

# Oregon Department of **ENERGY**

## Community Renewable Energy Grant Program Advisory Committee Meeting

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# MEETING LOGISTICS

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- **Logistics**
  - **Note:** Meeting is being recorded and will be posted 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
  - 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?**

Program Page: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/Incentives/Pages/CREP.aspx>

Advisory Committee: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/Get-Involved/Pages/CREP-Advisory-Committee.aspx>



# USING WEBEX

## Audio Options

Mute *Microphone On*

Unmute *Microphone Off*

Speaker

- Use system setting (ThinkPad USB-...)
- Headset Earphone (ThinkPad USB-...)
- Speakers (Realtek(R) Audio)
- EI342CKR (Intel(R) Display Audio)

Microphone

- Use system setting (ThinkPad USB-...)
- Microphone Array (Realtek(R) Audio)
- Headset Microphone (ThinkPad US-...)

Webex smart audio

Noise removal

Audio settings...

You're using computer for audio

Switch audio

You can check Speaker and Microphone settings by clicking the arrow next to Mute/Unmute.

## Reactions

Raise hand

Send reaction

Unmute

Click to Raise your hand.

Lower hand

Click on Lower hand when you are done.

## Second Raise Hand Option

You can also click on the hand next to your name in the Participant list to raise your hand.

Click on Lower hand when you are done.

Attendees (1)

DA DEMO Att... Me

## Chat

Chat

From shiela.alicar@energy.oregon.gov to everyone: 12:59 PM

Hello to Everyone!

To: Everyone

Enter chat message here

You can chat to Everyone in the meeting.

Chat

From shiela.alicar@energy.oregon.gov to everyone: 1:00 PM

Hello to Everyone!

to Sheila (privately): 1:00 PM

Hello to Sheila!

To: shiela.alicar

From: Everyone

To: shiela.alicar (Host)

From: Sheila (Presenter)

You can send a private message to the Host or Presenter (or all Panelists when there is a Panel).

# HOW THIS MEETING WILL BE FACILITATED

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## Panelists and Participants

- Panelists: Advisory Committee Members and ODOE Staff
- Participants: There is time reserved at the end of the agenda for public comment. You can send questions via 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 Patricia in the chat**

# AGENDA

3:30 – 3:35	Welcome & Meeting Details
3:35 – 3:50	Possible Legislative Concept Change (Christy Splitt)
3:50 - 3:55	C-REP Program Update – Round 3
3:55 – 4:05	Proposed Program Rule Changes (James Cogle)
4:05 – 4:20	Committee Feedback, Questions & Discussion Period
4:20 – 4:30	Public Comment (Legislative Change / C-REP Update)*
4:30 – 5:00	Public Comment (Proposed Rule Changes)

# LEGISLATIVE CONCEPT CHANGE

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## Currently

- Every project must have a renewable energy component; at least 50% must have a resilience component

## Possible Legislative Concept for 2025

- Up to 20% of funds could support resilience-only projects

# ROUNDS 1 AND 2: GRANTS COMPLETED

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## Planning

- City of Gates
- Oregon State Police
- Klamath Comm College
- Academy of Character Ed
- Lane Comm College
- Hillsboro

## Construction

(pending inspection)

- City of Ontario (OR Community Solar)
- City of The Dalles

## Others

11+ Construction grantees have started or near completion.

- Anticipate faster project cycles with new rule changes (2nd Payment Option)

# ROUND 3 OPPORTUNITY SUMMARY

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**\$18 Million Available**

**75 Applications Submitted** (\$47M+ in funds requested)

- Highest number of applications in a C-REP round
  - 55 Construction Applications (41 Resilience Projects)
  - 20 Planning Applications
- 22 of 33 Planning Grantees Submitted for Construction Funding (67%)



# ROUND 3 GRANT REQUESTS SUMMARY

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Construction Resilience	\$35.2 M
Construction Renewable	\$10.1 M
Planning Resilience	\$1.1 M
Planning Renewable	\$0.6 M
	<b>~ \$47 M Total</b>



# ROUND 3 APPLICANT TYPE SUMMARY

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- Tribes (3)
- Consumer-owned Utilities (2)
- Counties (7)
- Cities (24)
- Other Public Bodies (39)  
*(Schools, Community Colleges, Water/Fire Districts)*



# ROUND 3 PROJECTS OVERVIEW

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Energy resilience use cases include a range of responses to energy disruption events such as:

- Heating and cooling for emergency shelter
- Powering emergency response centers
- Power for first responder facilities
- Drinking water availability
- Cooling food storage (food banks/distribution facilities)

# ROUND 3 PROJECTS OVERVIEW

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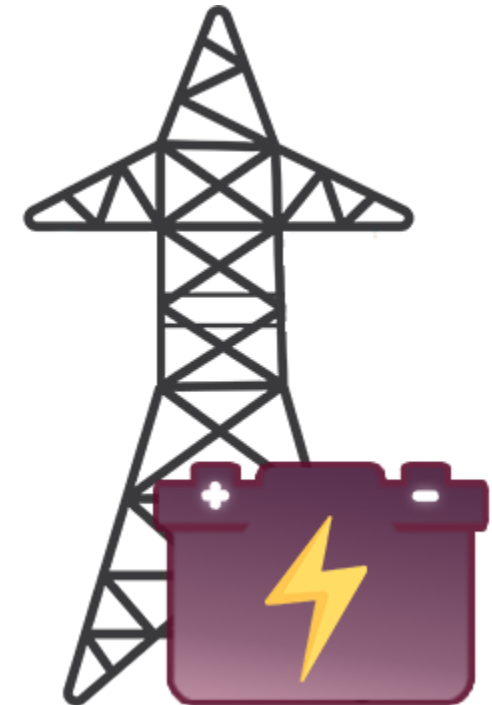
## Notable technologies included:

