

# Oregon Department of **ENERGY**

## Community Renewable Energy Grant Program

2025 Opportunity Round

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**June 25, 2025**





# 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

# WEBINAR LOGISTICS

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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!

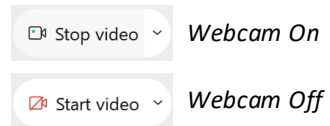
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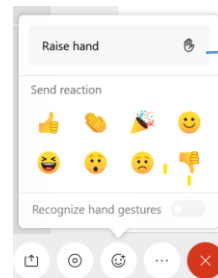
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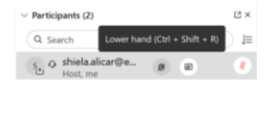


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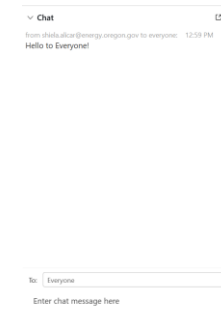
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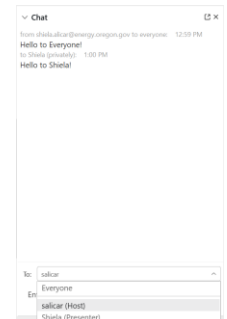


## Chat

You can chat to Everyone in the meeting.



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



# Please note:

This presentation is designed for past and current C-REP applicants familiar with the grant program. We will provide a very brief overview here, along with several applicant resources. These resources **are highly recommended** when preparing an application.

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



# Community Renewable Energy Grant Program

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## AGENDA

<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Meeting Logistics C-REP: Brief Overview Round 4: Deadline &amp; Funding Applicant Resources Application Review Breakdowns</b>	Jason Knouse and Patricia Phillips C-REP Incentive Program Analysts
<b>1:55 p.m.</b>	<b>Question and Answers</b>	Webinar Attendees and ODOE Staff
<b>2:25 p.m.</b>	<b>Final Reminders</b>	Jason Knouse and Patricia Phillips
<b>2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>End of Webinar</b>	

# COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM

## HB 2021 established C-REP to:

- Offset the costs of planning and developing community renewable energy projects
- Support projects in traditionally underserved communities
- Promote small-scale community renewable energy projects
- And, provide direct benefits to communities across Oregon by improving energy resilience, creating local jobs, promoting economic development, and reducing local energy costs.

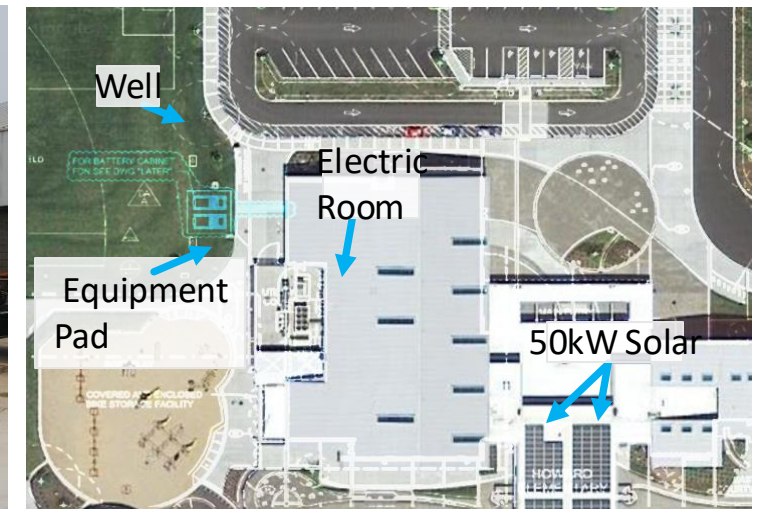
Up to \$100K to plan a community renewable energy project

Up to \$1M to develop a community renewable energy project.

# COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM

## Applicant Eligibility

- Tribes
- Public Bodies
  - Counties
  - Municipalities
  - Special government bodies such as ports and irrigation districts
- Consumer-Owned Utilities
- Projects outside of Portland city limits

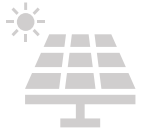


Grid Edge Demonstration Project in Eugene  
Photos courtesy of Eugene Water and Electric Board



# COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM

Eligible Renewable Energy Generation Technologies: 20MW or Less



**Solar**



**Biomass | Landfill gas | Biogas**



**Geothermal**



**Wave | Tidal**



**Hydroelectric**



**Ocean Thermal Energy Technology**



**Wind**



**Electric Vehicle Charging**  
**\*If paired with a new/existing Renewable Energy system.**

# COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM

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## Eligible Renewable Energy w/ Resilient Technologies



