

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 2340

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Investigation Into Guidelines for Wildfire
Mitigation Plans.

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: CASE CERTIFICATION REQUEST GRANTED; PROPOSED
BUDGET APPROVED**

On January 14, 2026, Community Energy Project (CEP) filed a notice of intent to request Justice Funding Case Fund Grant consistent with Order No. 25-409 and OAR 860-001-0800 through OAR 860-001-0900. On March 10, 2026, CEP filed a supplement to its filing.

To be eligible for a Case Fund grant, an organization must:

- a. Demonstrate that it represents the interests of low-income residential customers or Environmental Justice Communities, and participation in proceedings will be primarily directed at public utility issues affecting those interests, including but not limited to interests in utility rates and terms and conditions of service, interests in the cost of access and impact from the delivery of services, interest in utility programs, and interest in utility resource planning;
- b. Indicate the particular Environmental Justice Community or low-income customers it represents and demonstrate that it is able to effectively represent them;
- c. Demonstrate that it is able to effectively represent or develop advocacy positions benefitting or informed by the Environmental Justice Community or low-income customers, in the service area of each utility for which funding is sought and demonstrates how it will identify the issues or advocacy positions that are important to them; and

- d. Where applicable, indicate where in past Commission matters the organization demonstrated the ability to substantively contribute to the record on behalf of such interests.

In its application, the organization must identify:

- a. The matter or matters in which the applicant intends to participate, the nature of that participation, and why these matters are Eligible Proceedings;
- b. The Participating Public Utility account or accounts from which the applicant seeks funds; and
- c. A budget showing estimated Eligible Expenses, which may include the cost for appropriate support staff and operational support; a budget showing estimated consultant fees, expert witness fees, or contractor costs, which also may include the cost for appropriate support staff and operational support.

The Commission may, but is not obligated to consider any of the following factors:

- a. The breadth and complexity of the issues or the importance of community participation;
- b. The degree to which any policy issues affect the interests of low-income residential customers or the interests of residential customers that are members of Environmental Justice Communities;
- c. The proposed budget;
- d. Whether the organization has significant ties to the Environmental Justice Community or low-income customers in the service area of each utility for which pre-certification or funding from a Case Fund is sought;
- e. The qualifications of the applicant and experience before the Commission; and
- f. The level of available funding available under the agreement.

In Order No. 25-409, the Commission determined that CEP is an eligible organization for the Portland General Electric Company and PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power funds under OAR 860-001-0840. In its request in this docket, CEP explained its prior engagement with communities in the Idaho Power Company service territory and its plans for continued outreach and engagement to inform its participation in this docket. In Order No. 25-531, this proceeding was certified as an eligible proceeding for case funds.

CEP states that it will review and assess utility wildfire mitigation plans, Risk Spend Efficiency (RSE) modeling and data and submit comments. CEP explains it also will host listening sessions for those living in high risk fire zones and attend weekly joint wildfire advocate meetings.

CEP included a proposed budget for consideration. CEP requests case funding in the amount of \$19,395, spread equally across three funds: Portland General Electric Company, PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power, and Idaho Power Company. CEP requests a progress payment of 50 percent of its total request. No party objected to CEP's notice of intent or proposed scope of work.

The Commission has the authority to accept, deny, or partially deny the request, and may place reasonable conditions on the grant, and may delegate this responsibility to the Chief Administrative Law Judge, consistent with Order No. 25-408.¹

CEP's proposed budget includes the requisite information and reflects the anticipated activity in this docket. No party opposed the proposed budget. Considering the issues being addressed, the complexity of the issues and the significant policy decisions to be made, the proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Community Energy Project is certified to receive Case Funds in this docket.
2. Community Energy Project's proposed budget is approved.
3. A Justice Funding Case Fund Grant is approved for the Community Energy Project up to \$6465 from the 2026 Idaho Power Company Case Fund for activity in docket UM 2340.
4. Idaho Power Company pay \$3232.50 from the 2026 Idaho Power Case Fund to Community Energy Project within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant be assessed to Idaho Power Company's residential customers.

¹ *In the Matter of Public Utility Commission of Oregon, The Delegation of Certain Duties and Powers of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon*, Docket No. CD 27, Order No. 25-408 (Oct. 15), 2025).

5. A Justice Funding Case Fund Grant is approved for the Community Energy Project up to \$6465 from the 2026 Portland General Electric Company Case Fund for activity in docket UM 2340.
6. Portland General Electric Company pay \$3232.50 from the 2026 Portland General Electric Company Case Fund to Community Energy Project within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant be assessed to Portland General Electric Company's residential customers.
7. A Justice Funding Case Fund Grant is approved for the Community Energy Project up to \$6465 from the 2026 PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power Case Fund for activity in docket UM 2340.
8. PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power pay \$3232.50 from the 2026 PacifiCorp Case Fund to Community Energy Project within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant be assessed to PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power's residential customers.

Made, entered, and effective Mar 25, 2026.



Alison Lackey
Chief Administrative Law Judge

