



Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities

Guidelines for 2023-2025 Grants and Consultant Support

The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) is offering grants to cities and counties to help implement the Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) program. The program increases housing and transportation choices for Oregonians, while improving equity and reducing climate pollution.

Cities and counties can apply for assistance with:

- Zoning and development code audits and amendments aimed at fostering walkability and meeting urban design standards
- Parking reform and management
- Market studies to refine locations and sizes for climate-friendly areas
- Amending zoning maps and development regulations for climate-friendly areas
- Equitable engagement, including work with disability consultants
- Transportation system planning
- Other CFEC-related work

Match

No local match is required beyond staff time to participate in the project.

Types of Assistance

Grants can reimburse local planning staff, fund consultants contracted through a local procurement process, or fund consultants through contracts managed by DLCD staff.

Pre-Applications Still Welcome

Staff are happy to discuss ideas before a community develops a full application. Send a paragraph describing initial thoughts on the proposed work to DLCD.CFEC@dlcd.oregon.gov. While not mandatory, this will give DLCD staff an opportunity to help applicants with preparing a full proposal.

Informational Webinar and Office Hours

DLCD will host a webinar Friday, December 1 at 9:00 am for city and county representatives to learn more about the grants. No pre-registration is required. ([Zoom link](#))

DLCD continues to host regular office hours on the rules, program implementation, and grants. No pre-registration is required.

- December 12, 9:00 am ([Zoom link](#))
- January 10, 9:00 am ([Zoom link](#))

To receive updates on future office hours and other program information, please sign up for the CFEC Gov-Delivery e-newsletter [here](#).

Review Process

DLCD will award grants to applications that best satisfy the selection factors described below.

DLCD will notify applicants of award decisions at the earliest time possible. We aim to notify applicants of award decisions by February 23, 2024. Applications that do not receive initial funding may be reconsidered as additional funding becomes available.

Eligible Costs

Grant funds may be expended only for direct project-related costs associated with the funded project. Eligible costs include salary of staff assigned to the project, consultant fees including translation and interpretation, postage, supplies, and printing. Ineligible costs include equipment purchases, indirect costs, general administrative overhead, and software.

Costs incurred prior to signing a grant agreement are not eligible project costs. This includes costs of preparing the grant application, preparing a statement of work for the grant agreement, and any other work completed before grant agreement execution.

Grant funds are provided on a reimbursement basis for products in accordance with the reimbursement schedule that will be specified in the grant agreement.

Eligibility and Selection Factors

Grants and consultant assistance are limited to:

1. Cities and counties in the eight metropolitan areas included in the Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities program
2. Work products that can be delivered by June 2025
3. Work products that reduce climate pollution or improve equitable outcomes

In reviewing grant proposals, DLCD will base awards on the following **selection factors**:

1. Is the project work required by rule? If so, which rule? If not, how will the project reduce climate pollution or improve equitable outcomes? Will the project result in an adoptable product?
2. Is the project supported by city council, county commission, planning commission, other governing bodies, or community partners? If so, please attach any letters.
3. How will the project center voices of underserved communities listed in [OAR 660-012-0125](#), or others?

Application Instructions

A fillable [PDF grant application](#) is available on the CFEC web page. Complete and submit the grant application and any supporting materials. Be specific and thorough in describing all

proposed grant products as described in the application form. Applications must address just one project per form.

Applicants should submit the form **by January 23, 2024** by e-mail to:
DLCD.CFEC@dlcd.oregon.gov.

DLCD will confirm receipt of applications by e-mail, review applications promptly, contact applicants if additional information is needed to complete review, and notify applicants of our decision.

Important Dates

November 27, 2023	Application period opens; materials distributed
December 1, 2023 - 9:00 am	Open Forum for follow-up question & answer Zoom link Meeting ID: 874 6560 0823 Passcode: 414919
January 23, 2024	Application period closes; materials submittal deadline
March 1, 2024	Anticipated funding decision; award notices sent
April-June 2024	Direct grant agreements anticipated execution
May-August 2024	Consultant contract anticipated execution
May 31, 2025	Project completion deadline

If you have questions about the CFEC Grant Program, please contact:

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Thank you!