

Oregon Department of **ENERGY**

Community Renewable Energy Grant Program

Advisory Committee
Meeting **(Q1 2023)**

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MEETING LOGISTICS

- **Logistics**
 - **Note:** Meeting is being recorded and will be posted 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?

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Attendees (1)

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Hello to Everyone!

to Sheila (private) 1:00 PM

Hello to Sheila!

To: shIELa

From: Everyone

shIELa (Host)

Sheila (Presenter)

You can send a private message to the Host or Presenter (or all Panelists when there is a Panel).

HOW THIS MEETING WILL BE FACILITATED

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 via 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**

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AGENDA

3:00 – 3:05	Welcome & Meeting Details
3:05 – 3:25	C-REP Team Updates for Rounds One, Two & Three
3:25 - 3:45	Advisory Committee: Questions & Vacancy Discussion
3:45 – 4:00	Public Comment

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December 2022 Meeting: Follow-up & Action Items

DEC MEETING: OUTREACH DISCUSSION

Highlights of Committee Recommendations (R2 / R3)

- Engage businesses related to C-REP projects/applicants
- Meet with County/City Emergency Managers
- Outreach to Social Justice Foundations, Organizations and Grassroots Community Entities
- Focus on Community Libraries (central meetings hubs in local emergencies)
- On-site Visits/Presentations by C-REP Team or ODOE Outreach Specialist (plus engage local media coverage)
- Increase Coordination with ETO, Other State-wide groups
- Packaged Outreach & Application Support (videos, guides)



DEC MEETING: ACTION ITEMS

● Recorded Web Video Series: Applicant Engagement

- Highlights of key application questions and response guidance across Planning and Construction opportunities to aid applicants and partners strengthen applications.

● Round Two Webinar: Applicant Check-in/Support

- During the open application period, team directly engaged current and interested applicants to answer questions and provide additional support prior to portal closing.

● CREP FAQ Development

- Merged R1 and R2 Questions/Answers into Easy-to-Use Frequently Asked Question Resource on CREP Webpage



ROUND 3: ENGAGEMENT PLANNING

Planned Outreach for Round Three:

- Record C-REP Program Highlights/Benefits Video for Stakeholder Distribution to Drive Awareness:
 - On-site Meetings
 - Custom Webinars
 - Packaged Presentations for Stakeholders
- Utilize ODOE Resources (**Outreach Specialist/RARE Team**) to Engage Community Groups, Grassroots Organizations, Rural Communities and Local Political/Business Leaders
- Collaborate with ODOE Program Teams to Share Related Contacts & Outreach Best Practices



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Round Two Update: Overview and Program Status



ROUND TWO: ENHANCEMENTS

Round Two improvements recommended by program stakeholders and prior round applicants, partners and external reviewers:

- **\$12 Million Available**
 - Up to \$2M Allotment for Planning Projects (\$1M each)
- **Improved Application Instructions & Resources**
- **Fully Digital Application Evaluation & Scoring for Competitive Review Process**
- **Outreach to Prior Applicants & Enhanced Support/Guidance Before and During the Open Application Period**



ROUND 2 TIMELINE

Currently in Competitive Review

Dec 28, 2022	Application Opened
Feb 15, 2023	Application Closed
Feb 20 - March 22	Completion & Eligibility Review End
Mar 27 – Apr 21	Competitive Review & Technical Feasibility (Approximate*)
Apr 24 – May 15	Scoring Calculations, Recommendations & Director’s Award Notification (Approximate*)

*Subject to Change

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Round Two Applications: Submitted / Eligibility & Completeness

ROUND 2: SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS

52 Submitted Applications

24 Construction

- 11 Renewable-Only Energy Projects
- 13 Renewable with Resilience

28 Planning

- 13 Renewable-only Energy Projects
- 15 Renewable Energy Projects with Resilience

Round 1 Review:

- 68 Submitted
- 34 Construction
- 34 Planning

ROUND 2: ELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

47 Eligible Applications for Competitive Review

26 Construction

- 10 Renewable-Only Energy Projects
- 11 Renewable Energy Resilience Projects

26 Planning

- 9 Renewable-Only Energy Projects
- 17 Renewable Energy Resilience Projects

- **2 Ineligible Applicants**
- **3 Withdrawn Applications**

Round 1 Review:

- 58 Eligible/Complete
- 26 Construction
- 32 Planning

R2 Total Grant Requests:
\$16,922,784

COMPETITIVE REVIEW: Construction

Construction: **21 Projects**

10 Renewable-Only

- 4 Cities
- 1 Community College
- 1 Public University
- 2 Rural Fire Protection Districts
- 1 Library District
- 1 Special Government Body

11 Energy Resilience

- 6 Cities
- 1 County
- 1 Library District
- 1 Community College
- 1 Consumer-Owned Utility
- 1 Public School District



COMPETITIVE REVIEW: Planning

Planning: **26 Projects**

9 Renewable-Only

- 5 Cities
- 2 Consumer-Owned Utilities
- 1 Public School District
- 1 State Agency

17 Energy Resilience

- 4 Cities
- 4 Counties
- 3 Community Colleges
- 1 People's Utility District
- 1 Water and Sanitary District
- 1 Rural Fire Protection District
- 1 Irrigation District
- 2 Public School Districts

PROJECT STRENGTH

- Project Team
- Operations Plan
- Project Description
- Financial Plan
- *Construction Plan

* On Construction Projects Only

45 Points
Combined



PROGRAM PRIORITIES

- Location in Community
- Communities Served
- Project Leadership (Community)
- Community Partnerships
- Community Outreach Plan
- Equity Framework