**Energy Storage Technologies**



**Microgrid Technologies**

# Community Renewable Energy Grant Program

## R4 FUNDING

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12 Million</b>	Via Four Opportunity Announcements
<b>Planning Resilience</b>	<b>\$400K (min. reserved)</b>	Eligible project that also qualifies as a resilience project
<b>Planning Renewable-only</b>	<b>\$200K (min. reserved)</b>	Eligible project that does not qualify as a resilience project
<b>Construction Resilience</b>	<b>\$8 Million (min. reserved)</b>	Eligible project that also qualifies as a resilience project
<b>Construction Renewable-only</b>	<b>\$3.4 Million (min. reserved)</b>	Eligible project that does not qualify as a resilience project

**C-REP is 100% funded by the Oregon State General Fund**

# Application Portal Opens

# July 25, 2025





# Application Deadline

# August 22, 2025 @ 5pm





# Applicant Resources (Prep)

[Link: WEBSITE - Community Renewable Energy Grant Program](#)





## Community Renewable Energy Grant Program

ODOE ENERGY INCENTIVES &  
GRANT PROGRAMS

FEDERAL FUNDING + INCENTIVES

OREGON SOLAR + STORAGE  
REBATE PROGRAM

ENERGY EFFICIENT WILDFIRE  
REBUILDING INCENTIVE

HEAT PUMP INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

HOME ENERGY REBATE PROGRAMS

► **COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY  
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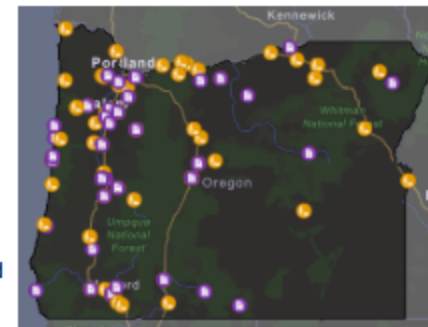
COUNTY ENERGY RESILIENCE  
GRANT PROGRAM

ENERGY EFFICIENCY  
TECHNOLOGIES INFORMATION AND  
TRAINING FUND

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

*HB 2021 created a fund at ODOE to provide grants for planning and developing community renewable energy and energy resilience projects.*

The Community Renewable Energy Grant Program is open to Oregon Tribes, public bodies, and consumer-owned utilities. Public bodies include counties, municipalities, and special government bodies such as ports and irrigation districts. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis and priority will be given to projects that support program equity goals, demonstrate community energy resilience, and include energy efficiency and demand response.



Click image to open an interactive map of program applicants and awardees.

At least half of the grant funds will be awarded for projects that serve environmental justice communities, including communities of color, lower-income communities, rural communities, and others. Similarly, at least half of the grant funds will be awarded to projects that support community energy resilience.

Check out [this great video about the program](#) from the U.S. Climate Alliance, featuring Governor Kotek!

### Grant Amounts

Project	Maximum Award	Maximum Percent of Eligible Project Costs
Planning a community renewable energy project	\$100,000	100%

### RESOURCES

- [HB 2021](#)
- [C-REP Advisory Committee](#)
- [Rulemaking](#)
- [Administrative Rules](#)
- [Related Programs to Consider](#)
- [Program Flyer](#)
- [Program Success Stories](#)
- [2024 Program Report to the Legislature](#)
- [Interactive Map of Applicants and Awardees \(All Rounds\)](#)

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### OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Round 4 Opportunity Announcements

- [25-043](#)
- [25-044](#)
- [25-045](#)
- [25-046](#)

Applications available in July 2025 and due in August. See full timeline to the left (or below on mobile).

Questions?

[Submit them through the portal.](#)

Project	Maximum Award	Maximum Percent of Eligible Project Costs
Planning a community renewable energy project	\$100,000	100%
Planning a community energy resilience project	\$100,000	100%
Constructing a community renewable energy project	\$1,000,000	50%
Constructing a community energy resilience project	\$1,000,000	100%

A minimum of \$1 Million is reserved for planning projects that qualify as a community energy resilience project and a minimum of \$1 Million is reserved for planning projects that do not qualify as a community energy resilience project.

#### Program Budget

Funding	Reserved/Disbursed	Remaining
\$64,726,395	\$40,556,525	\$24,493,542

Updated June 2, 2025

#### Grant Opportunity Announcements

##### Grant Round 4: Summer/Fall 2025

ODOE will soon begin accepting applications for a fourth round of funding. ODOE is making \$12 million available to support planning and construction of renewable energy or energy resilience projects for Tribes, public bodies, and consumer-owned utilities.

