

Community Partner Funding and Results

UM 2114 Workshop on Energy Trust and Energy Efficiency

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To expand the inclusivity of its offers, Energy Trust has modified its approach to allow for closer collaboration with community-based organizations (CBOs), community action agencies (CAA) and other agencies. The recently created Community Partner Funding (CPF) pathway is a set of increased incentive offers exclusively to support underserved populations living in detached single-family homes and existing manufactured homes. For an organization to be eligible for CPF, the organization must currently offer, or be developing an offer, that targets customers with low-to-moderate incomes, communities of color, rural customers, veterans or customers experiencing disabilities.

Current Community Partners

Agency	Location	Type	Status
Community Action Organization of Washington County (CAOWA)	Washington County	CAA	enrolled
Neighbor Impact	Central Oregon	CAA	in discussion
ACCESS	Jackson County	CAA	in discussion
United Community Action Network (UCAN)	Josephine and Douglas Counties	CAA	in discussion
OHDC	Klamath / Lake Counties	CAA	in discussion
Community Energy Project	PDX Metro	CBO	enrolled
Verde Builds	PDX Metro	CBO	enrolled
African American Alliance for Homeownership	PDX Metro	CBO	enrolled
Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, Inc	PDX Metro	CBO	enrolled
Lake County Resource Initiative	Lake County	CBO	enrolled
Washington County Office of Community Development	Washington County	CBO	enrolled
Euvalcree	Malheur County	CBO	enrolled
Renovate PDX	PDX Metro	CBO	enrolled
Seeds for the Soul	Benton County	CBO	enrolled
Habitat for Humanity West Tuality	Washington County	CBO	enrolled
Wallowa Resources	Wallowa County	CBO	onboarding

Results in 2020

Organization	Projects	2020 Project Totals	2020 Incentives	kWh Savings	Therm Savings
Verde	Home Energy Assessment	17	\$4,250	N/A	N/A
	Ductless Heat Pump	14	\$37,900	38,251	0
Community Energy Project	Home Energy Assessment	4	\$1,000	N/A	N/A
	Heat Pump Water Heater*	11	\$5,478	16,204	0
	Ductless Heat Pump	1	\$2,800	3,590	0
	Smart Thermostats	24	\$3,600	336	840
Community Action of Washington County	Insulation Measures	70	\$77,816	56,773	0
	Windows Measures	35	\$10,576	9,440	0
	HVAC Measures	49	\$139,600	196,556	0
	Home Energy Assessment	119	\$29,750	N/A	N/A
	Heat Pump Water Heater	1	\$498	1,473	0
	Miscellaneous**	N/A	\$35,264	72,589	0
Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, Inc.	Home Energy Assessment	12	\$3,000	N/A	N/A
Totals		357	\$351,532	395,212	840

Examples of how Energy Trust could work with a community partner include:

- Provide incentives (or co-funding) to organizations who offer existing energy/home repair programs, to stretch their budget and serve more customers.
- Assist organizations to develop in-home upgrade programs that they install themselves or manage sub-contractors to complete on their behalf.
- Work collaboratively with organizations who serve as a community resource. These organizations may not directly provide energy related services but can act as a meaningful referral entity for their customers to specific Energy Trust trade allies for energy upgrades.

The goal is to provide a standardized set of offers to support energy-savings activities, while remaining flexible to the needs of the organizations and community and adhering to Energy Trust cost-effectiveness standards.