

Community Renewable Energy Grant Program

Related Programs and Resources

The following programs and funds may be useful when considering the planning or financing of a community renewable energy project.

[Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program](#): Funds solar and solar with paired solar and storage systems for residential customers and low-income service providers in Oregon. ODOE is currently accepting rebate reservations.

[Energy Efficient Wildfire Rebuilding Incentive Program](#): Incentivizes energy efficient rebuilding of residential and commercial structures destroyed during the 2020 Labor Day wildfires. ODOE is currently accepting applications.

[Heat Pump Incentive Programs](#): SB 1536 (passed in 2022) directed ODOE to develop a \$10 million heat pump deployment program, create a \$15 million grant/rebate program for heat pump installations by landlords, and fund a \$2 million grant for a Community Cooling Center program.

The agency won't have time to get the deployment and rebate programs up and running before 2022's warmest months. ODOE is working to get the program launched as soon as possible, and hopes to get the \$2 million in funding out the door in 2022 to support the Community Cooling Center program through Energy Trust of Oregon.

[Rural & Agricultural Energy Audit Program](#): Provides dollars for energy audits of rural small businesses and agricultural producers. ODOE is now accepting interest forms.

[Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund \(PCEF\)](#): Creating green jobs, funding improvements to homes through renewable energy and energy efficiency investments, and supporting local businesses. (note that Community Renewable Energy Grant Program funds are not eligible within the City of Portland).

[Energy Trust of Oregon](#): Energy Trust information, cash incentives and contractor connections help customers use less energy, generate renewable power, and protect the environment. Eligibility for these incentives are within the service territories of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, NW Natural, Cascade Natural Gas, and Avista (see [service area map](#)).

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) energy efficiency programs in collaboration with Consumer Owned Utilities

- [BPA Comfort Ready Homes](#): Residential weatherization, HVAC, and high-efficiency water-heating.
- [BPA HVAC](#): Efficient heating equipment can reduce electric energy use by 25-40% compared to electric resistance heat. Incentives for ductless heat pumps, air source heat pumps, duct sealing and thermostats.



- [BPA Weatherization](#): Residential measures that include insulation, prime window and patio door replacements, Low-E storm windows, exterior insulated doors, and air sealing. Aimed at reducing unintended air leakage to improve the overall energy performance of a home.
- [BPA Water Heating](#): Water heating accounts for 15-20% of all energy use in homes with electric water heating. Water-saving devices, such as aerators, efficient showerheads, and thermostatic shut-off valves, reduce the energy required to heat water as less water is consumed. BPA supports water heating energy reductions by offering heat pump water heater, aerator, showerhead, and thermostatic shut-off valve measures.
- [BPA Appliances and Consumer Products](#): Energy-efficient residential appliances, consumer products and lighting.
- [BPA New Construction](#): Supports energy efficient new home construction for single-family, multifamily, and manufactured homes, and replacement of older manufactured homes with new energy-efficient manufactured homes.

[Business Oregon](#): Oregon Business Development Department provides access to economic development and financial resources to promote business development, such as tax breaks or incentives

[Oregon Housing and Community Services Energy and Weatherization Assistance](#)

[Oregon Office of Emergency Management](#): The Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) provides several grant opportunities to local and tribal governments to assist in preparedness and mitigation activities.

[Oregon Community Solar Program](#)

[FEMA](#): Grant funds are available for pre and post emergency or disaster related projects. These funds support critical recovery initiatives, innovative research, and many other programs. Grants are the principal funding mechanism FEMA uses to commit and award federal funding to eligible state, local, tribal, territorial, certain private non-profits, individuals, and institutions of higher learning.

[USDA Rural Development Programs](#): Funding to complete energy audits, provide renewable energy development assistance, make energy efficiency improvements, and install renewable energy systems.

[USDA federal funding opportunities U.S. Department of Energy](#): The U.S. Department of Energy Loan Programs Office (LPO) has more than \$40 billion in loans and loan guarantees available to help deploy innovative clean energy, advanced transportation, and tribal energy projects in the United States.

