

Formula Grants to State and Tribes for Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid

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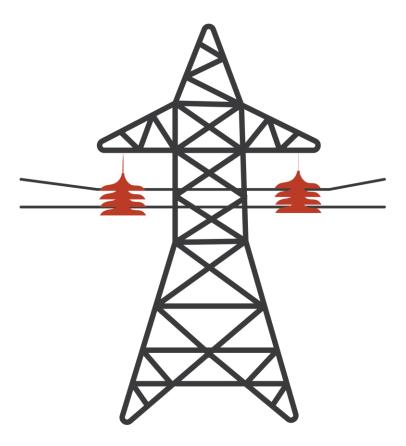
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GRID RESILIENCE FORMULA GRANTS – 40101D

Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Formula Grants to States and Tribes (Section 40101(d) of the IIJA):

- Improve the all-hazards resilience of the electric grid against disruptive events.
- Generate the **greatest community benefit** in reducing the likelihood and consequences of disruptive events.
- Advance DOE's equity, environmental and energy justice priorities, including the Justice40 Initiative.
- Invest in America's workforce.





USDOE's Funding Opportunity Announcement for IIJA Section 40101(d) can be accessed here: <u>https://netl.doe.gov/bilhub/grid-resilience/formula-grants</u>

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES UNDER THE GRID RESILIENCE FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM

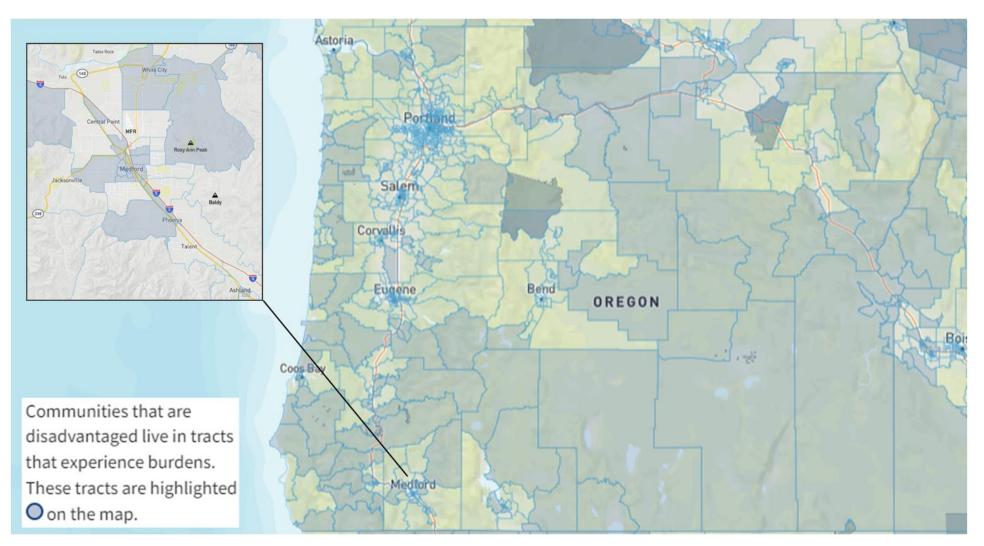
- Weatherization technologies and equipment
- Fire-resistant technologies and fire prevention systems
- Monitoring and control technologies
- The undergrounding of electrical equipment
- Utility pole management
- The relocation of power lines or the reconductoring of power lines with low-sag, advanced conductors
- Vegetation and fuel-load management

- The use or construction of distributed energy resources for enhancing system adaptive capacity during disruptive events, including:
 - Microgrids; and
 - Battery-storage subcomponents
- Adaptive protection technologies
- Advanced modeling technologies
- Hardening of power lines, facilities, substations, of other systems; and
- The replacement of old overhead conductors and underground cables.

Resilience measures that are not allowed include:

• Construction of a new: a) electric generating facility; or b) large-scale battery-storage facility that is not used for enhancing system adaptive capacity during disruptive events; or Cybersecurity

Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool





Enhanced Grid Resilience and Reliability

- Fewer outages
- Fewer disruptions to businesses and families
- Lower risk of fire from downed lines
- Potential reduced burden on ratepayers
- A portion of the projects will be targeted to benefit disadvantaged communities
- Workforce development

Over the life of the program:

- + ~ \$50 Million Federal investment
- + ~ \$7.5 Million State of Oregon match
- ~ \$15.8 \$39 Million subrecipient match (based on the electricity sales of the subrecipient)
- Between \$73 Million and \$96
 Million in total program investments





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