#### Opportunity Announcements:

- 25-043: Planning a Renewable Energy Plus Resilience Project
- 25-044: Planning a Renewable Energy Project
- 25-045: Constructing a Renewable Energy Plus Resilience Project
- 25-046: Constructing a Renewable Energy Project

below on mobile).

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#### Round 4 Applicant Q&A Webinar

June 25, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

Join [online via WebEx](#)

*Additional details in the full timeline to the left (or below on mobile).*

#### APPLICANT HELP

- 📄 [C-REP FAQs](#)
- 📄 [Checklist of Application Information to Gather](#)
- 📄 [Required Application Documents Guide](#)
- 📄 [List of Helpful Resources](#)
- 📄 [Assessing Level of Resilience Guidance](#)
- 📄 [Resource Assessment Guide](#)
- 📄 [Application User Guide for Construction Grants](#)
- 📄 [Application Scoring Guide for Construction Grants](#)
- 📄 [Application User Guide for Planning Grants](#)
- 📄 [Application Scoring Guide for Planning Grants](#)
- 📺 [Q&A Webinar Recording](#)

#### GRANTEE RESOURCES

- 📄 [Performance Agreement Draft Sample \(Construction – Resilience\)](#)
- 📄 [Performance Agreement Draft Sample \(Construction - Renewable\)](#)
- 📄 [Eligible Cost Guide \(Construction\)](#)
- 📄 [One Year Project Start Requirement](#)



# Key Applicant Resources (Prep)

[Link: C-REP Main Webpage](#)

[Link: Pre-Application Information to Gather Guide](#)

[Link: Required Applicants Documents](#) (Applicants & Partners)

Link: (Construction) [Application User Guide](#) / [Scoring Guide](#)

Link: (Planning) [Application User Guide](#) / [Scoring Guide](#)

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## July 25, 2025





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*Click image to enlarge*

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

[APPLY ONLINE](#)

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### OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Round 3 Opportunity Announcements:

- [23-076](#) (Planning a community energy resilience project)
- [23-077](#) (Planning a community renewable energy project)
- [23-078](#) (Constructing a community energy resilience project)
- [23-079](#) (Constructing a community renewable energy project)

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- [Resource Assessment Guide](#)

- [Application User Guide for Construction Grants](#)
- [Application User Guide for Planning Grants](#)
- [Q&A Webinar Recording](#)

### GRANTEE RESOURCES

For Reference Only

Portal links will be published & Available July 25th



## 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 details of the program, please start by review the information on the [program website](#): Eligible applicants for a Community Renewable Energy Grant are Oregon Tribes, [public 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](#)

[OA23-078: Construction of a Renewable Energy and Resilience Project](#)

[OA 23-077: Planning of a Renewable-only Energy Project](#)

[OA 23-079: Construction of a Renewable-only Energy Project](#)

Prior to selecting an application from the menu below: Review the opportunity announcement that matches your project and prepare your application information 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.

Create New Planning Application

Create New Construction Application

Application Type	Applicant Organization Name	Status Reason	Created On
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There are no records to display.

[Link: C-REP Application Portal](#)

**CURRENTLY CLOSED: Available July 25th**

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

**NOTE: One Login Account per Application(s)**



# Application Reviews

## Eligibility and Completeness



# Eligibility and Completeness

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## 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

- Please carefully review all required documents to submit a C-REP planning and/or construction application(s).

Visit a Weekly Drop-in Session if you have questions on the following:

- Consultation with electric utility for the purpose of ensuring feasibility.
- Local/regional stakeholder engagement and outreach directly related to the project.

[Link: C-REP Required Documentation Guide](#)



# Eligibility and Completeness

## Required Document Uploads – Eligible Partner (Definition)

(17) “Partner” means an entity listed as a partner to an eligible applicant on an application for a grant award. A partner may be a federally recognized Oregon Indian tribe, public body, nonprofit entity, private business with a business site in Oregon, or owner of a rental property in Oregon. 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 are not considered a partner.**

[Link: C-REP Required Documentation Guide](#)

# Eligibility and Completeness

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## Required Document Uploads – Eligible Partners

1. Authorization from your governing body/authorized representative.
2. If a private business, proof of a business site in Oregon.
3. If the owner of rental property, documentation showing the rental property in Oregon.