Equity Criteria



(15) Renewable Only
(10) Energy Resilience

10/15
Points
Combined



PROJECT BENEFITS

Additional Scoring Criteria



(35) Renewable Only
(40) Energy Resilience

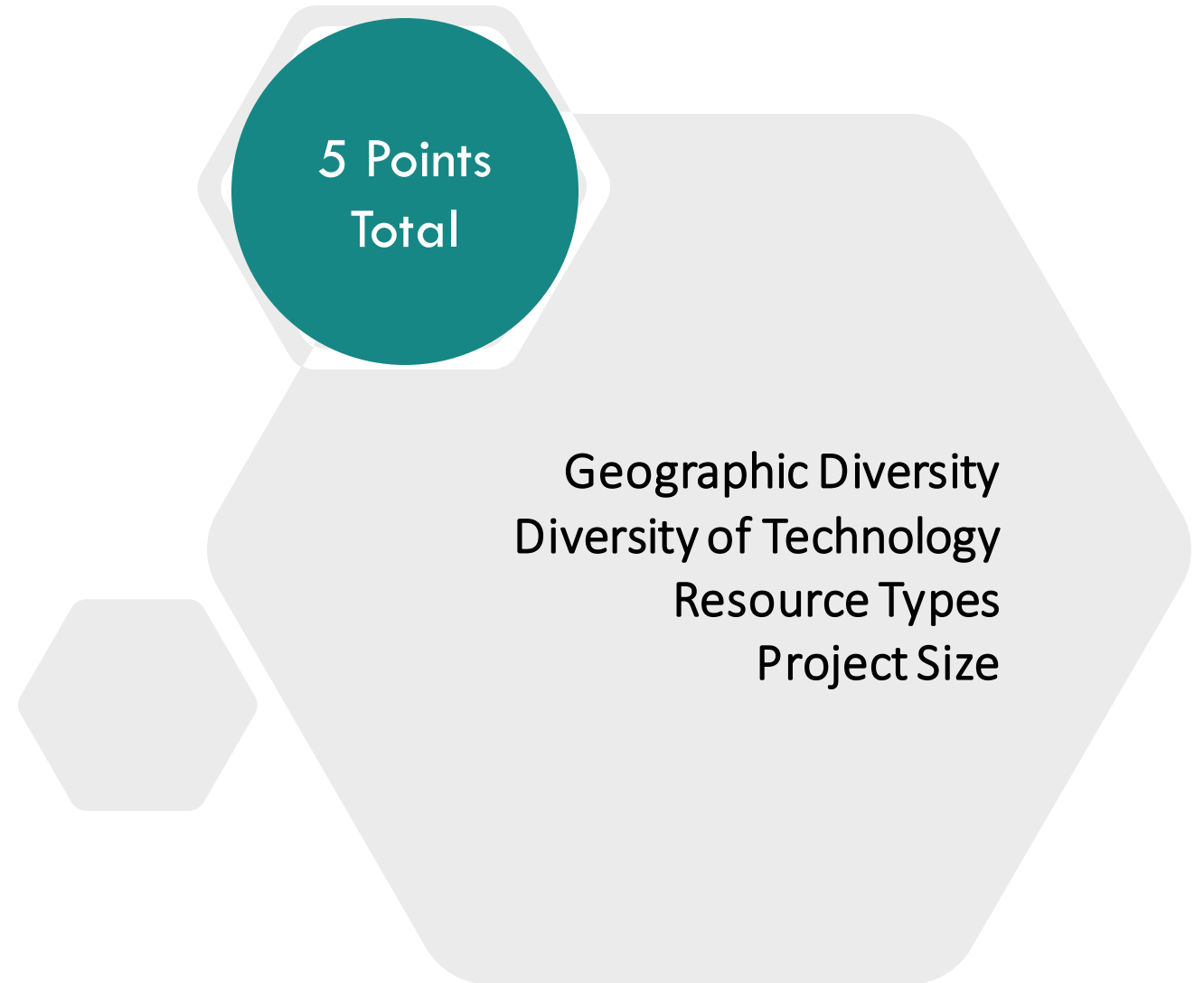
35/40
Points
Total

Prior Investments (5)
Priority Hiring (5/2.5)
Inclusive Hiring (5/2.5)
*Energy Resilience Aspects (10)
 FEMA NHMP (5)
 Energy Cost Savings (5)
Economic Development (5)
Anticipated Local Jobs (5)

* For Energy Resilience Only

PROJECT DIVERSITY

Evaluator's Assessment



EVALUATION COMMITTEE

● Statement of Interest Application

- Invited interested evaluators to submit background information and time availability **(26 Applicants)**

● Follow-up, Selections & Kickoff Introduction

- 16 evaluators selected prior to the Kickoff Meeting on March 8, 2023 **(4/group)** along with Six ODOE evaluators **(3/group)**

● Competitive Review (In progress)

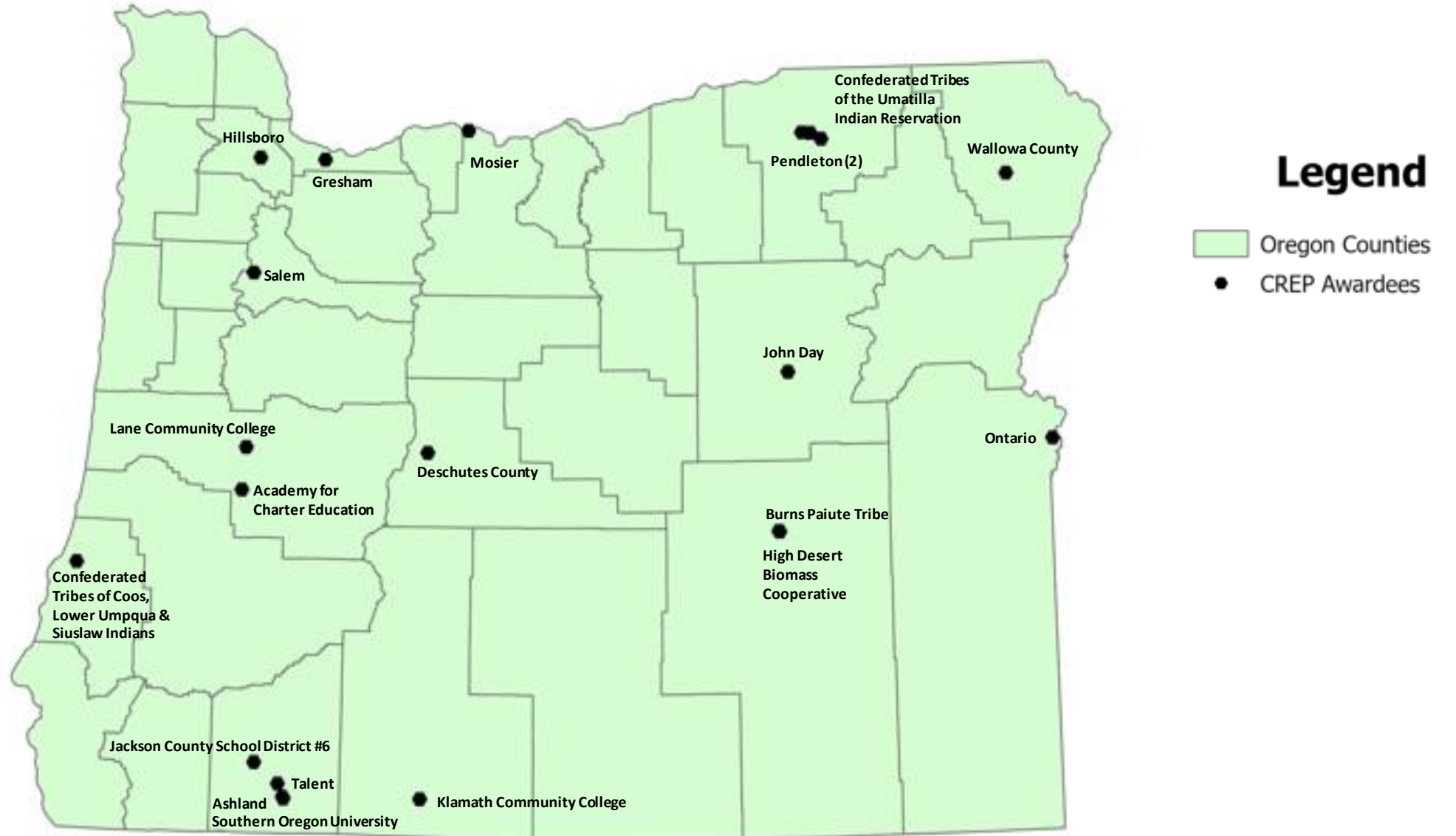
- 7/group - One group has 6 due to a late evaluator dropout
- Developed a fully digital review and scoring process



