

Opportunity Announcement 25-079

Oregon Department of Energy

IIJA 40101d Grid Resilience Grant Program

This is a \$11.5 million funding opportunity from the Grid Resilience Grant Program to improve Oregon's electric grid infrastructure and provide community benefits. The opportunity is funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Section 40101(d).

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Schedule:

The opportunity period begins on Tuesday, October 7, 2025

The full program schedule is maintained on the program website: [Grid Resilience Grant Program](#)

Eligible Applicants:

Oregon electric utilities that are distribution providers, in two categories:

Small: Electric utilities that sell not more than 4 million megawatt hours of electricity per year.

Large: Electric utilities that sell more than 4 million megawatt hours of electricity per year.

Available Subgrant Funding Amount:

\$11,500,000 available for this opportunity:

- \$4,600,000 minimum for small utilities
- \$6,900,000 maximum for large utilities

Match Requirements:

Small utilities shall match at least one-third (1/3) of the federal funding amount.

Large utilities shall match at least 100 percent of the federal funding amount.

Federal Requirements:

Performance Agreements will include required federal terms and conditions, including the flow down requirement of terms and conditions to contractors and subcontractors, as applicable. Applicants shall ensure their ability to comply prior to applying.

Section 1: Purpose and General Information

1.1 Introduction

The purpose of this Grid Resilience Grant Program opportunity announcement is to solicit grant applications and outline the procedures for the selection of recipients through a competitive process following The Oregon Department of Energy’s (ODOE or The Department), agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) and the applicable laws and regulations under which the Grid Resilience Grant Program is administered. See Section 3, References and Resources.

1.2 Objectives

The objectives for grid resilience projects under this opportunity are to:

- A. Implement activities that supplement the applicant’s existing hardening efforts.
- B. Increase the applicant’s ability to reduce the likelihood and consequences of disruptive events from natural hazards and risk of wildfire ignition by the applicant’s equipment.
- C. Priority for projects that generate the greatest community benefit in reducing disruptions, and natural hazard and wildfire ignition risk.

1.3 Funding availability

The Department has made **\$11,500,000** available for subgrant awards for this opportunity.

- A. A minimum \$4,600,000 (40 percent) is made available for projects by small electric utilities, defined as those that sell not more than 4 million megawatt hours of electricity per year.
- B. ODOE has identified four electric utilities as Large Utilities, based on total sales of more than 4 million megawatt hours per year. A maximum award has been set under this opportunity, based on the percentage of total sales in Oregon by the four utilities. See Table 1 below.

Large Electric Utilities (total sales > 4M MWH)	2024 MWH Sales in Oregon	Percent of MWH sales (Large Utilities)	Approximate Maximum Award
Portland General Electric	19,272,622	45.49%	\$3,138,597
Pacific Power	13,991,113	33.02%	\$2,278,489
Idaho Power	673,939	1.59%	\$109,753
Umatilla Electric Cooperative	8,431,930	19.90%	\$1,373,162

Table 1 – Maximum Award for Large Utilities ODOE OA 25-079, Source: [Oregon Public Utility Commission, Oregon Utility Statistics 2024](#)

1.4 Match Requirement

Certification of the availability of required matching funds will be required with the application and shall comply with requirements set forth in [2 CFR 200.306](#).

- A. Small utilities shall match at least one-third (1/3) of any award amount.
- B. Large utilities shall match at least 100 percent of any award amount.

1.5 Eligibility

- A. Eligible applicants for this opportunity are Oregon electric utilities that are distribution providers in two categories, small and large, based on [2024 Oregon Utility Statistics](#) from the Oregon Public Utility Commission, which aligns with the U.S. Energy Information Administration's (EIA) Form 861.
 - 1) Small: Electric utilities that sell not more than 4 million megawatt hours of electricity per year.
 - 2) Large: Electric utilities that sell more than 4 million megawatt hours of electricity per year.
- B. Eligible measures of grid resilience projects include:
 - 1) Weatherization technologies and equipment.
 - 2) Fire-resistant technologies and fire prevention systems
 - 3) Monitoring and control technologies.
 - 4) The undergrounding of electrical equipment.
 - 5) Utility pole management.
 - 6) The relocation of power lines or the reconductoring of power lines with low-sag, advanced conductors.
 - 7) Vegetation and fuel-load management.
 - 8) The use or construction of distributed energy resources for enhancing system adaptive capacity during disruptive events, including microgrids and battery-storage subcomponents.
 - 9) Adaptive protection technologies.
 - 10) Advanced modeling technologies.
 - 11) Hardening of power lines, facilities, substations, of other systems.
 - 12) The replacement of old overhead conductors and underground cables.
- C. Prohibited use of funds: Cybersecurity and the construction of a new electric generating facility or large-scale battery-storage facility that is not used for enhancing system adaptive capacity during disruptive events.

