

# IIJA EECBG Funding Webinar/Listening Session

April 25, 2023



Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) SECTION 40552  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FORMULA AWARDS

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# AGENDA

- About the Oregon Department of Energy
- Brief Overview of Energy Provisions in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
- Overview of USDOE Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Funding Opportunity
- Potential Oregon EECBG Subgrant Program
- Public Comments and Questions





# OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Leading Oregon to a safe, equitable, clean, and sustainable energy future.

## Our Mission

The Oregon Department of Energy helps Oregonians make informed decisions and maintain a resilient and affordable energy system. We advance solutions to shape an equitable clean energy transition, protect the environment and public health, and responsibly balance energy needs and impacts for current and future generations.

## What We Do

On behalf of Oregonians across the state, the Oregon Department of Energy achieves its mission by providing:

- A Central Repository of Energy Data, Information, and Analysis
- A Venue for Problem-Solving Oregon's Energy Challenges
- Energy Education and Technical Assistance
- Regulation and Oversight
- Energy Programs and Activities

# OBJECTIVES FOR TODAY'S WEBINAR

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- To share information about IIJA EECSBG Funding from USDOE.
- To share the Oregon Department of Energy's draft proposal and subgrant program, and to gather input and feedback to ensure it best aligns with small government priorities and meets the objectives of the program.
- To build on comments previously received through ODOE's Comment Portal and provide an opportunity for oral public comments.



## What's that acronym?

**USDOE:** U.S. Department of Energy

**IIJA:** Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

**EECSBG:** Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant

# INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (PL 117-58) will fund the building and repairing of roads and bridges, deployment of broadband internet, strengthening of the electric grid and water systems, and much more.

It includes \$62 billion for USDOE to deliver a more equitable clean energy future for the American people by:

- Investing in American manufacturing and workers.
- Expanding access to energy efficiency and clean energy for families, communities, and businesses.
- Delivering reliable, clean, and affordable power to more Americans.
- Building the technologies of tomorrow through clean energy demonstrations.

# ODOE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

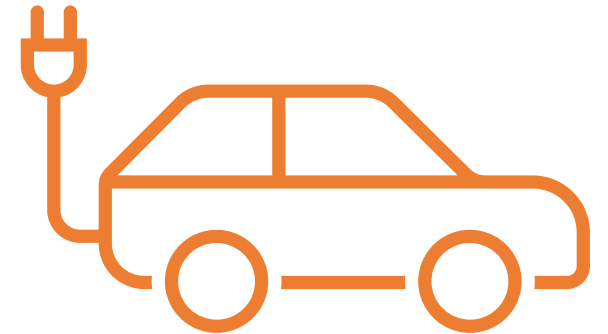
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- Considering **equity at every step**, including geographic diversity. This will help ensure that the funds comply with the Biden-Harris Administration's Justice40 initiative to distribute at least 40% of the benefits to disadvantaged communities.
- Coordinating with **tribal governments** and communicating clearly, inclusively, and efficiently to ensure stakeholders and the public are informed and supported, and that they participate in federal funding opportunities.
- Where possible and internal resources allow, providing **technical assistance** to build community capacity and support grant recipients.
- Building **cross-agency partnerships** to leverage expertise and support historically underinvested work to further energy and climate goals and to provide other community benefits.
- Taking advantage of high-priority funding opportunities while ensuring quality work that puts **every available dollar to its best use**.

# EECBG FORMULA GRANTS – 40552

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program  
Formula Awards to States, Tribes, Large Local Governments  
(Section 40552 of the IIJA):

- **Reduce fossil fuel emissions** in a manner that is environmentally sustainable and maximizes benefits to communities.
- **Reduce total energy use.**
- **Improve energy efficiency** in transportation, buildings, and other sectors.





