

Oregon Department of **ENERGY**

Community Renewable Energy Grant Program

Winter/Spring 2023
Opportunity Round

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Jason Knouse

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Application Deadline

Feb 15, 2023 @ 5pm

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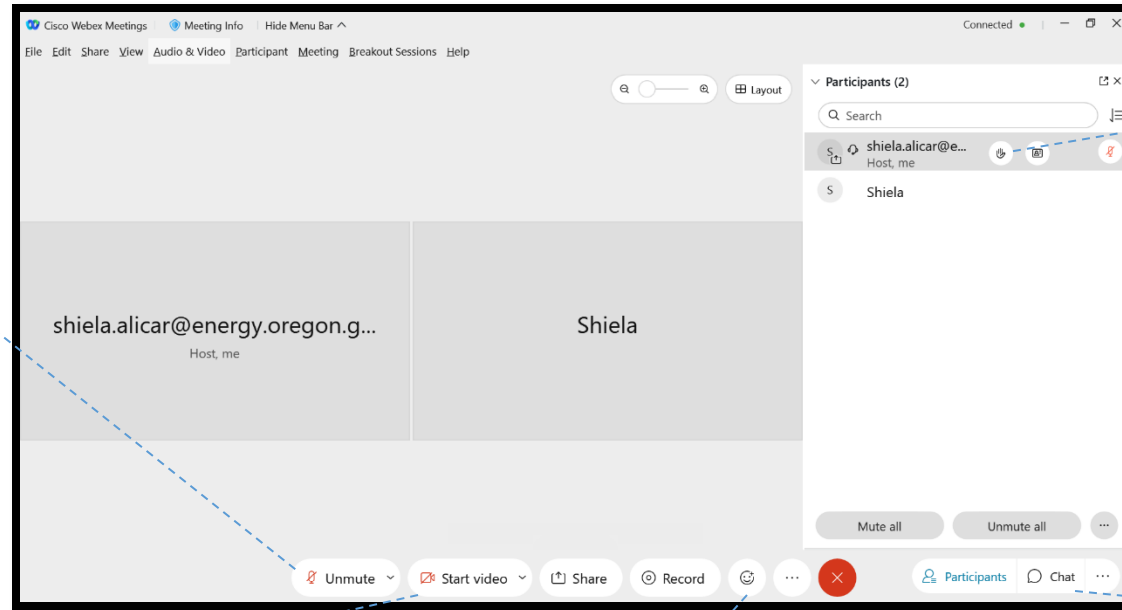
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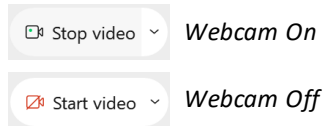
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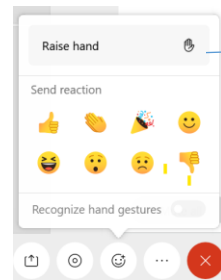
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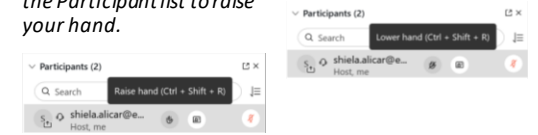


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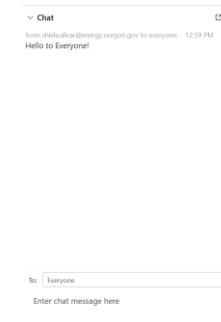
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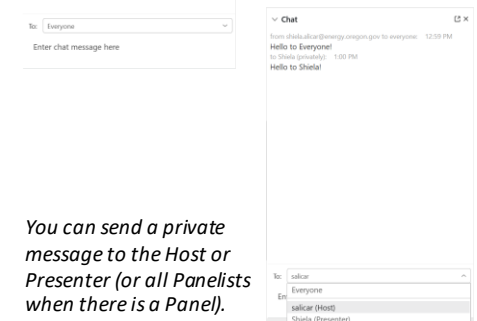
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AGENDA

