

Community Renewable Energy Grant Program

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The Oregon Department of Energy's Community Renewable Energy Grant Program provides grants to support renewable energy or energy resilience projects.

Partnerships between the applicant and community groups, non-profits, private businesses, and others are encouraged. Projects must be located outside of Portland.

Eligible applicants include:

- Tribes
- Cities
- Counties
- Consumer-Owned Utilities
- Special Districts
- All other public bodies defined in ORS 174.109

Eligible technologies include:

Community Renewable Energy Grant Program funds may be used for planning community energy projects, up to 20 megawatts in size, including:

- Renewable energy generation systems such as solar PV or wind turbines.
- Energy storage systems such as batteries paired with a new or existing renewable energy generation system.
- Vehicle charging stations paired with a new or existing renewable energy generation system.
- Microgrid technologies paired with a new or existing renewable energy generation system.

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Grant amounts

Planning community renewable energy and energy resilience projects: Grants of up to \$100,000

Constructing community renewable energy and energy resilience projects: Grants of up to \$1 million

Visit tinyurl.com/ODOEGrants for more information and how to apply.

Questions?

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PROJECTS IN ACTION

Southern Oregon University



Round 1 of program funding | \$1 million | Construction
Location: Jackson County

Solar array on the roof of two university buildings, including one building equipped with battery energy storage.

This project aligns with the university's goal for net zero and solar energy generating 100% of its electricity. It will offset \$1 million per year in operating expenses, resulting in cost savings for students and the Jackson County community.

Image courtesy of Southern Oregon University

City of Pendleton



Round 1 of program funding | \$900,000 | Construction
Location: Pendleton

Solar array is used as a shade structure for a chlorine contact chamber at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

The water treatment plant will experience a 30% reduction in electricity from this solar addition. The plant processes 2.5 million gallons per day on average; onsite renewables will decrease its power bills and mitigates future rate increases.

Image courtesy of City of Pendleton

Latino Network/City of Gresham



Round 1 of program funding | \$579,841 | Construction
Location: Gresham

Rooftop solar on a new community center with a backup system.

The project strengthens the new center's resiliency and will allow operation of the preschool and offices during power outages, and be a place for community in times of need. It also will result in energy cost savings.

Image courtesy of Carpentry Plus, for Colas Construction

City of The Dalles



Round 2 of program funding \$227,415 | Construction
Location: The Dalles

Solar array and backup battery system providing energy to Gloria House's main building.

The Gloria Center is a one-stop supportive services center for houseless and low-income families and individuals. The building hosts a multipurpose room designed to serve as a regional emergency shelter and resilience center.

Image courtesy of Mid-Columbia Action Council