# EECBG FORMULA GRANTS – 40552

## Initial Application Timeline:

- Pre-Award Information Sheet due April 28, 2023
- Full Application due July 31, 2023

## Lead Agency:

The **Oregon Department of Energy** will be the agency applying for, receiving, and administering State funding under Section 40552 of the IIJA.



# ELIGIBILITY FOR EECBG FORMULA GRANTS

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## Eligible USDOE Formula Grant Applicants

- States
- Tribes
- U.S. Territories
- Large Local Governments

## Subrecipient Eligible Entities

- Local Governments that were not eligible for a direct federal award
- Local Government Consortia

# EECBG FORMULA GRANTS – 40552

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## Funding:

- Total nationwide IIJA appropriation of \$550 million
- Federal legislation set formula for states based on population and energy consumption
  - ▶ Allocation to ODOE: \$1,941,990
- \$8.8 million set aside for local government competitive grants
  - ▶ Oregon local governments are not being considered a priority for this set-aside by USDOE

## Match Requirements:

- None

# ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES UNDER THE EECBG FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM

- Development and implementation of an energy efficiency and conservation strategy
- Retaining technical consultant services to assist the eligible entity in the development of such a strategy
- Conducting residential and commercial building energy audits
- Establishment of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements
- The provision of grants to nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies for the purpose of performing energy efficiency retrofits
- Development and implementation of energy efficiency and conservation programs for buildings and facilities within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity
- Development and implementation of programs to conserve energy used in transportation
- Development and implementation of building codes and inspection services to promote building energy efficiency
- Application and implementation of energy distribution technologies that significantly increase energy efficiency
- Activities to increase participation and efficiency rates for material conservation programs, including source reduction, recycling, and recycled content procurement programs that lead to increases in energy efficiency
- The purchase and implementation of technologies to reduce, capture, and, to the maximum extent practicable, use methane and other greenhouse gases generated by landfills or similar sources
- Replacement of traffic signals and street lighting with energy efficient lighting technologies
- Development, implementation, and installation on or in any government building of the eligible entity of onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable resources
- And programs for financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, and zero-emission transportation (and associated infrastructure), capital investments, projects, and programs, which may include loan programs and performance contracting programs, for leveraging of additional public and private sector funds, and programs that allow rebates, grants, or other incentives for the purchase and installation of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and zero-emission transportation (and associated infrastructure) measures

Measures **that are not allowed** include: Purchasing of new land or construction of a new building or facility

# FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECTS

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- Regular reports on financials, project progression, and metrics
- Davis-Bacon Act requirements for workers
- National Environmental Policy Act
- Build America Buy America Act
- All projects are subject to monitoring and audits by ODOE and USDOE
- These provisions apply to all aspects of the project, including those supported by non-grant funds



# OREGON EECBG DRAFT PROJECT PRIORITIES

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1. To support a resilient and affordable energy system
2. Offer funding opportunities to Oregon cities that are targeted to local needs, with potential projects such as:
  - Home Energy Scores
  - EV Charging Stations
  - City Lighting Retrofits
  - Upgrades to Municipal Buildings
3. Ensure disadvantaged communities receive benefits
4. Support Oregon cities with technical resources
  - Funding to potentially support a consultant to aid communities

