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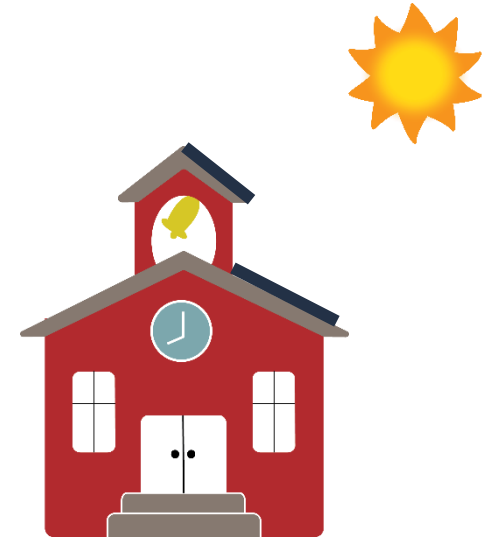
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COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM

HB 2021 established this \$50 million 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



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469A.400

“Environmental Justice Communities”

- Communities of color
- Communities experiencing lower incomes
- Tribal communities
- Rural communities
- Coastal communities
- Communities with limited infrastructure
- Other communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes and adversely harmed by environmental and health hazards, including seniors, youth and persons with disabilities

PROBLEM: It's harder for some communities to apply for grants and other resources.



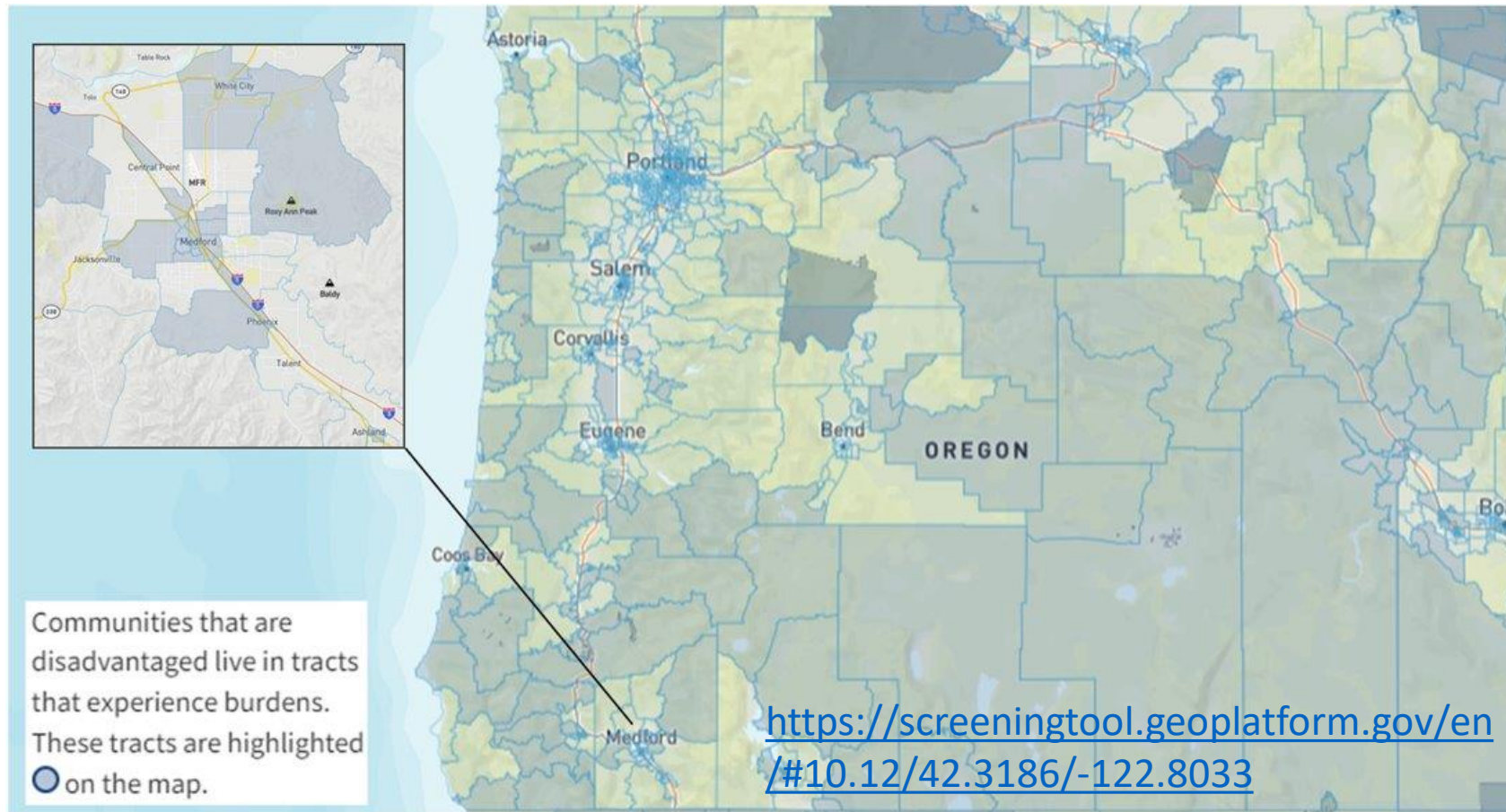
SOLUTION: Program at ODOE to connect knowledge and expertise on energy funding with under-resourced communities

NEW FEDERAL FUNDING OPTIONS: COMMUNITIES

- [Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program](#)
- [Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund Capitalization Grant Program](#)
- [Rural And Municipal Utility Advances Cybersecurity Grant and Technical Assistance Program](#)
- [Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas Program](#)
- [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund](#)
- [Climate Pollution Reduction Grants](#)
- [Environmental Justice Block Grants](#)
- [USDA Assistance for Rural Electric Cooperatives](#)

JUSTICE40 INITIATIVE

Federal directive that 40% of dollars go to underserved communities



Senate Bill 852

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs State Department of Energy to establish program to provide assistance related to energy projects and activities to environmental justice communities.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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Relating to State Department of Energy program to provide assistance to environmental justice communities.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. The State Department of Energy shall establish a program to provide assistance related to energy projects and activities to environmental justice communities, as defined in ORS 469A.400. At a minimum, the program must provide environmental justice communities with information regarding:

- (1) Funding resources.**
 - (2) Technical assistance.**
 - (3) Other support that may be available.**
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Questions/Comments?

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