

# Oregon Community Renewable Energy Grant Program Advisory Committee Meeting #6

October 13, 2022



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*Harney County, Oregon*

# MEETING LOGISTICS

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- **Logistics**
  - Note that we'll be recording this meeting and will post it online for reference
  - Please feel free to use the Chat to ask questions, ODOE staff will be monitoring the Chat
  - Please use the “raise hand” function to indicate interest in asking a question or making a comment
  - We have set aside time for Public Comment towards end of meeting
- **Are there any questions on how to use WebEx to participate in this meeting?**

Program Page: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/Incentives/Pages/CREP.aspx>

Advisory Committee: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/Get-Involved/Pages/CREP-Advisory-Committee.aspx>



# HOW THIS MEETING WILL BE FACILITATED

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## Panelists and Participants

- Panelists: Advisory Committee Members and ODOE Staff
- Participants: There is time reserved at the end of the agenda for public comment. You can send questions through chat throughout the meeting.

## Community Agreements: Designed to foster inclusive and respectful meeting today

- Be present and ready to learn
- Be respectful to others
- Learning happens outside of our comfort zones
- Listen to learn and not to respond
- Thank you for being flexible and patient around any technology needs or changes
- If you need something at this meeting, ask for it!
  - Technical issues or questions: Contact **Patricia** in the chat

# AGENDA

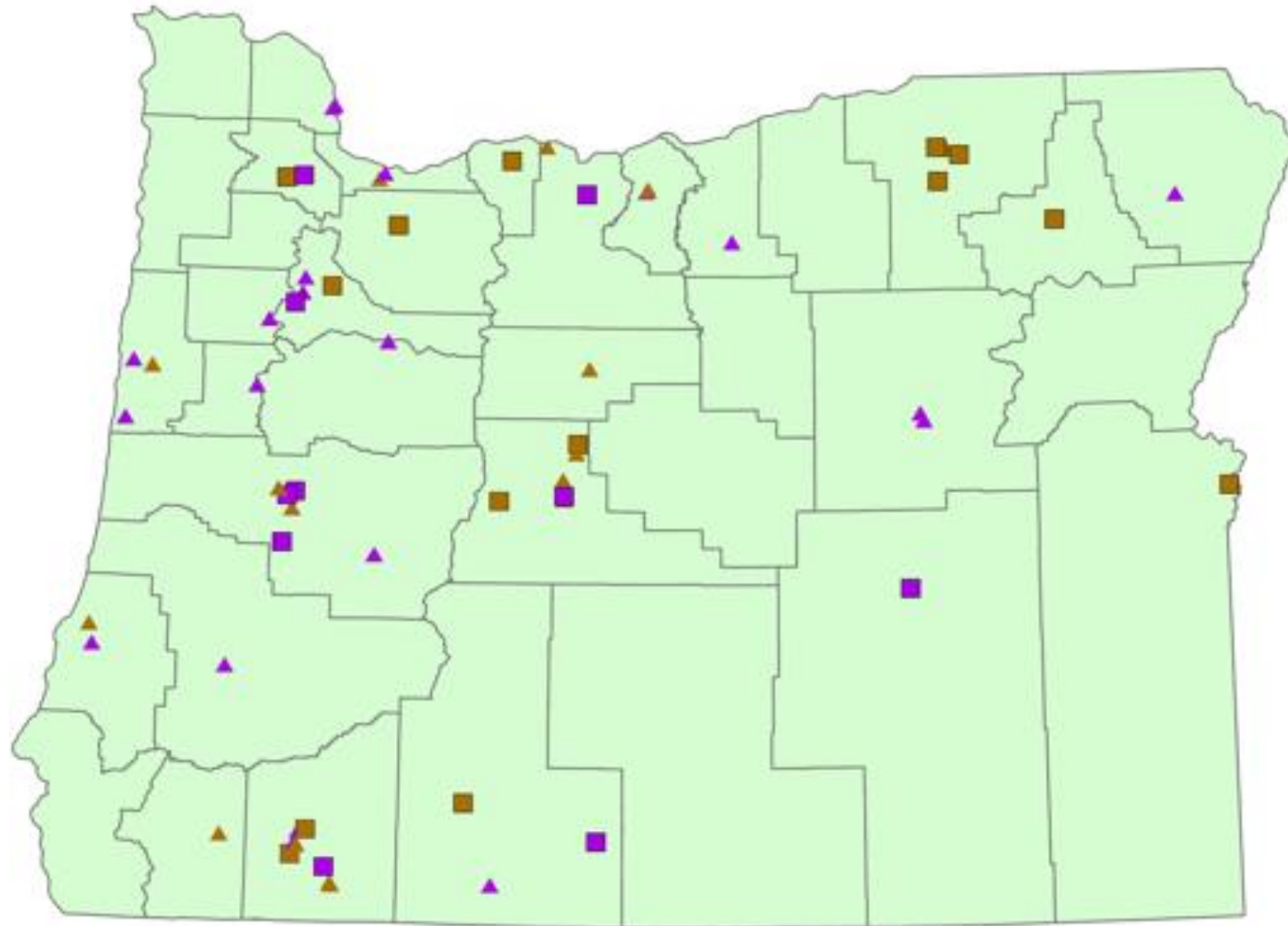
2:00 – 2:05	Welcome: Objectives, Logistics & Agenda
2:05 – 2:20	Who Applied?
2:20 – 2:40	The Review Process
2:40 - 2:55	What's Next? Round 2 and Beyond
2:55 – 3:00	Public Comment