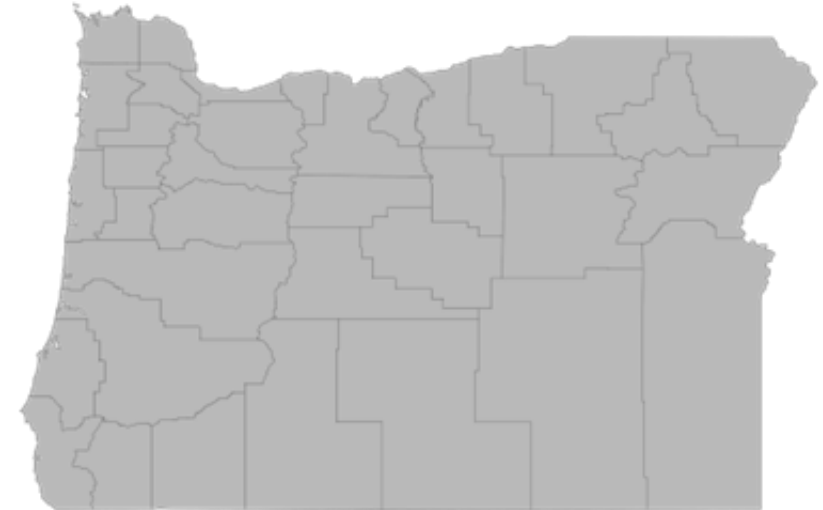


# OREGON EECBG DRAFT FUNDING DISTRIBUTION

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Of the \$1.9 million in federal funds available, ODOE proposes to make at least **65% available in grants to local governments.**

To implement this requirement, ODOE proposes that **project amounts may range between \$50,000 to \$100,000**, which would provide funding for 12 to 25 cities.



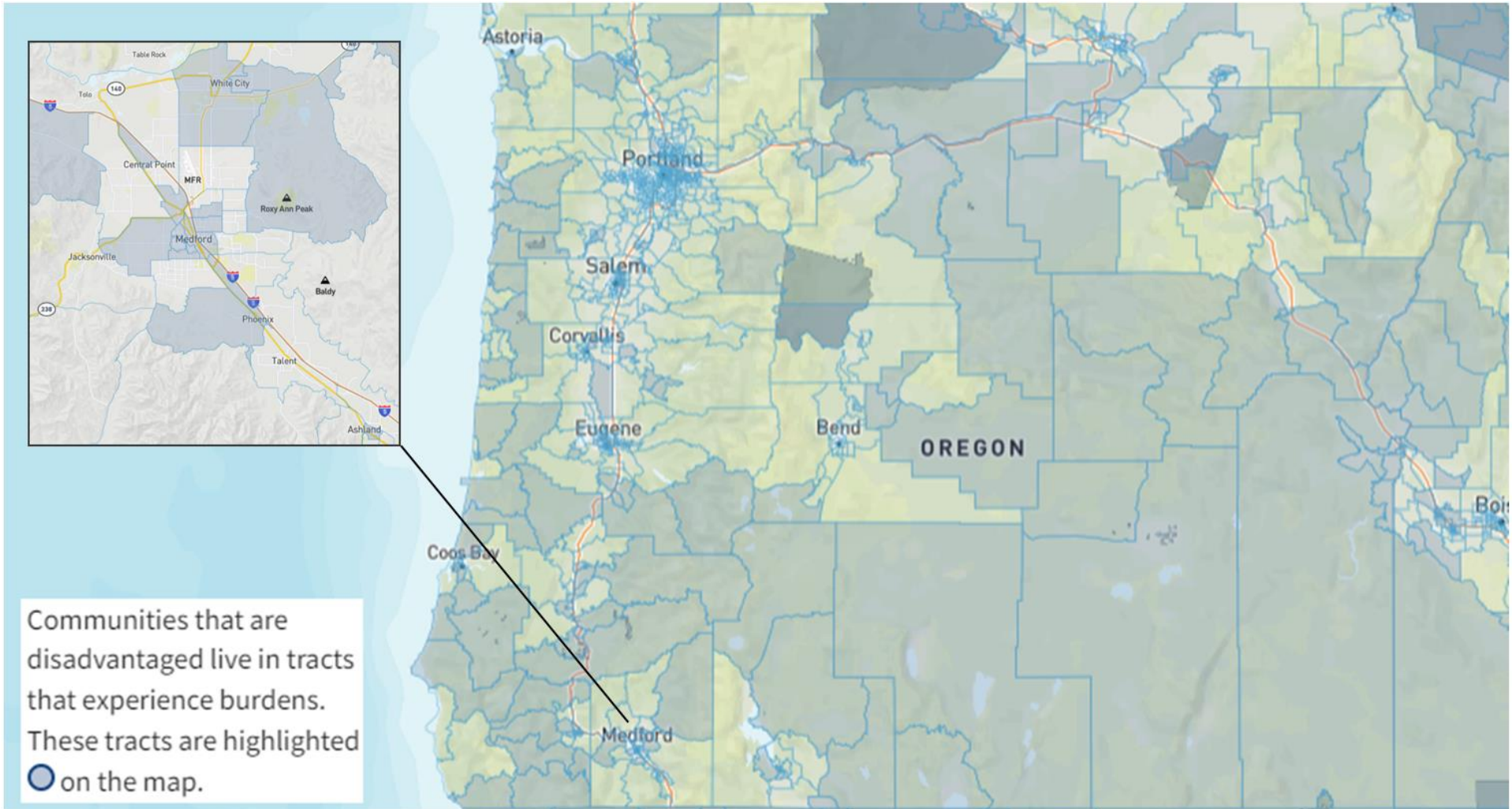
# OREGON EECBG DRAFT FUNDING DISTRIBUTION

