

OREGON SOLAR + STORAGE REBATE PROGRAM

2026 Program Report

Submitted to the
OREGON LEGISLATURE

by the
**OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY**



OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY

September 2026

Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program 2026

Executive Summary

The Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program was established by the Oregon Department of Energy at the direction of HB 2618, passed by the Oregon State Legislature in 2019. The legislation directed the department to develop a program to provide rebates for the purchase, construction, or installation of solar electric systems and paired solar and storage systems. Over the course of the program, a total of \$27 million has been appropriated for rebates and program administration. In 2025, the legislature added the ability for the Oregon Department of Energy to provide rebates for battery storage systems that would be paired at the time of installation with previously purchased and installed solar systems. However, no new funding was allocated to the program in 2025 or 2026, and the Oregon Department of Energy is no longer accepting applications to the program.

Program rebates are issued to participating contractors, who pass the savings on to eligible customers as a reduction in the price of the installed system. To claim a rebate, a contractor must first apply for a reservation of rebate funds prior to the start of project installation. Reservations are converted into cash rebates once a contractor certifies a project complete. The legislature directed the department to make at least 25 percent of the rebate budget available for projects installed for residential customers with low or moderate incomes (LMI) and for organizations that provide services to Oregonians with lower incomes (called low-income service providers in the program). Throughout the life of the program, over 40 percent of the rebate budget has gone to customers with low or moderate incomes and low-income service providers.

The Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program advances Oregon energy objectives by helping reduce the upfront costs associated with the purchase and installation of renewable energy production and energy storage systems, as well as supporting the Oregon solar installer industry.

Following administrative savings and canceled or incomplete rebate projects from prior years, the agency temporarily reopened the program on June 15, 2026, with \$1.1 million to reserve and issue rebates for new projects. Upon reopening, ODOE received enough applications to reserve the remaining funding within minutes and ODOE is no longer accepting applications.

The program continues to successfully meet the legislative mandate that 25 percent of funds be reserved for low- and moderate-income projects. In the 2025/26 fiscal year, the program reserved or rebated 98 projects, representing \$703,353 in funds. \$528,961, or 75 percent of the committed funding, was for projects owned by LMI customers or low-income service providers.

AT LEAST **25 PERCENT OF THE REBATE BUDGET** IS RESERVED FOR LOW- OR MODERATE-INCOME RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS AND LOW-INCOME SERVICE PROVIDERS. TO DATE, ODOE HAS EXCEEDED THAT MINIMUM AND **ISSUED OVER 40 PERCENT OF REBATE FUNDS** TO THESE GROUPS OVER THE LIFE OF THE PROGRAM.

Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program 2026

TO DATE, THE PROGRAM HAS RESERVED OR ISSUED REBATES FOR PROJECTS IN **34 OF OREGON'S 36 COUNTIES**.

Of the 98 projects reserved or rebated in the 2025/26 fiscal year, 43 have been completed so far. 11 of the reserved or rebated projects were for LMI customers and 40 projects were for low-income service providers. 32 of the reserved or rebated projects were paired solar and storage projects or storage systems that would be paired at the time of

installation with previously purchased and installed solar systems.

ODOE estimates that in the 2025/26 fiscal year, this program supported the installation of 610 kW of solar that displaced 192 metric tons of CO₂e (carbon dioxide equivalent) per year based on the carbon intensity of the electric utility serving the project.

Unfortunately, available incentive dollars for solar in Oregon have been significantly reduced. The adoption of solar energy technology on residences in Oregon is expected to slow due to the absence of state Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program funds and the sunset of the federal residential solar tax credit. In addition, in 2025, the U.S. EPA rescinded nearly \$87 million in already-obligated federal Solar for All program funds to Oregon. It is anticipated that these changes will adversely affect the solar industry in Oregon.

This report is available electronically on the Oregon Department of Energy's website:
<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/Data-and-Reports/Pages/Reports-to-the-Legislature.aspx>.

Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program 2026

Table of Contents

About the Program	1
Program Background.....	1
Program Operations.....	1
Program Challenges	2
Program Goals and Recommendations.....	2
Program Metrics	4

Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program 2026

About the Program

Program Background

The Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program was established by the Oregon Department of Energy at the direction of HB 2618, which was passed by the Oregon State Legislature in 2019. The legislation directed the department to develop a program to provide rebates for the purchase, construction, or installation of solar electric systems and paired solar and battery storage systems. In 2025, the legislature added the ability for the



Oregon Department of Energy to provide rebates for battery storage systems that would be paired at the time of installation with previously purchased and installed solar systems.

Program rebates are issued to participating contractors and are passed on to customers as a reduction in the price of the installed system. The legislature directed the department to make at least 25 percent of the rebate budget available for projects installed for residential customers with low or moderate incomes and for organizations that provide assistive services to Oregonians with lower incomes (called low-income service providers within the program).

The Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program advances Oregon energy objectives by helping reduce the upfront costs associated with the purchase and installation of renewable solar energy production and solar energy storage systems, as well as supporting the Oregon solar installer industry.

Program Operations

The Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate program features a tiered incentive rate for rebates based on the financial capacity of the project owner and whether they are eligible for a rebate from their electric utility. The largest rebate amounts are reserved for residential customers with low and moderate incomes and low-income service providers to expand access to those populations that may not otherwise have the financial resources to invest in solar. A residential customer can receive a rebate of up to \$5,000 for solar and \$2,500 for battery storage, while low-income service providers can receive a rebate of up to \$30,000 for solar and up to \$15,000 for storage.

“Great program!! Without the incentives, the price of our project would have been prohibitive.”

2024 Program Participant

Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program 2026



The Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program issues rebates directly to solar contractors as reimbursement for cost savings, which must be passed on to the project owner at the time of project installation. For a solar contractor to receive a rebate through the program, the contractor must meet the program's contractor eligibility requirements and must have applied for a reservation of rebate funds prior to commencing installation of a project. There are currently 73 contractors eligible to participate in the program.

During the 2025/26 fiscal year, the program provided rebates for 43 projects, representing over \$379,903 in funds. \$341,451 was for projects owned by LMI residential owners or low-income service providers.

Rebate funds allocated for the 2023-2025 biennium were fully reserved in May 2024. Following administrative savings and canceled or incomplete rebate projects from prior years, the agency temporarily reopened June 15, 2026, with \$1.1 million to reserve and issue rebates for new projects. Upon reopening, demand for incentives far exceeded the available funding. ODOE received enough applications to reserve the remaining funding within minutes and is no longer accepting applications. 55 projects, representing \$323,450 in funds, were reserved by the end of the fiscal year. The program continues to process applications for the remaining funds, which will be reported in next year's report.

The department is proud to administer the Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate program, which was awarded a national State Leadership in Clean Energy (SLICE) award by the Clean Energy States Alliance in 2022.

Program Challenges

The most immediate challenge facing the Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate program is that it no longer has funding. The adoption of solar energy technology and the solar industry will be affected by the absence of program funds combined with U.S. EPA action aimed at rescinding nearly \$87 million in already-obligated federal Solar for All program funds to Oregon.

"Great program. We appreciate your support for our efforts to go with green, renewable energy."



2023 Program Participant

Program Goals and Recommendations

The department has been asked to report on whether the goals of the program are being met and to make recommendations on some of its parameters. The goals identified by legislative

Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program 2026

supporters were to support the solar industry and its workers and to increase the use of renewable energy sources, including among low- and moderate-income households and the non-profit organizations that serve them.

“It is wonderful that you have rebates for low-income people so that we can participate in the clean energy program. Thank you.”



2022 Program Participant

First, ODOE continues to find that there is significant demand for residential solar rebates and believes the program has created economic opportunities for the solar installation industry. When funding temporarily reopened in June 2026, the agency received 400 applications requesting over \$2 million in one day. Second, by helping reduce the upfront costs associated with the purchase and installation of renewable energy production and energy storage systems, the program has increased the use of renewable energy throughout Oregon.

Because the program had not accepted new applications for most of the fiscal year, projects that were provided rebates were those projects that took longer to complete after funding had been fully reserved in 2024. In the 2025/26 fiscal year, 43 projects were completed in 10 counties across the state. These projects are expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 192 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent per year. Following the temporary reopening of the program for applications, 55 projects have reserved funding across 11 counties. As the program only reopened for applications at the end of the fiscal year, the number of projects that were reserved in time to be reflected in this report are only the first applications received when the program reopened. The program continues to process these new reservations into the start of the new fiscal year.

In the 2025/26 fiscal year, 75 percent of rebated or reserved projects were for residential customers with low or moderate incomes or low-income service providers. This is higher than over the life of the program, where over 40 percent of the rebate budget has gone to residential customers with low or moderate incomes and low-income service providers. This shift in the most recent fiscal year is due to the majority of rebated projects being for low-income service providers. Those projects are generally larger and take longer to complete.

To identify potential gaps in program participation among diverse communities, ODOE has been sending an optional, anonymous survey to participants, asking about demographic data, including race or ethnicity and if someone in the household has a disability. As of July 1, 2026, the department has received a total of 1,661 survey responses, which are summarized below. Because there was minimal program activity during the 2025/26 fiscal year, ODOE received just one response during that time period.

Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program 2026

Table 1: Survey responses received prior to July 1, 2026

Self-Identified Race/Ethnicity*	Program to Date
Asian	88
Black or African American	18
Hispanic or Latino/a/x/e	52
Middle Eastern	8
Native American/Alaska Native	31
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	13
White	1,464
Two or More Races	64
Self-Describe	50

*In an effort to allow respondents to self-identify their race or ethnicity, they are able to check more than one box or self-identify in a comment box. As a result, the total number of responses to this question varies from the total number of overall respondents. Questions are also optional, so some respondents skipped this question.

To date in the program, 254 participants said they or someone in their household has a disability.

While not necessarily scientifically valid, the survey results show that Black, Indigenous, and People of Color and people with disabilities are likely under-represented in the program. Similarly, there are also some parts of the state that are under-represented in the program (see Metrics section below).

“Thank you! I’m proud to become part of a cleaner, more distributed, and more resilient grid and housing stock.”



2024 Program Participant

Program Metrics

Table 2: Number, nameplate capacity, and location of solar systems installed for residential customers for which a rebate has been reserved or paid during the 2025/26 fiscal year.

County	Number of systems	Solar nameplate capacity (kW DC)	Rebates
Benton	6	75.9	\$ 34,340.00
Clackamas	4	71.1	\$ 23,288.00
Curry	1	15.8	\$ 7,500.00
Deschutes	9	84.6	\$ 32,128.00
Hood River	1	7.04	\$ 3,908.00
Jackson	1	13.1	\$ 5,000.00
Jefferson	1	14.7	\$ 7,500.00
Josephine	1	8	\$ 2,800.00
Lane	2	32.7	\$ 11,112.00
Linn	3	34.4	\$ 11,440.00
Marion	5	55.8	\$ 22,422.00

Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program 2026

Multnomah	10	117.3	\$ 43,748.00
Polk	1	9.8	\$ 1,956.00
Washington	7	70.1	\$ 25,024.00
Yamhill	1	10.6	\$ 2,116.00

Table 3: Number, nameplate capacity, and location of solar systems installed for low-income service providers for which a rebate has been reserved or paid during the 2025/26 fiscal year.

County	Number of systems	Solar nameplate capacity (kW DC)	Rebates
Clatsop	1	58.7	\$ 30,000.00
Deschutes	29	480.6	\$ 311,626.00
Jackson	2	19.7	\$ 14,760.00
Josephine	1	9.8	\$ 7,380.00
Marion	1	9.8	\$ 7,380.00
Multnomah	1	58.3	\$ 45,000.00
Polk	5	55	\$ 40,665.00

Table 4: Number and storage capacity of energy storage systems installed for which a rebate has been reserved or paid during the 2025/26 fiscal year.

System type	Number of storage systems	Energy capacity (kWh)
Paired Solar and Storage	27	389.6
Storage Only	5	62.5

Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program 2026

Figure 1: Number of Residential Projects Reserved and Rebated by County for All Years