1:00 p.m.	Application Guidance Round One Review Round Two Competitive Review	Clay Deckert and Jason Knouse Incentive Analysts
1:20 p.m.	Question and Answers with Attendees	Webinar Attendees and ODOE Staff
1:55 p.m.	Final Reminders	Clay Deckert and Jason Knouse Incentive Analysts
2:00 p.m.	End of Webinar	

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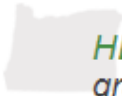
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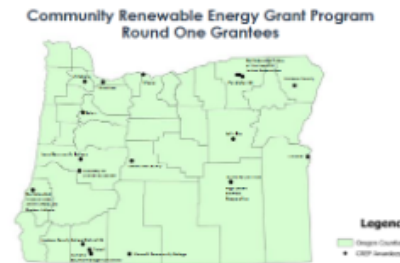
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Planning a community energy resilience project	\$100,000	100%
Constructing a community renewable energy project	\$1,000,000	50%

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Eligibility Requirements

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Required Information

are in the Opportunity

Announcements and in the Online

Application

Please contact us with questions.

Eligibility and Completeness

Required Document Uploads

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Required Document Uploads - Partners

5. If there is a public body partner, written authority to apply.
6. If there is a private business partner, proof of a business site in Oregon.
7. If there is a partner that is an owner of rental property, documentation that the partner owns rental property in Oregon.

Round One Summary

58 Eligible Applications

- 21 Grantees Selected based on Scores and Program Priorities
- Applicant 21 scored 74.4
- Applicants 22-35 scored more than 70 (70.3 - 74.1)

Program Priorities

HB2021 Sec. 30. Para. 10. Summary

1. Community energy **resilience** projects.
2. Significant **prior investments** in energy efficiency.
3. Located in **Environmental Justice** (EJ) communities across the state.
4. Constructed by **disadvantaged business enterprises**, emerging small businesses or businesses that are owned by minorities, women or disabled veterans.
5. **Inclusive hiring** and promotion policies.
6. **Equity metrics** for evaluating the involvement of and **leadership by EJ communities**.
7. Helps achieve goals of **FEMA approved natural hazard mitigation plans**.

IMPORTANT PROGRAM NOTICE

Competitive Review Criteria & Selection Process

- All **Applications are Competitively Reviewed** by External Evaluation Committee and select ODOE Staff.
- Close Review of the Competitive Review Criteria within Applicant's Selected Opportunity Announcement is **Highly Encouraged!**



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Competitive Review Criteria		
Project Strength		
Strength of planning project team: applicant provides a list of significant planning team members, clearly defined roles, sufficient number of team members, experience of the team on similar projects, clear description of partners.	45	Demonstrates significant prior investments in energy efficiency measures at the project location or will result in aggregate improvements to demand response capabilities. Evidence may include utility or Energy Trust of Oregon project documentation or finance statements demonstrating investments.
Strength of project description: applicant adequately describes the project to be planned.		Project constructed in part or in whole by disadvantaged business enterprises, emerging small businesses, or businesses that are owned by minorities, women, or disabled veterans.
Strength of financial plan: applicant demonstrates financial ability to complete the planning.		Applicant includes information detailing the extent to which the project includes inclusive hiring and promotion policies.
Strength of planning project schedule: applicant demonstrates the planning will be completed within 6 months.		
Program Priorities & Project Benefits		
Equity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location in Community: Proposed project is located in a qualifying community. Communities Served: Proposed project provides direct benefits to one or more qualifying communities. Project Leadership: Applicant demonstrates members of qualifying communities are involved in the project and represented in project leadership. Community Partnerships. Applicant provides a description of the consultations with regional stakeholders and community groups, and any additional community engagement process as part of developing the grant application. Community Outreach Plan: Applicant includes a community outreach plan that describes the participation and engagement by People of color, people experiencing lower incomes, members of tribal communities, people from rural communities, people from coastal communities, people from communities with limited infrastructure and members of other communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes and adversely harmed by environmental and health hazards, including seniors, youth and people with disabilities in the siting, planning, designing, or evaluating of the proposed project. This could include, but is not limited to, descriptions of surveys of the local community, attendance or participation at public meetings, community ideas and recommendations incorporated in project plan. An Equity Framework is used by the applicant to guide development, or is proposed to guide implementation or evaluation, of the project. 	10	Strength of community energy resilience aspects of the project (how well does it support and increase the community energy resilience of structures or facilities that are essential to the public welfare, level of importance of the critical public services, how many people will it serve).
		Project assists applicant in achieving goals included in the applicants' natural hazard mitigation plan as approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
		Level of anticipated direct energy cost savings to families and small businesses (amount of savings predicted relative to the grant request amount, number of families and businesses that see direct savings, diversity and types of families and businesses that see the direct benefits).
		Level of anticipated economic development (beyond job creation, will the proposed project increase average incomes, ensure sustainable economic growth, innovation, workforce development, business retention and expansion, and promotion of an environment that supports entrepreneurship and small business development).
		Level of anticipated local jobs directly created during planning the project or during project construction, and directly sustained during operations, in relation to the size of the requested grant amount.
Project Diversity		
Geographic Diversity.		5
Diversity of technology/resource types/project size.		

