# Oregon Department of ENERGY

### Community Renewable Energy Grant Program

Spring 2024 Opportunity Round

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## OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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

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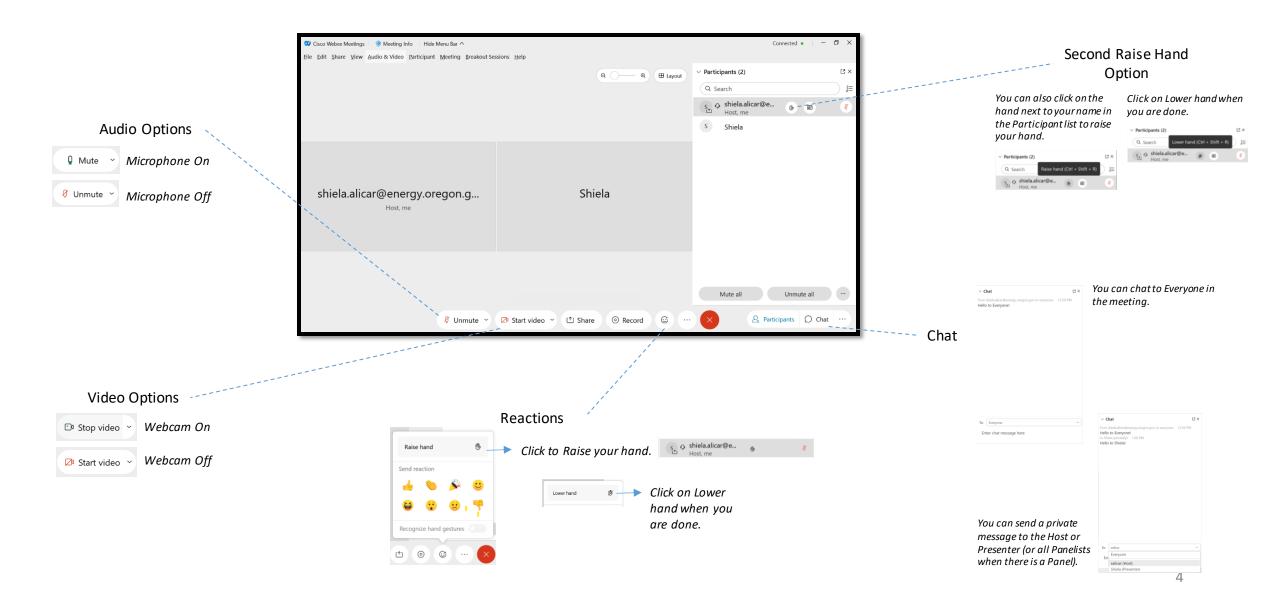
#### Webinar Logistics

- Note: Meeting is being recorded and will be posted online for reference
- Please use the Chat to ask questions, ODOE staff will be monitoring the Chat
- In the Q & A period, please use the "raise hand" function to indicate interest in asking a question or making a comment.
   Use \*3 on a phone to "raise hand"

#### 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!

# USING WEBEX



# Please note:

This presentation is designed for past and current C-REP applicants familiar with the grant program.

If new to C-REP, please also view this **brief program overview video** (after today's meeting).

We will be discussing several helpful resources for all applicants in today's presentation.



# Community Renewable Energy Grant Program

# AGENDA

2:00 p.m.	Welcome & Meeting Logistics Round 3: Deadline & Funding Applicant Resources Application Review Breakdowns	Duard Headley and Jason Knouse C-REP Incentive Program Analysts
2:25 p.m.	Question and Answers	Webinar Attendees and ODOE Staff
2:55 p.m.	Final Reminders	Jason Knouse and Duard Headley
3:00 p.m.	End of Webinar	



# **Application Deadline** May 10, 2024 @ 5pm

# Community Renewable Energy Grant Program

TOTAL	\$18 Million	Via Four Opportunity Announcements
Planning Resilience	\$1 Million (min. reserved)	Eligible project that also qualifies as a resilience project
Planning Renewable-only	\$500K (min. reserved)	Eligible project that does not qualify as a resilience project
Construction Resilience	\$8 Million (min. reserved)	Eligible project that also qualifies as a resilience project
Construction Renewable-only	\$4 Million (min. reserved)	Eligible project that does not qualify as a resilience project
All Projects	\$4.5 Million (remaining)	Based on total criteria scores after reserved buckets are met



# **Applicant Resources (Prep)**



# OREGON ENERGY

#### Community Renewable Energy Grant Program

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> Applications are now being accepted for round 3 of grant funding. APPLY ONLINE

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#### RESOURCES

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- C-REP Advisory Committee
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#### Sign Up For Email Updates

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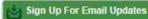
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#### Community Renewable Energy Grant Program

Welcome to the application menu page for Oregon Department of Energy's Community Renewable Energy Grant Program. If you are unfamiliar with the detay of the program, please start by review the information on the program website: Eligible applicants for a Community Renewable Energy Grant are Oregon Tribes, pyric bodies, and consumer-owned electric utilities.