- Solar
- Battery storage
- Micro-grids
- Hydrogen
  - Small-scale renewable hydrogen production, storage and electricity generation for emergency power
- Biomass
- In-Line Hydro & Geothermal Exchange

# ROUND 3 PROJECTS OVERVIEW

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Several applications include grid-tied battery storage systems to provide power for peak grid demand periods.



An aerial photograph of a large solar farm. The solar panels are arranged in neat, parallel rows that recede into the distance. A semi-transparent blue grid is overlaid on the entire image, creating a technical or data-driven aesthetic. The lighting is bright, casting soft shadows between the panels.

# **ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

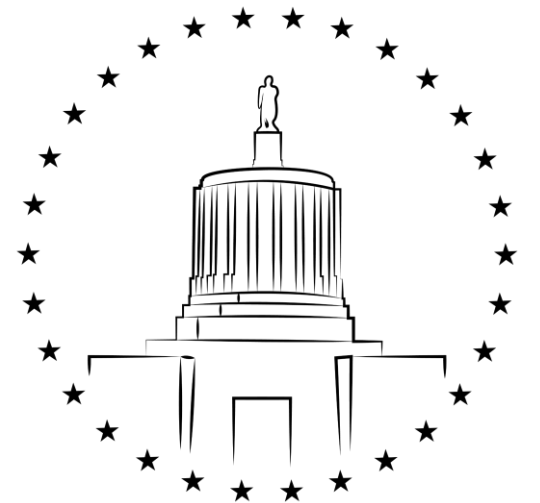
**Questions/Comments?**

# COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM

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## 2024 Legislative Session

- Includes partner costs in project planning and construction costs
- Definition of electric cooperatives
- Additional release of grant funds for construction projects



# PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS

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## Define *Partner*

- A partner may assist or take a lead role in the acquisition, installation, construction, or planning of a community renewable energy project. A partner may have a financial or ownership interest in the project. An entity whose only role is the provision of goods or services through a procurement contract is not considered a partner.

## Partner Requirements

- Written agreement between applicant and partner, prior to the release of funds, that includes certain provisions from the agreement between ODOE and applicant.



# PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS

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## Additional Release of Funds

- Fulfilled all the requirements for release of the first 30%;
- Incurred eligible costs equaling a minimum of 25% of projected grant monies prior to a request for additional grant monies;
- Provided an updated project budget that details eligible and ineligible costs;
- That construction or installation of the renewable energy system has started at the project location or will start no later than 60 days after the submission of the request for grant monies, and not later than the required construction start date in the performance agreement. This may be demonstrated by submitting to the Department approval from the authority having jurisdiction for construction of the system to start alongside supporting documentation such as bills of lading, contractor agreements, or other relevant and timely documentation; and
- Met any other requirements provided by the Department in the performance agreement.

# PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS

## Other

- Fixed costs incurred in normal course of business ineligible
- Applications can be amended



# PUBLIC COMMENT REQUEST

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To ensure adequate time for public comments, **please use the “raise hand” function now** to indicate interest in asking a question or making a comment.

(Following the Discussion with the Advisory Committee)

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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If you're able to, we'd appreciate if you could turn your camera on while making a comment.

# NEXT STEPS...

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1. Round 3 Competitive Review & Award Announcements
2. Continued Project Tracking & Grant Closeouts
3. Round 4 Opportunity (Preparation)

## Next Advisory Committee Meeting: TBD

- Program Updates
- Completed Grantee Project Updates (If Applicable)
- Round 3 Grantee Announcements & Round 4 Opportunity Period Timeline



# Public Comment

Please state your name and any affiliation or organization.

Please aim to keep comments to 3 minutes or less.



# COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM

Have a Question?

Use the Q&A Form  
on [the webpage!](#)



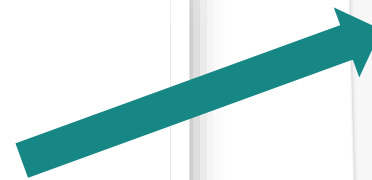
renewable project

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

**Questions?**  
Submit them through the portal.

**APPLICANT HELP**

- Checklist of Information to Gather
- Application User Guide for Construction



## Ask Community Renewable Energy Grant Program

(\*) Indicates a required field.

Have a question about C-REP, Opportunity Announcements or the Application? Use the form below.

### Contact Information

Organization Name

First Name \*

Last Name \*

Email Address \*

Phone Number   
Provide a telephone number

Street 1

Street 2

City

State/Province

Zip/Postal Code

Select an Opportunity Announcement \*

Select a Topic \*

Question/Description \*



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**Thank you!**  
**For questions or more information:**

[Community.Grants@energy.oregon.gov](mailto:Community.Grants@energy.oregon.gov)

[www.oregon.gov/energy/Incentives/Pages/CREP.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/energy/Incentives/Pages/CREP.aspx)