Note: Construction of new solar generation is not an allowable cost for grant funds. However, other costs outside of new generation associated with building out a microgrid may be allowable.

1.6 Requirements.

- A. Applicants shall comply with the special terms and conditions that may apply to projects funded by this opportunity, relating to:
 - 1) Reporting, tracking, and segregation of incurred costs, per 2 CFR 200 as amended by part 910.
 - 2) Reporting on project details, including impact metrics.
 - 3) Publication of information on the Internet.

- 4) Access to records by Inspectors General and the Government Accountability Office.
- 5) Requiring that all the iron, steel, manufactured goods, and construction materials used in infrastructure projects are produced in the United States, per Division G, Title IX of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, commonly referred to as “Build America, Buy America”.
- 6) Ensuring laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors are paid wages equivalent to prevailing wages on similar projects in the area, as determined by subchapter IV of Chapter 1 of Title 40, United States Code commonly referred to as the “Davis-Bacon Act”.
- 7) Protecting whistleblowers and requiring prompt referral of evidence of a false claim to an appropriate inspector general.
- 8) Certification and registration.
- 9) Foreign national participation.
- 10) Subrecipients of funding under this opportunity shall comply with requirements of all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, U.S. Department of Energy policy and guidance, and instructions in the Administrative and Legal Requirements Document (ALRD) DE-FOA-0002736 (see Section 3.1.2 below).

Section 2: Application Requirements & Process

2.1 Submission of Applications

- A. Only one application per utility may be submitted under this opportunity.
- B. Priority may be given to applications from utilities that were not selected in round one, under Opportunity Announcement 24-001.
- C. A partnership project by two or more utilities may be considered under one application, with one of the utilities designated as the subrecipient under a Performance Agreement with ODOE.
- D. Applications shall be completed and submitted digitally as described in the application instructions available on the [program website](#). Applications that are submitted improperly or are incomplete may be rejected. The Department shall receive applications no later than the [due date and time listed on the program website](#).

2.2 Questions

Questions regarding the program and this opportunity announcement, including requests for explanations of the meaning or interpretation of provisions of this opportunity announcement and other program documents and resources should be submitted by email to grid.grants@energy.oregon.gov. Questions and answers may be edited for privacy and clarity and consolidated into an online frequently asked questions (FAQ) document.

Section 3: References and Resources

3.1 References

The Grid Resilience Grant Program is governed by the listed documents, in order of precedence.

- A. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA): This formula grant is from section 40101(d) [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#)
- B. The administrative requirements for USDOE grants, including those that apply to subrecipients, are contained in [U.S. Code of Federal Regulations 2 CFR 200 as amended by part 910](#).
- C. The Administrative and Legal Requirements Document (ALRD) DE-FOA-0002736 available at the link below provides the guidance to ODOE for a Grid Resilience Formula Grant. This document contains many of the terms, conditions, and other requirements that will apply to subrecipients under a performance agreement with ODOE.
[Section 40101\(d\) Formula Grants to States & Indian Tribes | netl.doe.gov](#)
- D. The Assistance Agreement between ODOE and the U.S. Department of Energy with award number DE-GD0000038 (and any modification).
- E. Key federal requirements are covered in Frequently Asked Questions documents on the [program website, under Applicant Resources](#)

3.2 Resources

- A. This website contains information and links to information and other sites covering all aspects of this Grid Resilience Formula Grant Program: [Section 40101\(d\) Formula Grants to States & Indian Tribes | netl.doe.gov](#)

Applications will be competitively selected based on their application's demonstration of how the project will achieve its objectives. Applicants may reference the metrics guidance document linked below when providing project details, including baseline information, project actions to achieve the objectives, and estimated results.

[Performance Metric to Evaluate Utility Resilience Investments](#)

- B. Federal Provisions and Reporting Requirements. As mentioned in Section 1.6 above, subrecipient performance agreements will include federal requirements including extensive reporting related to the project, utility property, infrastructure, statistics about utility service, customer information, and more. To see the details of the reporting information required under a Performance Agreement, please review all instructions, reporting, and guidance documents posted on the site linked below:

[Project Management Reporting Documents](#)

Section 4: Review Process

4.1 Overview of Review Process

There is a two-step process to gain USDOE project approval before a grant may be offered.

Step 1: ODOE Selection: The Department will conduct a selection review of applications submitted by the deadline. Selections will be based on the selection criteria and program priorities. The Department Director shall make the final decision. The only information the Department will consider in the review process is that which is submitted by the applicant through the application process. Attempts to improperly influence the review process by submitting additional information or contacting the agency review team with additional information will result in application denial. All comments and questions should be emailed to grid.grants@energy.oregon.gov.

