



OREGON  
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ENERGY

# Update on Incentive Programs

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# Incentive Programs

- Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program
- Community Renewable Energy Grant Program
- Energy Efficient Wildfire Rebuilding Program
- Oregon Rural & Agricultural Energy Audit Program

...Coming Soon: Heat Pump Incentives



# OREGON SOLAR + STORAGE REBATE PROGRAM

## HB 2618 (2019) directed ODOE to:

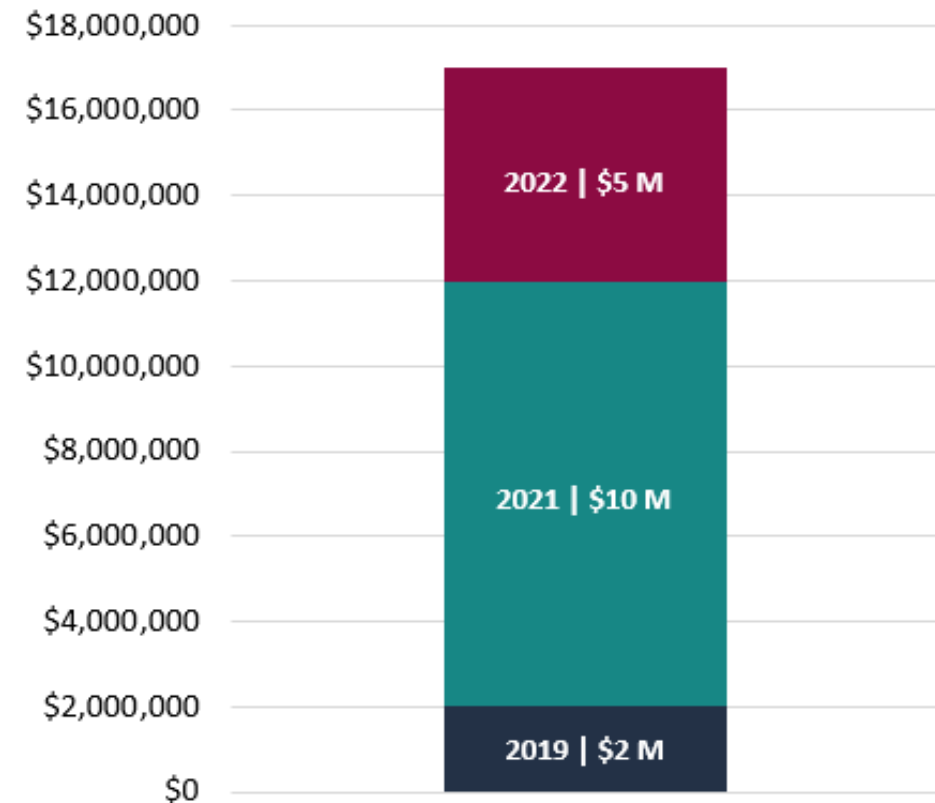
- Provide incentives to support rooftop solar projects statewide
- Include an option to add storage when the solar PV system is installed
- Support low-income service providers and low-to-moderate income households with an elevated rebate rate and a 25% carve out
- Work with solar contractors, who apply for the rebates on behalf of their customers and who market the program in their work



# OREGON SOLAR + STORAGE REBATE PROGRAM

## State Investments: 2019 - 2022

- HB 2618 (2019) - \$2 million
- HB 5006 (2021) - \$10 million
- SB 5202 (2022) - \$5 million





# Results

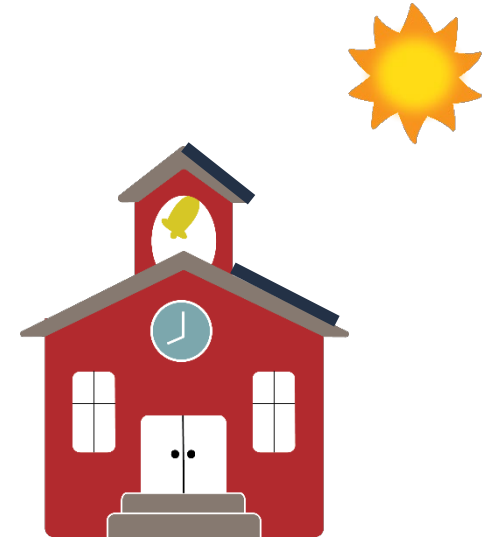
- 1,855 projects in 29 counties
- Over \$6.2 million in rebates completed or in process
- Supporting over \$69.5 million investment in clean energy
- 60 approved contractors
- 37% to low- to moderate-income



# COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM

**HB 2021 established the Community Renewable Energy Grant Program to:**

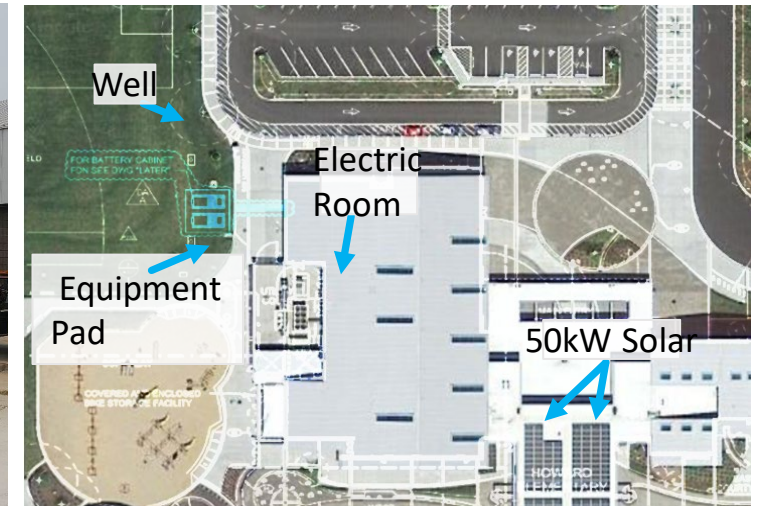
- Offset costs of planning and developing community renewable energy projects
- Support projects in traditionally underserved communities
- Promote small-scale community renewable energy projects
- Provide direct benefits to communities across Oregon by improving energy resilience, creating local jobs,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

# 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 environmental justice communities**.



# GRANTS TO OREGON COMMUNITIES

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| 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%               |

*Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis and will include performance agreements and time limits for completing projects.*

# Program Timeline

2021

**Summer.** Implementation planning.

**September.** Established Advisory Committee.

**Fall.** Developed draft rules, staff recruitment.

2022

**January.** Program rules finalized, program manager on board.

**January – May.** Community outreach.

**March 4.** Opportunity Announcements posted.



**May 23.** Application portal open; first round reviews starting July 8.

# ENERGY EFFICIENT WILDFIRE REBUILDING INCENTIVE

## HB 5006:

SECTION 111. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the **State Department of Energy**, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of **\$10,831,296, for a grant program to incentivize energy efficient rebuilding** after the 2020 wildfires.





# INCENTIVES

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## Residential structure:

- Code: \$3,000
- Above code: \$6,000

## Residential structure w/low- or moderate-income owner:

- Code: \$7,500
- Above code: \$15,000

## Manufactured dwelling:

- New energy efficient manufactured dwelling: \$12,500
- Heat pump system installation: up to \$5,000

## Commercial, Public, and Multifamily:

- Code: \$3,000 (\$4,000 if over 25,000 sq ft)
- Above code: \$8,000 (\$10,000 if over 25,000 sq ft)
- Additional \$500/unit (max \$18,000) for low-income housing



# SUPPORTING SURVIVORS

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- Applications opened April 19
- So far:
  - Over 200 Applications Received or In Process
- Next Steps:
  - Reaching out to the organizations supporting survivors, including counties, cities, and disaster case managers
  - Direct engagement with survivors
  - Continuous program evaluation

# RURAL & AGRICULTURAL ENERGY AUDIT PROGRAM

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Energy audits and assessments help save energy and money, and plan for future capital investments.

- ODOE received a \$100,000 USDA Rural Energy Development Assistance (REDA) Grant
- Grant dollars cover up to 75% of energy audit costs
  - Participants responsible for remaining 25% (may be reimbursable)
- Eligible Participants:
  - Agricultural Producers
  - Rural Small Businesses



# Questions/Comments?

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