Below are links to the current opportunity announcements for this open period.

OA 23-076: Planning of a Renewable Energy and Resilience Project

OA 23-077: Planning of a Renewable-only Energy Project

OA23-078: Construction of a Renewable Energy and Relience Project

OA 23-079: Construction of a Renewable-only Early Project

Prior to selecting an application from the menu below: Review the opportunity announcement that matches your project and prepare your application before starting an application. Applicant resources, including application user guides are available on the program website.

Applications are due by 5:00pm on May 10, 2024.

#### Application Rules:

- -Only one draft application at a time is allowed for each type (planning and construction).
- -An application remains in draft until submitted and may be edited or submitted any time before the deadline.
- -Before the deadline a submitted application may be withdrawn or amended (edited).
- -An application in Amending status must be submitted prior to the deadline to be considered.
- -After the application deadline, unsubmitted applications (status of Draft or Amending) only have the View option.

#### **Link: C-REP Application Portal**

Must be logged in to see the "Create Application" Buttons

Create New Planning Application

Create New Construction Application

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Application Type

Applicant Organization Name

Status Reason

Created On

ere are no records to display.



# **Application Reviews**



# Eligibility and Completeness

#### **Application Requirements – IMPORTANT NOTICE**

- Applicants Should Enter All Responses in the Provided Fields and in the Question's Requested Format
- File Uploads Should Only Be Supporting Documentation and Materials to Responses and/or As Required for Application Eligibility
  - Name Files Clearly to Match the Related Response(s).



# Eligibility and Completeness

#### **Required Document Uploads – Eligible Applicants**

- 1. Authorization from governing body to apply
- 2. Consultation with electric utility for the purpose of ensuring feasibility.
- 3. Itemized list of total project costs (renewable energy system) with each cost designated as eligible or non-eligible for the grant.
  - Construction projects must submit required C-REP Budget spreadsheet (link in application)
- 4. Statement of compliance with state and local laws and regulations.



Link: C-REP Required Documentation Guide

# Eligibility and Completeness

#### **Required Document Uploads - Partners**

- 1. Authorization from governing body/authorized rep to partner.
- 2. If there is a private business partner, proof of a business site in Oregon.
- If there is a partner that is an owner of rental property, documentation that the partner owns rental property in Oregon.



Link: C-REP Required Documentation Guide

# **Application Reviews**



## Competitive Review: Program Priorities

#### HB2021 Sec. 30. Para. 10. Summary: Legislative Priorities

- 1. Community energy **resilience** projects.
- 2. Significant **prior investments** in energy efficiency.
- 3. Located in **Environmental Justice** (EJ) communities across the state.
- 4. Constructed by **disadvantaged business enterprises**, emerging small businesses or businesses that are owned by minorities, women or disabled veterans.
- **5. Inclusive hiring** and promotion policies.
- 6. Equity metrics for evaluating the involvement of and leadership by EJ communities.
- 7. Helps achieve goals of FEMA approved natural hazard mitigation plans.



# Competitive Review: Scoring

#### **Competitive Review Criteria & Selection Process**

- All Applications are Competitively Reviewed by External Evaluation Committee applicants and select ODOE Staff.
- A Close Review of the Scoring Criteria is **Highly Encouraged!**



