

# Solar Incentive Programs

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# **Incentive Programs**

- Oregon Solar + Storage RebateProgram
- 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

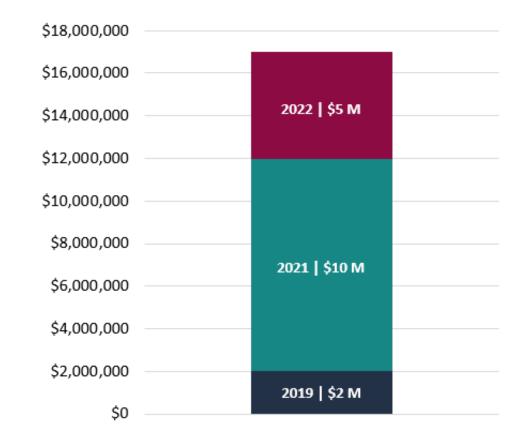




## **OREGON SOLAR + STORAGE REBATE PROGRAM**

## State Investments: 2019 - 2022

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



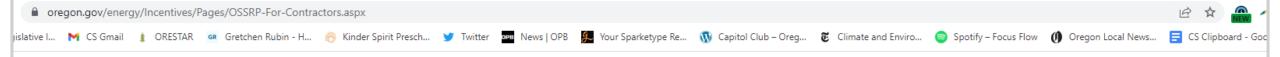


# Results

- 2989 projects rebated or reserved in 29 counties
- Over \$9.6 million in rebates completed or in process
- Supporting nearly \$112 million investment in clean energy
- 60 approved contractors
- 37% of funds for low- to moderate-income
- About \$4 million left in LMI, \$2 million in non-income restricted







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## Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program: Contractors



Many thanks to the solar contractors who are helping make our program successful!

Please see our program homepage for remaining program budget. Our pages *for homeowners* and *for low-income service providers* provide additional information on individual rebate amounts and other details about the program.

Note: contractors must submit a reservation application **before starting construction or installation of a solar system or paired solar and storage system** in order to be eligible for a rebate .

#### How Do I Become an Approved Contractor?

Interested contractors can sign up through ODOE's customer service portal. First-time users must begin by clicking on "register" to create an account. You may then sign in to complete the requested information. ODOE staff will follow up to confirm successful enrollment in the program.

#### How Do I Reserve Rebates for My Customers?

Contractors will use PowerClerk to reserve rebates and complete the application process.

ODOE has developed an online user guide for contractors to use the PowerClerk system.

Please contact the Solar + Storage Rebate Team if you have questions.

#### How Do I Receive a Rebate Payment?

#### RESOURCES

- HB 2618

## Sign Up For Email Updates

#### FOR CONTRACTORS

- ▲ Approved Contractors
- Contractor Sign-Up
- La PowerClerk Guide for Contractors
- PowerClerk
- La Frequently Asked Questions
- ▲ About Rebate Payments
- ✓ Video of 9/22/21 Q&A Session

#### **FORMS**

#### For Contractor Use

- ▲Low-Income Service Provider Eligibility
- ▲Low- and Moderate Income Eligibility
- Verification (Option 1)
- Low- and Moderate Income Eligibility

  Verification (Option 2)

## 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**

- 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

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**



Summer. HB 2021 passed.

**September.** Established Advisory Committee.

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



**January-May.** Finalized rules and built application.

June-September. First applications accepted and reviewed.



October. Round 1 awards granted, Round 2 applications open.

**December.** Round 2 applications close.



Winter-Spring. Round 2 applications reviewed and awards granted.

**By Summer.** Agency budget passes.

**Late Summer.** Round 3 applications open.

# **OUTCOME: APPLICANTS SELECTED**

Total: 22

• Construction: 14

• Planning: 8

## Types of applicant:

- City
- Community college
- County
- Federally recognized Oregon Indian tribe
- Intergovernmental body
- Public charter school
- Public university
- School district

Geographic Region	Projects
Valley and North Coast	3
Southern Oregon	5
Metro	2
Central Oregon	4
Eastern Oregon	8



# **OUTCOME: APPLICANTS SELECTED**

Applicant Organization Name		
Academy for Character Education	City of Talent	
	Confederated Tribe of Umatilla Indian	
Burns Paiute Tribe	Reservation	
	Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower	
City of Ashland	Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians	
City of Gresham	Deschutes County	
City of Hillsboro	High Desert Biomass Cooperative	
City of John Day	Jackson County School District No. 6	
City of Mosier	Klamath Community College	
City of Ontario Oregon	Lane Community College	
City of Pendleton	Southern Oregon University	
City of Salem	Wallowa County	





community energy resilience.

Grant Amounts

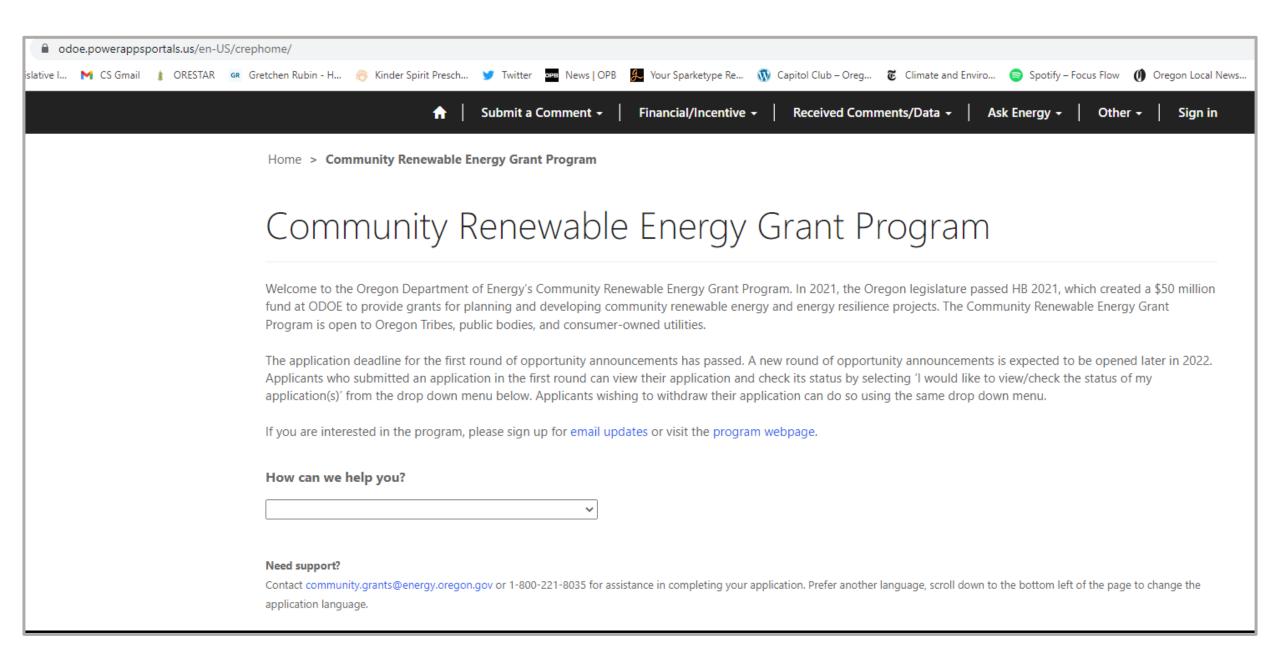
**Project** 

July 8, 2022

• 22-001: Planning activities for a

- renewable and resilient project

   22-002: Planning activities for a
- 22-002: Planning activities for a renewable project
- 22-003: Construction of a renewable and resilient project
- 22-004: Construction of a renewable



## 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.