## Budget Summary

Estimated Total Budget	\$ 1,941,990
Estimated Subgrants Budget (65%)	\$ 1,262,294
Proposed Subgrant Minimum Budget	\$50,000
Proposed Subgrant Max Award	\$100,000
Estimated Number of Sub-Awards	12 - 25



# Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool



# METHODS OF SUBAWARD

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- Grant opportunities will be posted to ODOE website for a minimum of 60 days.
- Program requirements, scoring matrix, minimum score, Q&A period, application form, and timeline posted with opportunity announcement.
- At the end of the application period, ODOE will confirm project eligibility and complete a competitive review.
- Notice of successful and unsuccessful applications will follow the competitive review.

# OREGON EECBG DRAFT OBJECTIVES AND METRICS

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## Objective 1: Identify local projects that:

- Reduce fossil fuel emissions
  - Reduce total energy use
  - Improve energy efficiency
- ✓ Metrics could include:
- Number of EV charging stations
  - Measured energy use reduction in buildings or equipment
  - Number of energy efficiency projects with estimated deemed savings

## Objective 2: Deliver benefits to disadvantaged communities:

- ✓ Metrics could include:
- Number of consumers in disadvantaged communities benefitting from project work

# WAYS TO ENGAGE

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- 1 **Submit comments on online portal:**  
<https://odoe.powerappsportals.us/en-US/eecbgquestionnaire/>

The online portal for Public Comment will close April 28, 2023 at 5 p.m.

- 2 **Apply for funds:** Look for an opportunity announcement in Fall 2023.
- 3 **Join the Team:** ODOE will be hiring for positions to assist with distribution of funding. For hiring opportunities at ODOE, visit: [www.Oregon.gov/energy/About-Us/Pages/Jobs.aspx](http://www.Oregon.gov/energy/About-Us/Pages/Jobs.aspx)
- 4 **Future opportunities to provide feedback:** ODOE will be working with a consultant to engage with stakeholders during program design this spring.

# NEXT STEPS

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- ODOE will submit the Pre-Award Information Sheet by April 28, 2023
- ODOE will incorporate feedback into our application and program design.
- ODOE will submit application to USDOE no later than July 31, 2023.
- ODOE expects to receive the award agreement for the state in Fall 2023.
- ODOE will share information on subaward process upon receipt of federal award agreement.



# PUBLIC COMMENT

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- Raise your hand and you will be called on to unmute yourself.
- Type your question in the chat window.
- Introduce yourself by stating your name and affiliation.
- Keep comments/questions under 3 minutes to allow time for others.
- Weigh in on ODOE's comment portal by April 28:  
<https://odoe.powerappsportals.us/en-US/eecbgquestionnaire/>



# Thanks for joining us!

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