

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 2276

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Approval of Justice Funding
Precertification.

COALITION OF COMMUNITY OF
COLOR'S
REQUEST FOR HB 2475 INTERVENOR
FUNDING
PRE-CERTIFICATION

Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) hereby submits this request for HB 2475 Intervenor Funding Pre-Certification for \$65,500.

Coalition of Communities of Color is a 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to support a collective racial justice effort to improve outcomes for communities of color through policy analysis and advocacy, environmental justice, and culturally-appropriate data and research. CCC is an alliance of culturally-specific community based organizations with representation from African, African American, Asian and Pacific Islander, Latine, Middle Eastern and North African, Native American, and Slavic communities. CCC is strongly rooted in Oregon's communities of color with more than a decade of experience building intentional relationships across communities and organizations of color.

CCC engages in local and statewide policy development that centers the needs and lived experiences of low-income, communities of color. The projects we are involved in employ a model of collaborative governance and community leadership wherein community leaders lead processes and shape the policies that impact them. CCC's work is rooted in the belief that impacted communities are experts, and that this expertise is critical to developing strategies and solutions that lead the way to a more equitable future. This is why we worked with statewide

environmental justice partners to lead the statewide campaign to develop and pass the Energy Affordability Act (HB 2475) and 100% Clean Energy for All (HB 2021).

CCC has gained expertise in utility planning and energy affordability programs, and has built partnerships with other community and energy justice advocates to elevate environmental justice priorities within PUC. Over the past 3 years, CCC has participated in the following dockets:

- UM 2225 (Investigation into HB 2021 Clean Energy Plans)
- UM 2114 (Customer Protections from Disconnections)
- UG 435 (NW Natural Rate Revision)
- UM 2005 (Investigation into Distribution System Planning)
- UM 2211 (Implementation of HB 2475)
- ADV 1365 (PGE Advice No. 22-01 Income Qualified Bill Discount Program)
- UM 2178 (Natural Gas Factfinding)

CCC requests HB 2475 pre-certification funding for 2023 to continue to support this engagement 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. The information and data gathered from community members at these meetings will inform the positions CCC takes and priorities we advocate for at the PUC.

CCC intends to request a total of **\$65,500** to be broken down in approximately the following ways:

- \$10,000 passed to 3 CCC member organizations/community partners (Latino Network, Urban League of Portland, and APANO) to host 1 community engagement workshop per organization for a total of **\$30,000**. CCC will work alongside these organizations to prepare materials and develop curriculum/agenda. CCC may also utilize the support of other organizations, such as the Community Energy Project (CEP) and Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) to

assist with content development to leverage collective knowledge and technical expertise amongst energy advocates.

- **\$5,500** for community meeting logistics, including food, stipends, and translation services.
- A total of **\$30,000** to support CCC's staff time in docket participation and community outreach and engagement. This staff time includes the review of materials and filings, attendance at PUC meetings and hearings, participation in advocate coalition meetings, preparation of and contribution to comment letters, and other activities/tasks as needed.

CCC anticipates being involved in the following issues/dockets, alongside our other community partners with whom we have been working closely on PUC docket engagement:

- UM 2211 - Implementation of HB 2475: This is a non-contested docket for the implementation of HB 2475. Several of CCC's member organizations and partners provide energy assistance resources to low-income households, so this docket impacts their clients who live in the Portland Metro region or surrounding counties. Through this policy, utilities are engaging community stakeholders to help shape programs to alleviate energy burden.
- Rate Revisions: Dockets such as UE 416 (PGE's Request for a General Rate Revision) impacts residential customers through increasing rates, and CCC and its member organizations and partners focus on energy affordability for low-income and cost burdened customers.
- HB 2021 Implementation: CCC plans to participate in dockets relating to HB 2021 Implementation and Clean Energy Plans (UM 2273 - Investigation into HB 2021 Implementation Issues and AR 655 - Rules for Filing, Review, and Update of Clean Energy Plans). We will continue to advocate for stronger consideration of community benefits and impacts in the Clean Energy Plans, as well as meaningful community engagement strategies. We will also continue to be part of the Energy Advocates coalition to drive equity in HB 2021 implementation. In addition, CCC works with Rogue Climate, Northwest Energy Coalition (NVEC), Verde, Multnomah County Office of Sustainability, and the Oregon Just Transition Alliance (OJTA) to facilitate a cohort of

statewide community members engaged in HB 2021 implementation, and will continue to do so throughout the duration of the program.

CCC may also be involved in other dockets to the extent that they impact the following areas:

- Energy affordability for low-income households
- Community resilience
- Disconnections
- Decarbonization/electrification
- Greenhouse gas emissions reductions

Attachment A and Attachment B include estimated fees and costs.

Dated this 21st day of April 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENT A

Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) Proposed Budget

CCC Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
<i>Staff</i>			
Nikita Daryanani, Climate and Energy Policy Manager	\$150	200	\$30,000
Subtotal:			\$30,000

Organizational Pass-Throughs and Community Engagement	Cost
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)	\$10,000
Latino Network	\$10,000
Urban League of Portland	\$10,000
Community meeting logistics for 3 meetings	\$5,500
<i>I.e. Participant stipends, venue, food, childcare, translation, etc.</i>	
Subtotal:	\$35,500

Total: \$65,500

ATTACHMENT B

Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) Proposed Budget By Utility

	PacifiCorp	PGE	NW Natural	Total
Organizational Pass-Throughs and Community Engagement	\$11,833	\$11,833	\$11,833	\$35,500
CCC staff time	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$3,000	\$30,000
Total	\$25,333	\$25,333	\$14,833	\$65,500