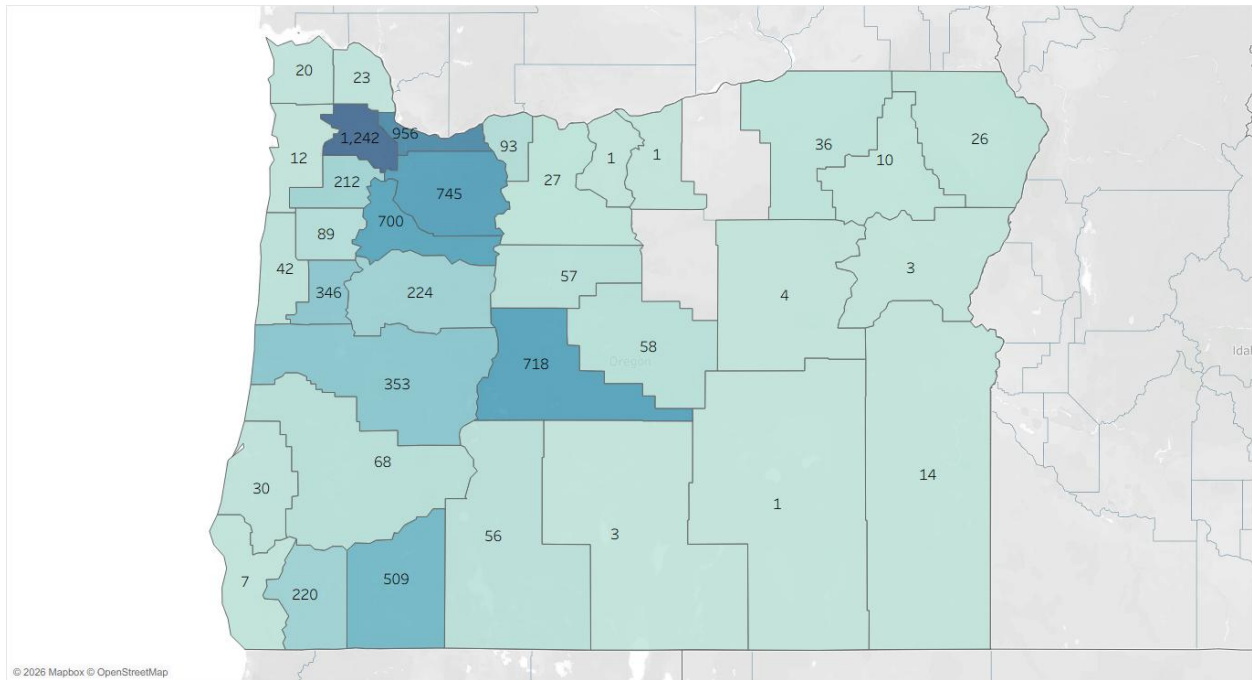
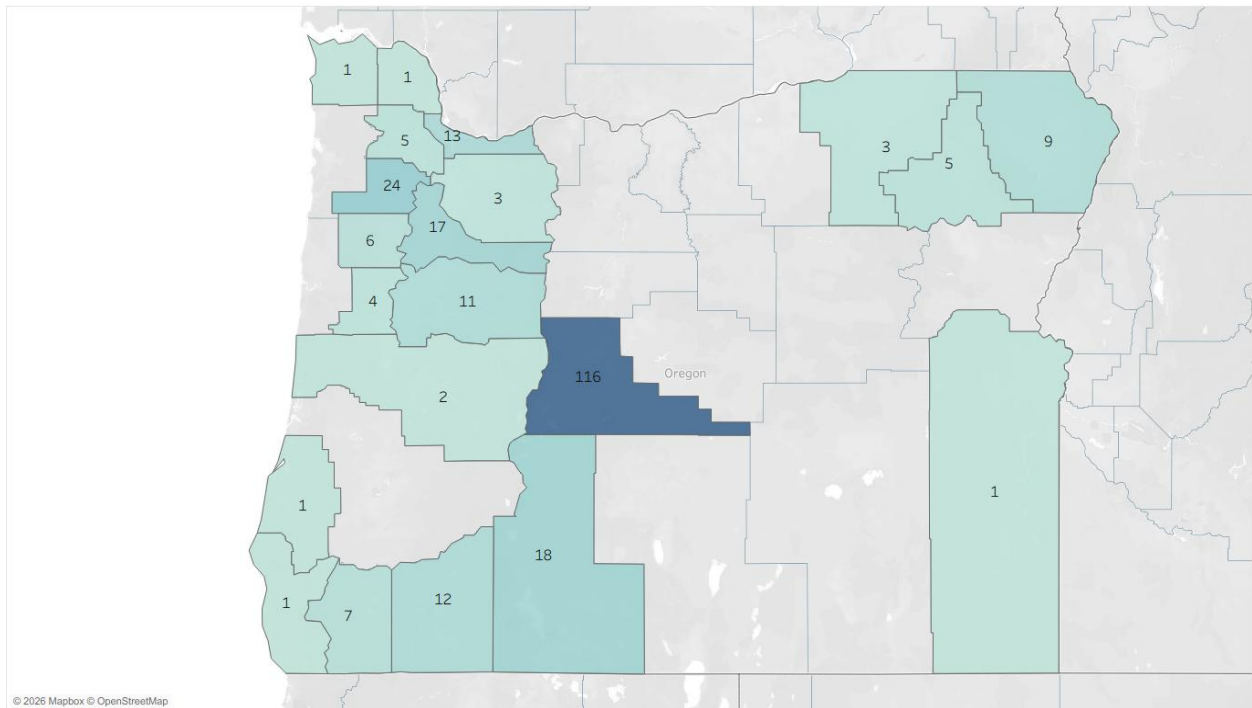


Figure 2: Number of Low-Income Service Provider Projects Reserved and Rebated by County for All Years



Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program 2026

Table 5: Estimated Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions* for Projects Completed during the 2025/26 fiscal year.

Installed Projects	Total kWh Production (Annual)	Metric Tons CO2e Reduced (Annual)
43	864,537	192

**The greenhouse gas emissions reduction estimate is calculated by multiplying the estimated annual kWh electricity production of a completed project by the estimated carbon intensity multiplier (lbs CO2e per kWh) of the electric utility providing service to the project. Utility carbon intensity multipliers are maintained on ODOE's [Electricity Resource Mix dashboard](#).*

“We appreciate the rebate and your support of solar. Time for more of us to make the switch! Thanks.”



2022 Program Participant

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Oregon Department of Energy
550 NE Capitol Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
503-378-4040 | 800-221-8035
askenergy@oregon.gov
www.oregon.gov/energy

