize benefits for environmental justice and tribal communities in Oregon.

Committee's role

The Equity Advisory Committee is a key partner for DEQ! The committee plays an important role in determining what types of projects are supported by community climate investments and where projects are located. Some example projects could include community solar, residential heat pumps, electric vehicle incentives, weatherization, industrial process decarbonization, and more. The committee provides feedback on the selection of third-party entities and their work plans ahead of DEQ approval.

Committee membership

DEQ seeks those with lived experience, involvement, or expertise in the following:

- Environmental or economic justice
- Climate change impacts and experience
- Air pollution and/or health and community impacts
- Transportation decarbonization
- Residential and commercial building decarbonization
- Industrial decarbonization
- Clean, renewable energy, or energy efficiency
- Reducing emissions and air pollution from fossil fuels
- Community engagement, advocacy, or outreach

DEQ will convene a committee that represents regions from across Oregon. At least one seat will also be reserved for an individual representing a federally recognized Tribe or tribal interests in Oregon. DEQ anticipates that the committee will gather around six times each year and is considering a combination of

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virtual and in-person meetings. DEQ can provide financial resources as needed for individuals to participate in meetings, including time to prepare.

For more information

If you have any questions, email CPP.INFO@deq.oregon.gov.

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