

BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

ADV 1390

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL

Implementation of HB 2475

NOTICE TO PARTICIPATE & REQUEST  
HB 2475 INTERIM INTERVENOR  
FUNDING OF COMMUNITY ENERGY  
PROJECT

Community Energy Project hereby submits its Notice to Participate & Request Funding in this docket and requests interim intervenor funding in accordance with Oregon House Bill 2475 (HB 2475).

Community Energy Project (CEP) is an eligible organization for HB 2475 interim inventor funding. CEP represents Portland frontline communities, those who are vulnerable to the uncertainty posed by climate change. CEP is a community based organization that believes everyone deserves a safe, healthy and efficient home, regardless of income. We do this by providing direct in-home safety repairs, weatherization, and energy efficiency upgrades for vulnerable and underserved populations. We primarily and historically serve Multnomah County. Our clients include seniors, people with disabilities, women, people experiencing low income, people of color, and other historically marginalized groups. All of our clients have disproportionately high safety and energy bill burdens, which compromise their ability to remain housed.

ADV 1390 is an eligible proceeding under Commission order No. 22-043. ADV 1390 is a non-contested case that affects Community Energy Project and its low-income clients and environmental justice communities. This docket impacts our organization's clients who live in Portland and are energy burdened as utilities are tasked to consider feedback from stakeholders, such as CEP, to create programs to address energy burden for low-income and underserved customers.

Community Energy Project respectfully requests that this Commission grant its Notice to Participate in these proceedings as an eligible organization and its request to receive HB 2475 interim intervenor funding.

Dated this 24th day of August 2022.

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REQUEST FOR HB 2475 FUNDING  
GRANT AND PROPOSED BUDGET OF  
COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECT

Pursuant to decisions deeming Community Energy Project (CEP) and these proceedings eligible, CEP requests a grant of \$8,200 from the HB 2475 Intervenor Funding Fund. CEP has been tracking its participation in this proceeding by hours and activity since April 1, 2022, and submits the following in support of the proposed budget attached as Attachment A.

*Statement of Work to be Performed*

CEP has and intends to participate in every procedural aspect of these proceedings. CEP—through Program Director, Sherrie Villmark and Climate Justice Associate, Alma Pinto—has participated as an advocate stakeholder in NW Natural's Advice No. 22-02, Residential Low-Income Bill Discount Program under Docket No. UM 2211 and ADV 1390. Since April 2022, CEP has organized and participated in stakeholder planning meetings, prepared for and attended PUC public meetings, submitted comments, and intends to continue engagement as necessary. CEP intends to, otherwise, review and analyze any testimony, comments and supporting documentation filed in the proceedings. CEP may seek reasonable, relevant requests for information.

*Description of Areas to be Investigated*

CEP has and intends to continue to investigate issues related to reducing energy burden for NW Natural's low-income customers in accordance with the Energy Affordability Act (House Bill 2475).

*The Budget Showing Estimated Fees and Costs*

Attachment A submitted herewith set for the estimated fees and costs.

For the foregoing reasons CEP respectfully requests the Commission approve its budget and issue an order awarding it a grant from the HB 2475 Fund in the amount requested.

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ATTACHMENT A

COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECT PROPOSED BUDGET

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<b>CEP Internal Expenses</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<i>Staff</i>			
Sherrie Villmark, Program Director	\$150	28	\$4200
Alma Pinto, Climate Justice Associate	\$100	40	\$4000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$8200</b>