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Oregon Community Renewable Energy Grant Program Advisory Committee: Meeting #2

November 18, 2021

For more information:

[State of Oregon: INCENTIVES - Community Renewable Energy Grant Program](#)



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Welcome

Harney County, Oregon



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Leading Oregon to a safe, equitable, clean, and sustainable energy future.

Our Mission

The Oregon Department of Energy helps Oregonians make informed decisions and maintain a resilient and affordable energy system. We advance solutions to shape an equitable clean energy transition, protect the environment and public health, and responsibly balance energy needs and impacts for current and future generations.

What We Do

On behalf of Oregonians across the state, the Oregon Department of Energy achieves its mission by providing:

- A Central Repository of Energy Data, Information, and Analysis
- A Venue for Problem-Solving Oregon's Energy Challenges
- Energy Education and Technical Assistance
- Regulation and Oversight
- Energy Programs and Activities

ODOE's Objectives

- First, thank you for serving!
- **Quick recap of HB 2021 Community Renewable Energy Grant Program:** what does it ask ODOE to do?

ODOE Objective:

To work with the Advisory Committee, interested stakeholders, Tribes, and the public to develop and adopt rules for the new Community Renewable Energy Grant Program as well as administer that program over the next four years to accomplish the program goals of providing grants to encourage community renewable energy projects that support resilience and environmental justice communities.

Meeting Logistics

- **Logistics**

- Note that we'll be recording this meeting and will post it online for reference
- Please feel free to use the Chat to ask questions, ODOE staff will be monitoring the Chat
- Please use the “raise hand” function to indicate interest in asking a question or making a comment
- ODOE Staff will work with you on determining the date of the next Advisory Committee meeting
- We have set aside time for Public Comment towards end of meeting

- **Are there any questions on how to use WebEx to participate in this meeting?**

How this meeting will be facilitated:

- **Panelists and Participants**

- Panelists: Advisory Committee Members and ODOE Staff
- Participants: There is time reserved at the end of the agenda for public comment, and you can send questions through chat throughout the meeting.

- **Community Agreements:** Designed to foster inclusive and respectful meeting today

- Be present and ready to learn
- Be respectful to others
- Learning happens outside of our comfort zones
- Listen to learn and not to respond
- Thank you for being flexible and patient around any technology needs or changes
- If you need something at this meeting, ask for it!
 - Technical issues or questions: Contact **Tracey** in the chat

AGENDA

9:00 – 9:05	Welcome, Objectives, and Logistics [<i>Done</i>]
9:05 – 9:15	Agenda and Discussion of Today's Work
9:15 – 9:30	Overview/Summary of Draft Program Rules
9:30 – 10:45	Advisory Committee Feedback and Discussion
10:45 – 11:00	Charter and Next Steps
11:00 – 12:00	Public Comment

Where we were, Where we are, Where we're going

- August – October: Recruit Advisory Committee
- October 24th: First Advisory Committee meeting. Established strategy and tone for draft rules.
- Today: Review draft rules. Deep dive on specific content.
- November 30: Deadline for additional written comments
- December: DOJ review
- January 1, 2022: Draft rules published by Secretary of State. Public comment period. Move on to outreach and program delivery.

HB 2021, Section 29 - 36

- Definitions (Section 29 and Section 1)
- Budget carveouts and priorities (section 30)
- Resilience and equity (sections 29-30)
- Program flow and application requirements. Based on RED grants (section 30)
- Requirements of participants including timelines for completion (section 30)
- ODOE's authority to adopt rules (Section 30)
- Performance agreements (Section 31)
- Advisory Committee (section 32)
- Establish and fund the Community Renewable Investment Fund (Sections 33-35)
- Operative Date (Section 36)



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Draft Program Rules



Yaquina Head Lighthouse, Newport, Oregon

DRAFT RULES

- Summary of draft rules
- Deep dive
- Please refer to hand out.



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Charter and Next Steps

Vista House, Columbia River Gorge

TIMELINE TO ESTABLISH PROGRAM



Advisory Committee Roles

- **October 2021 – February 2022: “Rulemaking Advisory Committee” or “RAC” role - input and feedback to adopt rules**
 - Share ideas and advice for definitions and methodology with Advisory Committee and ODOE staff to accomplish the intent of the law
 - Provide input and feedback to ODOE staff on program details
 - Review draft program rules and provide feedback to ODOE staff
 - ODOE Staff will use feedback to finalize program rules for approval by ODOE Director
- **January 2022 through sunset of program: “Advisory” role - Support in outreach and project application review (as described in program rules and committee charter)**
 - Will involve outreach activities to help encourage applications across Oregon
 - May involve some or all advisory committee members in reviewing project applications and evaluating against criteria in rules and may involve providing recommendations for projects
 - ODOE Director may consider Advisory Committee recommendations in making grant decisions

Advisory Committee Process

- September 2021 – January 2022: “RAC” role - input and feedback to adopt rules
 - Meetings will be open to the public and recorded
 - No voting will be expected
 - No quorum required for meetings to take place
- January 2022 through sunset of program: “Advisory” role - Support in outreach and project application review (as described in program rules)
 - TBD depending on program rule development and advisory committee role
 - The final decisions on applications will be with ODOE
- ODOE Staff will create a *draft* Advisory Committee Charter for review and feedback based on committee discussion. Example [charter from EAWG](#).

Roundtable Questions: Do you have questions about these processes? Do you have ideas on how the advisory committee meetings are run that could be captured in a charter?

Next Steps

- Any questions not covered today?
- Would it be helpful to have another meeting to continue to discuss draft rules?
- Would it be helpful to have another meeting to continue to discuss HB 2021 in more detail?
- **Reminders of key dates**
 - December 6th: Deadline to submit rule for DOJ review
 - January-February: Outreach and communications support - Flyers? Newsletters?
 - March 1st: Target date for opportunity announcement to apply for grants



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Thank You! Public Comment

Haystack Rock, Cannon Beach

Public Comment

(1) Please state your name and any affiliation/organization

(2) Identify which topic you're responding to:

- Bill Overview / Timeline
- Advisory Committee Roles and Responsibilities
- Discussion Guide – topics ...

Please limit your comments to 5 minutes, thank you!



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Thank
You!

For questions or more
information:

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The next meeting of the Advisory
Committee will be _____.

St. John's Bridge, Portland