



OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY

Community Renewable Energy Grant Program



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HB 2021 Established the Community Renewable Investment Fund to:

- Offset costs of planning and construction of renewable energy projects
- Support projects in traditionally underserved communities
- Promote small-scale community renewable energy projects
- Provide direct benefits to communities across Oregon by improving energy resilience, creating local jobs, promoting economic development, and offsetting local energy costs.

Eligible Applicants

- Federally Recognized Native American Tribes in Oregon
- Consumer-Owned Utilities
- State, Local and Special Government Bodies under ORS 174.108-118

- Includes: Counties, Cities, Ports, Irrigation and Other Districts, Public Schools, Intergovernmental Bodies, etc.
- Outside of a city with 500,000 or more

Budget Priorities

- 50 percent or more for community energy resilience projects.
- 50 percent or more for projects that serve Environmental Justice communities.

Environment Justice Communities

- Communities of color
- Communities experiencing lower incomes
- Tribal communities
- Rural communities
- Coastal communities
- Communities with limited infrastructure
- Communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes and adversely harmed by environmental and health hazards, including seniors, youth and persons with disabilities

Program Opportunity Announcements

PROJECT CATEGORY	MAXIMUM GRANT	MAXIMUM % OF COST
Planning Energy Resilience	\$100,000	100%
Planning Renewable Energy Only	\$100,000	100%
Construction Energy Resilience	\$1,000,000	100%
Construction Renewable Energy Only	\$1,000,000	50%

\$12M currently available. Competitive review process.

Application Timeline & Review

- Current application deadline is July 8, 2022
- Completion and eligibility review
- Competitive review
 - Strength of proposed project and its feasibility
 - Community benefits
 - Equity considerations
 - Diversity of project



Website and Contact Information

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/Incentives/Pages/CREP.aspx>

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HB 2021 created a \$50 million fund at ODOE to provide grants for planning and developing community renewable energy and energy resilience projects.

The Community Renewable Energy Grant Program is open to Oregon Tribes, public bodies, and consumer-owned utilities. Public bodies include counties, municipalities, and special government bodies such as ports and irrigation districts. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis and priority will be given to projects that support program equity goals, demonstrate community energy resilience, and include energy efficiency and demand response.



At least half of the grant funds will be awarded for projects that serve environmental justice communities, including communities of color, lower-income communities, rural communities, and others. Similarly, at least half of the grant funds will be awarded to projects that support

RESOURCES

- [HB 2021](#)
- [CREP Advisory Committee](#)
- [Rulemaking](#)
- [Administrative Rules](#)

- [Program Flyer – Construction Projects](#)
- [Program Flyer – Planning Projects](#)

OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 2022

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- **22-001:** Planning activities for a renewable and resilient project
- **22-002:** Planning activities for a