* Example from OA #22-017: Construction with Resiliency

PROJECT STRENGTH

Overall Project Assessment



45

Project Team
*Project Operations Plan
Project Description
Financial Plan
Project Plan & Schedule

*Construction/Development Projects Only

PROGRAM PRIORITIES

Equity Criteria



10/15

(15) Renewable Only Projects
(10) Renewable Project with Resilience

Location in Community
Communities Served
Community Project Leadership
Community Partnerships
Community Outreach Plan
Equity Framework for Project

PROJECT BENEFITS

Additional Scoring Criteria



35/40

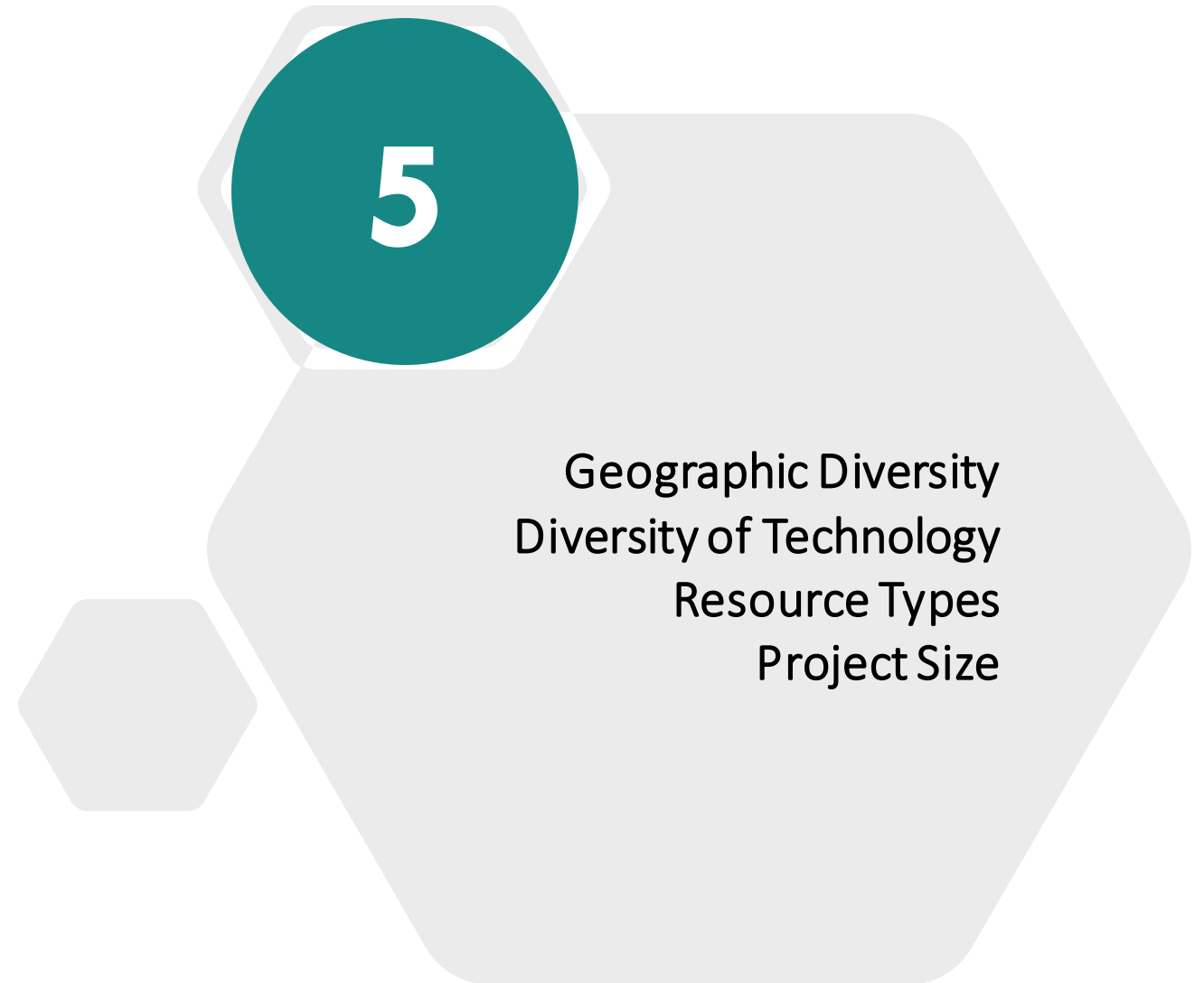
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Prior Investments
Priority Hiring
Inclusive Hiring
*Energy Resilience Aspects
FEMA NHMP
Energy Cost Savings
Economic Development
Anticipated Local Jobs

