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# Update on HB 2021 Implementation

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# 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



# What HB 2021 Does

- 100% zero-emissions electricity for Oregon's two largest utilities by 2040
- Increase in small-scale renewables requirement (from 8% to 10%)
- Equity focus: environmental justice communities, clean energy plans, community benefits and impacts advisory group, labor standards
- Small-scale Renewables Study, Community Renewable Energy Grant incentive program, green tariff, labor standards, and much more

# Our Agency Assignments

- Community Renewable Energy Grant Program
- Small-Scale Renewable Energy Study
- Responsible Labor Standards
- No New Fossil-Fuel Power Plants



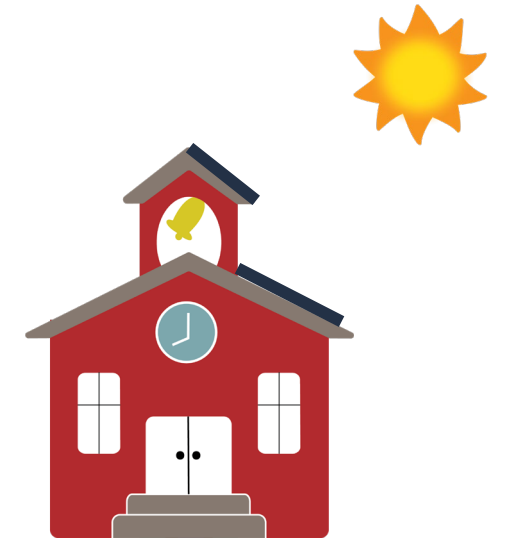


# COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM

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## HB 2021 Establishes the Community Renewable Energy Grant Program to:

- Offset costs of planning and developing community 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 reducing local energy costs.



# Applicant Eligibility

- Tribes
- Counties
- Municipalities
- Special government bodies such as ports and irrigation districts
- Consumer-Owned Utilities
- Outside Portland



Grid Edge Demonstration Project in Eugene  
Photos courtesy of Eugene Water and Electric Board

# Grants to Oregon Communities

PROJECT CATEGORY	MAXIMUM GRANT AWARD	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%

*Opportunity announcements to be posted in March. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis and will include performance agreements and time limits for completing projects.*



# Budget Priorities

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- 50 percent or more for grants to be awarded for planning or developing community renewable energy projects that qualify as **community energy resilience projects**.
- 50 percent or more for grants to be awarded for planning or developing community renewable energy projects that primarily serve **one or more qualifying communities**.



# Community Renewable Energy Grant Program Timeline

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# STUDY OF SMALL-SCALE RENEWABLE PROJECTS

HB 2021 directs ODOE to convene a work group-led study on small-scale and community-based renewables.

[HB 2021](#) requires the study to cover:

- Opportunities and barriers
- Benefits and contributions
- Access and ownership opportunities
- Potential rate impacts
- Potential legislation to encourage small-scale renewables



**Deadline:** September 30, 2022

# Policy for Small Scale Renewable Projects

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Oregon's policies to support small-scale renewable projects include the Oregon RPS, small-scale renewable mandate, net metering, and the Public Purpose Charge.

## Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA)

- Creates Qualifying Facilities (QF) – small power producers under 80 MW
- Requires utilities to purchase power from QFs at avoided cost rates
- State Public Utility Commissions implement PURPA
- In Oregon, solar QFs under 3MW and other renewable QFs under 10MW can access standard pricing contracts

# Types of Projects the Work Group Will Study

**Small-Scale Renewable Energy Projects.** Eligible to meet Oregon’s small-scale renewable energy project mandate:

- 20 megawatts or lower capacity
- Oregon RPS eligible (excluding net-metered projects)

**Community-Based Renewable Energy Projects.** Projects meeting HB 2021 definition:

- 20 megawatts or lower capacity
- Provide direct benefits to a particular community, or
- Result in increased resiliency, community stability, local jobs, or economic development.

## Oregon RPS Eligible Resources

Wind



Solar



Geothermal



Biomass / Biogas



Marine Hydrokinetic  
(Wave)



Certain Hydropower



Renewable Hydrogen



# RESPONSIBLE LABOR STANDARDS

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**HB 2021 requires developers of renewable electricity projects greater than 10 megawatts to adhere to labor standards.**

Developers must attest that all contractors and subcontractors will:

- Participate in apprenticeship programs
- Adopt plans and policies for:
  - Equitable hiring practices
  - Preventing workplace harassment and discrimination
  - Promoting workplace DEI
- Maintain licenses and good standing.

Developers must also require all contractors and subcontracts pay prevailing wages and provide health and retirement benefits to employees.

# Responsible Labor Standards Implementation

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## ODOE Website

Dedicated webpage providing:

- Description of RLSA
- Summary of requirements
- Resources for developers
- Instructions for submitting and requesting RSLAs

## Attestation Form

Straightforward online attestation form to collect:

- Contact Information
- Project Information
- Labor standards policies and practices

## Templates

ODOE has developed templates for:

- Gathering documentation
- Collecting information to confirm they materially demonstrate a history of compliance



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