[Link: C-REP Required Documentation Guide](#)

# Application Reviews

## Competitive Review & Scoring





# Competitive Review: Program Priorities

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

1. Community energy **resilience** projects.
2. Significant **prior investments** in energy efficiency *(this can include current investments)*
3. Located in an Oregon **Environmental Justice** (EJ) community *(includes rural community)*
4. Constructed by **disadvantaged business enterprises**, emerging small businesses or businesses that are owned by minorities, women or disabled veterans *(COBID or not)*
5. **Inclusive hiring** and promotion policies *(includes inclusive procurement 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 and Scoring Guide is **Highly Encouraged!** *(Section 3.3 in Opportunity Announcements)*

[Link: Scoring Criteria & Reviewer Guide - Construction](#)

[Link: Scoring Criteria & Reviewer Guide - Planning](#)

# Scoring Criteria (Example)

Community Renewable Energy Project Planning - Competitive Review Criteria		Points
Project Strength		
<b>TEAM &amp; PROJECT DESCRIPTION:</b> 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 project's need and complexity; and a complete project description summary that adequately describes the project being planned.	10	
<b>PLAN &amp; SCHEDULE:</b> Strength of the renewable energy project plan. Applicant adequately describes the project to be planned. Applicant demonstrates the planning will be completed within 6 months and will include a complete development plan for a renewable energy system.	15	
<b>BUDGET &amp; FINANCES:</b> The demonstration of the applicant's ability to fund or finance the renewable energy project to completion in order to qualify for grant disbursement (grant is reimbursable).	10	
<b>RESILIENCE:</b> The level the renewable energy project's ability to maintain the availability of energy needed to support energy-dependent critical public services to the community following nonroutine disruptions of severe impact or duration of utility provided energy.	10	
Equity Priorities		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION &amp; EJ COMMUNITY IMPACT:</b> 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 community members.	5	
<b>EJ COMMUNITY OUTREACH PLAN:</b> 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, but is not limited to, descriptions of surveys of the local community, attendance or participation at public meetings, community ideas and recommendations incorporated in the project plan.	5	
<b>EJ COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT &amp; LEADERSHIP:</b> The level of community engagement in <u>developing the grant application for a renewable energy project</u> , including the degree to which EJ community members are involved in the project leadership.	5	
<b>EQUITY FRAMEWORK:</b> The degree to which an equity framework(s) is used to guide development, implementation and/or evaluation <u>of the renewable energy project</u> .	5	

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

**Round 4**  
A single criteria  
for both Planning  
and Construction  
Applications



# C-REP Round 4: Q&A Office Hours

Weekly Office Hour Details [Available on the C-REP Webpage](#)

**Join a Teams  
Application  
Support Session**

**Every Wed  
11 - 11:45am  
(Thru Aug 20th)**

**Join the meeting now**

Meeting ID: 276 363 211 532 0

Passcode: cV9y2xV6

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# What are Your Questions?

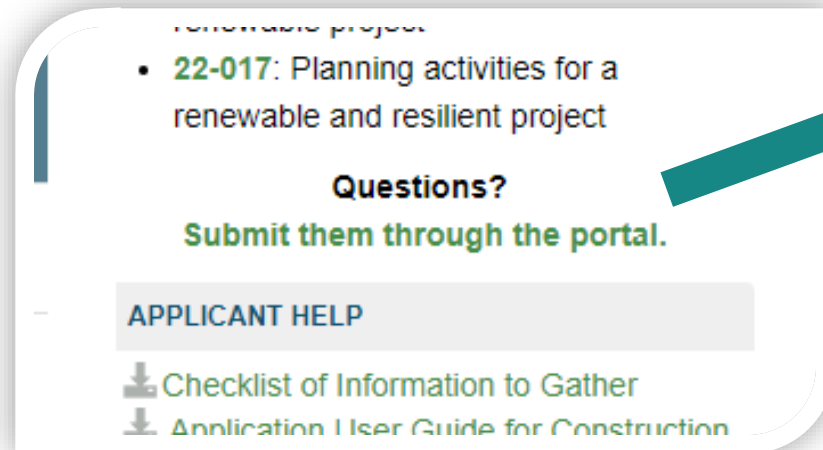
Please state your name and  
any affiliation/organization

*Haystack Rock, Cannon Beach*

# Submitting Questions for C-REP

**Have a Question?**  
Use the [C-REP Q&A Form](#)

Or Email Us at:  
[community.grants@energy.oregon.gov](mailto:community.grants@energy.oregon.gov)



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

Street 1

Provide a telephone number

City

Street 2

Zip/Postal Code

State/Province

Select an Opportunity Announcement \*

Select a Topic \*

Question/Description \*



# Application Submission Period

7/25 - 8/22 @ 5pm

## Reminder:

Join us on Teams  
Every Wed  
11-11:45am

(thru 8/20)

Thank you for attending today!