

County Energy Resilience Program

Program Overview

In recent years, increasing community energy resilience has taken on heightened importance with more frequent and extreme weather events, public safety power shutoffs, and preparation for the Cascadia earthquake. In response, in 2023, the Oregon Legislature passed HB 3630, which created the County Energy Resilience Program. Under this program, **each Oregon county is eligible to receive \$50,000 to develop an energy resilience plan.**

What is community energy resilience?

Community energy resilience refers to the ability of a specific community to maintain the availability of energy needed to support the provision of energy-dependent critical public services to the community following nonroutine disruptions of severe impact or duration to the state's broader energy systems. Defined in [ORS Chapter 508, 2021 Regular Session](#).

Plans developed under this grant program must:

- Map: current energy infrastructure, natural hazard risks, and communities that experience social vulnerability.
- Engage with environmental justice communities to identify communities that experience social vulnerabilities.
- Identify needs to increase resilience.
- Identify steps for implementation.

Exact requirements for plan content are provided in [HB 3630](#).

Program Details

The program is open to all Oregon counties. Counties with existing energy plans can likely use the funding to update their plans per the requirements of HB 3630, but please contact ODOE staff to discuss.

The program is non-competitive and there is no match requirement.

Counties may pool their funds and work together in cohorts. Funds can be used towards county staff time, hiring a technical assistance provider, and other expenses required for plan completion.

Application Window

May 22, 2024– February 28, 2025

Program Deadline

August 1, 2025

Materials

Applications and other program materials on [program website](#).

Questions?

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