Step 2: USDOE Approval Process: USDOE approval is required before ODOE may enter into a grant agreement. ODOE staff will work with the selected utilities on detailed project planning and the completion of a project notification package for review by USDOE. ODOE may offer grant agreements as USDOE approves each project.

Documents required for the notification package include:

- A. A detailed [budget justification workbook](#) with cost estimates/quotes for equipment and supplies, contracts, etc.
- B. An [Environmental Questionnaire](#) under the National Environmental Policy Act.
- C. A [cost match commitment letter](#)
- D. A pre-award questionnaire for risk analysis and information to be included in a performance agreement.
- E. A conflict-of-interest certification.

4.2 Eligibility

- A. All applications submitted by the deadline will be reviewed on a pass/fail basis to determine if each application is eligible, meaning it includes all the minimum required elements described in the application, the application instructions, and the applicant demonstrated the ability to complete the project in accordance with the program requirements, based on project tasks, deliverables, schedule, and budget. An application may be determined ineligible if the applicant does not comply with the instructions or does not submit a complete application. ODOE may request additional information to clarify application eligibility.
- B. All applicants that apply by the deadline will be notified of receipt of their application and when there are changes to the application status.

4.3 Selection Review

- A. The selection criteria in the table below will be used to review and rank the applications and the proposed grid resilience projects. The selection criteria are based on the program objectives and requirements described above and in detail in the application project summary form and instructions. Priority may be given for projects that increase the diversity of the program through utility type (people's utility district, electric cooperative, municipal electric utility and investor-owned utility), grantee status from the first round, regional variety, or providing a unique benefit.
- B. Final selections will be made by the Department. The Department may choose not to award a grant to an applicant for a project if it would not contribute to the program priorities and objectives. The Department will notify applicants of the selections by email. Projects not selected may be eligible to apply again during a future opportunity announcement.

ODOE 40101(d) Grid Resilience Selection Criteria	
A	Projects that supplement the applicant's existing plans for hardening efforts. Score based on the description of how and to what degree the project compliments existing plans for grid hardening.
B	Project Outcomes: Score based on estimated impact of measures for the project from baseline values, reducing frequency and duration of disruptions and risk from natural hazard and wildfire ignition from utility equipment.
C	Prioritizing projects that generate the greatest community benefit in reducing risks. Score based on number of and percentage of customers affected and the identification of the project's community benefits, including support to community services.
D	Project Diversity: Scored by an increase in the diversity of the program, through utility type (COU, Muni, PUD, IOU, etc.), grantee status from round one, regional variety, or providing a unique benefit.

4.4 Post Award Information and Offer of Performance Agreement

Selected projects approved by USDOE may be offered a Performance Agreement from the Department containing the terms and requirements for disbursement of funds. The Department will communicate to the applicant the conditions surrounding the offer of a Performance Agreement. Applicants will have 30 calendar days to respond in writing to the offer, after which the Department may revoke the offer.

Section 5: Additional Information

5.1 Public Information, Confidentiality

- A. The State of Oregon's Public Records Law (ORS 192.311 through 192.478) applies to filings and applications submitted to the Department. The law states every person has a right to inspect any public record of a public body, subject to certain exceptions. Applications are public records, and the Department may be required by law to disclose information in the application to the public on request. An applicant may request confidentiality of certain information in its application by marking the information confidential. Marking information does not guarantee that it will be kept confidential, however, and the Department will make any decisions regarding public disclosure of information contained in this application in accordance with Oregon Public Records Law.
- B. Grant funding from the State of Oregon may be reported on [Oregon Transparency](#), a state agency tool available for Oregonians to learn about how state government works, taxes are used, and more. The data and information on this website are provided to users for general knowledge and information. It excludes data and information that is confidential, protected, or private under state and federal laws, and is unaudited.
- C. The Department may publicly announce awarded grantees under this program. The public announcement may include but is not limited to the system owner's name, partner's names, type of project and/or description, location of project, size of the project, total cost of the project, and the awarded grant amount.

5.2 Reservation of Department Rights

The Department reserves all rights regarding this opportunity announcement, including, without limitation, the right to:

- A. Amend, delay, or cancel the opportunity announcement without liability if the Department finds it is in the best interest of the State of Oregon to do so.
- B. Not consider any or all applications received upon finding that it is in the best interest of the State of Oregon to do so.
- C. Deem incomplete any application that fails to comply with all prescribed opportunity announcement procedures and requirements.
- D. Allocate a grant amount less than the amount requested by applicants, at its discretion.

5.3 No Obligation

The Department is not obligated, because of the submission or acceptance of an application, to award a grant to an applicant.