* Renewable Energy Systems with Resilience Components

PROJECT DIVERSITY

Evaluator's Assessment





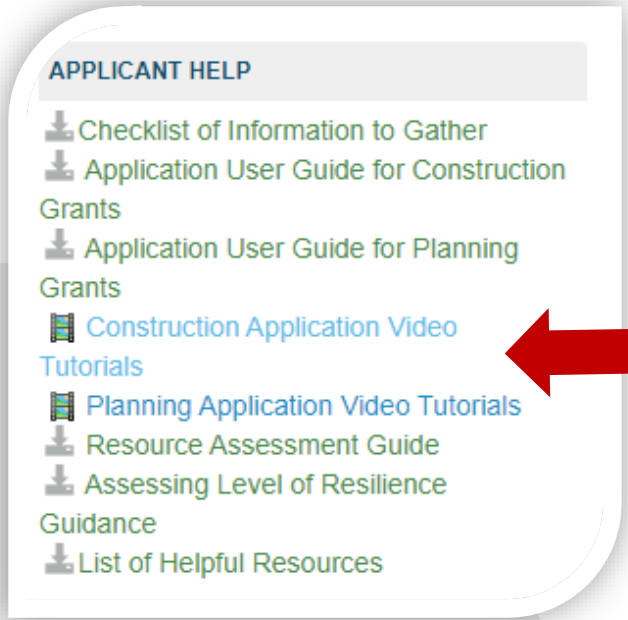
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- Applicants Should **Enter All Responses in the Provided Fields** and in the Question's Requested Format
- File Uploads **Should Only Be** Supporting Documentation and Materials to Responses **and/or As Required** for Application Eligibility
 - **Name Files Clearly** to Match the Related Response(s).

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Recorded Video Series



Each Series Covers Key Application Sections and Questions, and How They Relate to the Competitive Review Scoring Criteria

Available on the ODOE  channel & C-REP Webpage



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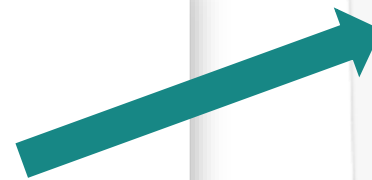
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Ask Community Renewable Energy Grant Program

(*) Indicates a required field.

Have a question about C-REP Opportunity Announcements or the Application? Use the form below.

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Last Name *	<input type="text"/>
Email Address *	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>
Street 1	<input type="text"/>
Street 2	<input type="text"/>
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State/Province	<input type="text"/>
Zip/Postal Code	<input type="text"/>

Select an Opportunity Announcement *

Select a Topic *

Questions/Description *



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What are Your Questions?

Please state your name and
any affiliation/organization



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