



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 29, 2022

SUBJECT: Oregon Department of Energy Community Renewable Energy Grant Program Application

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval to submit grant application to the Oregon Department of Energy Community Renewable Energy Grant Program.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In 2021, the Oregon Legislature created the Community Renewable Energy Grant Program to support projects outside Portland city limits. The program has a total budget of \$50 million.

The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) is now accepting applications for the program. In this first round of funding, ODOE is making \$12 million available to support planning and construction of renewable energy or energy resilience projects for tribes, public bodies, and consumer-owned utilities. Applications are due by July 8. ODOE is expected to make additional rounds of funding available through 2024.

Deschutes County Facilities seeks Board feedback on the potential projects outlined in the memo accompanying this agenda request. The Facilities Department is seeking Board approval to apply for grant funding through the Community Renewable Energy Grant Program.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Depending upon the project(s) selected by the Board, matching funds could be committed to the project as part of the grant application.

ATTENDANCE:

Josh Clawson, Project Coordinator
Lee Randall, Facilities Director