

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON
UM 2276**

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Precertification Justice Funding
Report

COALITION OF COMMUNITY OF COLOR'S
PRE-CERTIFICATION FUNDING REPORT

Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) hereby submits this preliminary funding report for Justice Funding awarded to pre-certified organizations. In a filing dated May 9, 2023, CCC submitted a request for a total amount of \$66,000 for organizational pass-throughs and CCC staff time.

CCC requested HB 2475 pre-certification funding for 2023 to continue to support its engagement efforts at the PUC and pass through resources to 3 member organizations, Latino Network, Urban League of Portland, and the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO), to support with engaging community members on issues such as energy affordability, access to clean energy, and community climate resilience, among others, in partnership with CCC staff.

As of August 2023, we have co-hosted one out of three anticipated community meetings. This meeting was held in partnership with the Urban League of Portland (“ULPDX” or “Urban League”) on July 13th. The agenda included fruitful discussions about community resilience and what “reliability” means to people. We shared utility income-qualified bill discount program eligibility requirements and applications with participants so they can enroll or share with their networks. We also shared information about recent legislation regarding renters’ rights to cooling and local and statewide programs providing AC/heat pumps to vulnerable community members.

While we are currently in the process of invoicing for Urban League’s reimbursement, CCC will be passing through \$10,000 and reimbursing up to \$2,000 of meeting logistics expenses incurred by ULPDX. CCC has drafted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that has been signed by ULPDX.

As set forth in our Pre-Certification Funding Request, the remaining funds will be spent in the following ways:

- \$10,000 is expected to be passed through to Latino Network for a community meeting we are planning to hold in November 2023
- \$10,000 is expected to be passed through to the Asian Pacific Action Network of Oregon (APANO) for a community meeting we are planning to hold in October 2023
- We will reimburse up to \$2,000 to each organization for meeting logistics costs

CCC's Funding Request also included funding to support its Climate and Energy Policy Manager staff time to engage in PUC advocacy and develop content for these community meetings.

Between May 2023 and August 2023, CCC has been involved in the dockets listed below and has engaged in the following ways:

- UM 2211 - Implementation of HB 2475: In these proceedings, CCC has and will continue to provide feedback on program eligibility, engagement, and enrollment, particularly on PGE's income-qualified bill discount program. As of August 1, 2023, Coalition of Communities of Color has shared information about income-qualified bill discount programs to community members and partners who are not involved in energy justice advocacy and has reviewed materials about enrollment/program updates from PGE.
- HB 2021 Implementation: CCC has and will continue to work closely with coalition partners to ensure that the utility Clean Energy Plans and related community engagement is equitable, inclusive, and accessible to all, and that utility actions and investments are prioritized based on community needs. CCC has:
 - Joined weekly advocate meetings about HB 2021 implementation
 - Reviewed PGE/PacifiCorps CEP/IRP filings and other materials (such as PGE's response to Round 0 Comments)
 - Contributed to Energy Advocate comment letters
 - Presented to and facilitated bi-weekly conversations with a cohort of community members engaged in HB 2021, often creating materials for these meetings
 - Met regularly with cohort organizers to plan for meetings and long-term strategy
 - Participated in meetings with PUC and PGE staff regarding community engagement planning
 - Participated in 2 Learning Labs hosted by PGE

- UE 416 - PGE Request For A General Rate Revision: While CCC is not a formal intervening party in this contested case, we conducted outreach to member organizations and community partners about the May hearing and comment opportunity.
- General PUC planning: CCC has participated in meetings with PUC staff and other advocates to strategize best practices for meaningful community engagement in PUC decision-making processes. This is a challenge across different dockets and issue areas, and there are opportunities to strengthen current approaches.

Attachments A and B outline the amount of Justice Funding spent thus far, and all funds have been received. At this time, we do not anticipate releasing any funds back into the Fund.

Dated this 4th day of August 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENT A
Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) Funding Spent
May 2023 - August 2023

| CCC Internal Expenses | Rate | Hours | Funding Requested | Funding Spent | Funding Remaining |
|---|-------|-------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <i>Staff</i> | | | | | |
| Nikita Daryanani, Climate and Energy Policy Manager | \$150 | 68.75 | \$30,000 | \$10,312.50 | \$19,687.50 |
| Subtotal Funding Remaining: | | | | | \$19,687.50 |

| Organizational Pass-Throughs and Community Engagement | Funding Requested | Funding Spent | Funding Remaining |
|---|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO) | \$10,000 | \$0 | \$10,000 |
| Latino Network | \$10,000 | \$0 | \$10,000 |
| Urban League of Portland | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$0 |
| Community meeting logistics for 3 meetings | \$6,000 | \$2,000* | \$4,000 |
| <i>I.e. Participant stipends, venue, food, childcare, translation, etc.</i> | | | |
| Subtotal Funding Remaining: | | | \$24,000 |

**Please note that this is an estimate as CCC is in the process of invoicing Urban League's meeting logistic reimbursement.*

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| Total Spent: | \$22,312.50 |
| Total Remaining Funds: | \$43,687.50 |

ATTACHMENT B

Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) Funding Spent By Utility

| | PacifiCorp | PGE | NW Natural |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Organizational Pass-Throughs and Community Engagement | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 |
| CCC staff time | \$3,320.33 | \$5,960.93 | \$1,031.24 |
| Total Funding Spent (By Utility) | \$7,320.33 | \$9,960.93 | \$5,031.24 |