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Round One Update: Performance Agreements

ROUND 1: GRANTEE MAP



ROUND 1: PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS

Planning (8 Total = \$685,318 Projected)

- **1 Sent** - Remaining 7 anticipated to be sent by/before next Monday

Construction (13 Total = \$11,290,283 Projected)

- **9 sent**, the remaining are in final ODOE Review

R1 Projected Grant Funding:
\$11,975,601

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Round Three Planning: Recommended Changes?

ROUND 3: CONTINUE IMPROVING

Recommendations for Round Three?

Shortly, program team will send committee members a follow-up requesting recommendations and/or ideas to improve Round 3.

Initial Considerations:

- Additional Outreach &/or Engagement Gaps
- Scoring Changes
- R3 Funding "Bucket" Recommendations
 - Keep Planning Buckets
 - Increase Resilience Buckets
- Other Improvements/Ideas?



ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Questions for C-REP Team?

PUBLIC COMMENT REQUEST

To ensure adequate time for public comments, please use the “raise hand” function now to indicate interest in asking a question or making a comment.

(Following the Discussion with the Advisory Committee)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: DISCUSSION

1. Round Two Funding Suggestions if a Planning Bucket is less than \$1M?
2. Committee Recommendations for Current and Future Vacancies?

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Please turn on cameras for the
Q/A Discussion Session.

(Presentation will be turned off during the Discussion)

NEXT STEPS...

Spring/Early Summer 2023

1. **Complete Round Two**
2. **Set Round Two Grantee Meetings** (performance agreements)
3. **Round Three Improvements** (applications / scoring criteria)

Next Advisory Committee Meeting: **Q2 2023 (June/July)**


- New Committee Member Update / Introductions
- Round Two Grantee Selections & Project Summaries
- Performance Agreements & Grantee Project Updates (if available)
- Round Three Recommendations Discussion & Estimated Timeline



Public Comment

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

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Have a Question?

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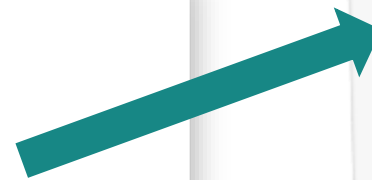
renewable project

- **22-017:** Planning activities for a renewable and resilient project

Questions?
Submit them through the portal.

APPLICANT HELP

- 📄 Checklist of Information to Gather
- 📄 Application User Guide for Construction



Ask Community Renewable Energy Grant Program

(*) Indicates a required field.

Have a question about C-REP Opportunity Announcements or the Application? Use the form below.

Contact Information

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Questions/Description *

Thank you!

For questions or more information:

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