# Competitive Review: Scoring

Points

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Planning - Competitive Review Criteria		
Project Strength		
TEAM & PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Quality of the project team based on clearly		
defined roles that show a sufficient number of team members (including		
partners) with the required experience in relation to the renewable energy	10	
project's need and complexity; and a complete project description summary		
that adequately describes the project being planned.		
PLAN & SCHEDULE: Strength of the renewable energy project plan. Applicant		
adequately describes the project to be planned. Applicant demonstrates the	45	
planning will be completed within 6 months and will include a complete	15	
development plan for a renewable energy system.	ı	
BUDGET & FINANCES: The demonstration of the applicant's ability to fund or		
finance the renewable energy project to completion in order to qualify for	10	
grant disbursement (grant is reimbursable).	1	
RESILIENCE: The level the renewable energy project's ability to maintain the		
availability of energy needed to support energy-dependent critical public	10	
services to the community following nonroutine disruptions of severe impact or	10	
duration of utility provided energy.		
Equity Priorities		
PROJECT LOCATION & EJ COMMUNITY IMPACT: The renewable energy project		
is located in an Environmental Justice community and the degree to which the	-	
project will primarily serve and provide direct benefits to Environmental Justice	5	
community members.		
EJ COMMUNITY OUTREACH PLAN: The quality of the community outreach plan		
to include EJ community members and regional stakeholders in the siting,		
planning, designing, or evaluating of the proposed project. This could include,	5	
but is not limited to, descriptions of surveys of the local community,	5	
attendance or participation at public meetings, community ideas and		
recommendations incorporated in the project plan.		
EJ COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP: The level of community		
engagement in developing the grant application for a renewable energy	5	
<u>project</u> , including the degree to which EJ community members are involved in	,	
the project leadership.		
EQUITY FRAMEWORK: The degree to which an equity framework(s) is used to		

guide development, implementation and/or evaluation of the renewable

energy project.

**Community Renewable Energy Project** 

PROCUREMENT POLICIES: The degree to which disadvantaged business	
enterprises, emerging small businesses, or businesses that are owned by	5
minorities, women, or disabled veterans are incorporated in the renewable	
energy project.	<u> </u>
HIRING POLICIES: The degree to which inclusive hiring and promotion polices	2.5
are incorporated in the renewable energy project.	2.5
Other Program Priorities	
PRIOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY INVESTMENTS: The level of significant prior	
investments in energy efficiency measures and/or the number of aggregate	2.5
improvements to demand response capabilities at the project location.	
NHMP: The extent to which the renewable energy project assists the applicant	
in achieving goals included in a related natural hazard mitigation plan approved	5
by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.	
BUSINESS AND FAMILY DIRECT ENERGY COST SAVINGS: The level of the	
renewable energy project's anticipated direct energy cost savings to families	
and small businesses (amount of savings predicted relative to the grant request	2.5
amount, number of families and businesses that see direct savings, diversity	2.5
and types of families and businesses that see the direct benefits).	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Not including job creation, the types and level of	
economic development the renewable energy project will provide. (Consider	
increases to average incomes, ensure sustainable economic growth,	
innovation, workforce development, business retention and expansion, and	2.5
promotion of an environment that supports entrepreneurship and small	
business development).	
JOB CREATION: Level of estimated local jobs created by the construction,	
installation, and operations of the renewable energy project's lifetime, in	5
relation to the estimated size/cost of the renewable energy project.	5
Project Diversity	
<b>DIVERSITY</b> : Geographic diversity including locations of prior grantees and the	
diversity of technology, resource types and renewable energy project/system	10
size.	

# New in R3 A single criteria for both Planning and Construction

Applications



# C-REP Round 3: Bi-weekly Support Sessions

Bi-weekly Teams Meeting Details Available on the C-REP Webpage

# Join a Teams Application Support Session

2:00 - 2:45pm
(Thru May 8th)

### Join the meeting now (Teams Video)

Meeting ID: 228 196 136 724

Passcode: ChkijL

#### Dial-in by phone

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Find a local number

Phone conference ID: 979 522 76#





# What are Your Questions?

Please state your name and any affiliation/organization

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# Submitting Questions for C-REP

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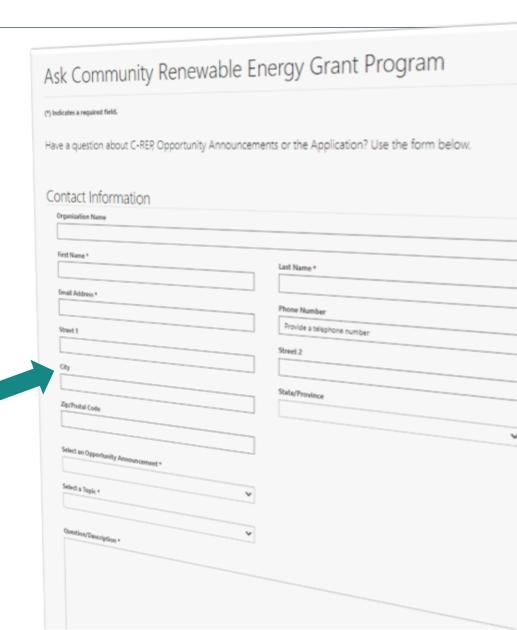
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22-017: Planning activities for a renewable and resilient project

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Thank you for attending today!

Join us on Teams Every Mon & Wed 2-2:45pm

(thru 5/8)