# ROUND 1: WHO APPLIED?

## 56 Applicants Submitted 68 Applications

<b>4 Tribes</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5 Counties</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>24 Cities</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>4 Consumer Owned Electric Utility</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>1 County-School District Cooperative</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>1 People's Utility District</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>1 Fire Protection District</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>1 Water and Sanitary District</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>1 Sanitary Authority</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>1 Irrigation District</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>3 State Agencies</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>1 Library District</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>1 Public University</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>1 Public Charter School</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2 Public School Districts</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>5 Community Colleges</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>

# ROUND 1: THE APPLICANT MAP



## Legend

### Project Sites

### Application Type

- Construction Renewable
- ▲ Construction Resilience
- Planning Renewable
- ▲ Planning Resilience
- County\_Lines

# ROUND 1: WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS?

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- 34 planning (23 resilience, 11 non-resilience)
- 34 construction (21 resilience, 13 non-resilience)
- Requested Grants around \$27 million for projects including:
- Generation:
  - Solar Electricity: Rooftop; ground-mounted, fixed and tracking; floating
  - Biomass Thermal: District Heating
  - Biogas/Combined Generation Thermal and Electric
  - Hydroelectric
- Resilience:
  - Battery Storage, Microgrids, EV Charging paired with a Renewable Energy System



# KEY QUESTION FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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What gaps do you see in the list of applicants?

# ROUND 1 REVIEW PROCESS

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<b>#1</b>	Completion & Eligibility Review
<b>#2</b>	Competitive Review (External & Internal) & Technical Feasibility (Internal)
<b>#3</b>	Director's Award Process

# COMPETITIVE REVIEW PROCESS

## Competitive Review Committee: Plan versus Actual

PLAN	ACTUAL
Size: 5-8 people per group (20-32 total)	Size: 5-7 people per group (17 total)
Time Commitment: 20 hours a week	Time Commitment: 20 hours a week, 6 weeks total, average application review time: 75-90 minutes
Compensation: offered to all	Compensation: three members in process; \$100 per application reviewed

- All members filled out conflict of interest and committee agreement forms
- 36 individuals filled out interest form to serve on external review committee
- Program was “largely oversubscribed,” an option we planned for, and timeline was extended
- Held kickoff, check-in, and wrap-up meetings with external review committee members

# 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 North Coast	3
Southern Oregon	5
Metro	2
Central Oregon	4
Eastern Oregon	8

Note: one project still to confirm they wish to move forward.

# OUTCOME: APPLICANTS SELECTED

Applicant Organization Name	
Academy for Character Education	City of Talent
Burns Paiute Tribe	Confederated Tribe of Umatilla Indian Reservation
City of Ashland	Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower 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

# KEY QUESTIONS FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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What do you think we could or should do differently in reviewing applications?

Do you have any concerns with the process or outcome?

# A LESSON LEARNED

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Answers related to “qualifying community”

## Round One Question:

Describe the extent to which the community renewable energy project would be located in and/or serve one or more qualifying communities. This should include a description of the location and the communities served.

# A LESSON LEARNED

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**Round Two Questions:**

**Is the project located in an Environmental Justice community, yes or no?**

**If yes, describe the Environmental Justice Community.**



# A LESSON LEARNED

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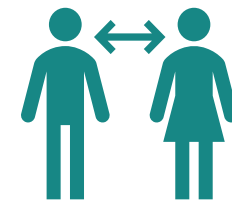
**Does the project primarily serve members of an Environmental Justice community, yes or no?**

**If yes, how?**

# ROUND 2 CHANGES TO APPLICATION

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- Question structure
- Question language
- Other improvements to aid:
  - Completeness and eligibility review
  - Reporting of information
  - Program processes



# ROUND 2 TIMELINE - *DRAFT*

## Draft Plan – Subject to Change

<b>By end of October</b>	Application Opens
<b>Mid December</b>	Application Closes
<b>Mid December to End of January</b>	Completion & Eligibility Review
<b>Early February to Mid March</b>	Competitive Review (External & Internal) & Technical Feasibility (Internal)
<b>Mid April</b>	Director's Award Process and Final Selection

# NEXT STEPS

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- Next Advisory Committee meeting – December
  - Main topics: report on Round 2 applicants, public engagement ahead of Round 3 and beyond
- C-REP at the Legislature
  - Budget
  - Small-Scale Report
  - Round 3 in 23-25 Biennium

# KEY QUESTIONS FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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How can staff support re-applicants without creating conflicts of interest?

Are there any groups we should connect with based on gaps in the applicant pool?



# Public Comment

- Please state your name and any affiliation/organization
- Please aim to keep comments to 3 minutes or less

**Thank you!**

**For questions or more information:**

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