

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 2417

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Identifying Priorities in Implementation of
Executive Orders 25-25 and 25-29.

ORDER

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

On July 20, 2026, the 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. CEP's notice of intent included a statement of work, a proposed budget and presented an allocation of the proposed budget between requested Case Funds. On August 12, 2026, CEP refiled its request to correct the description provided in section 4.a., the statement of work¹.

To be eligible for a Case Fund grant, an organization's notice of intent 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

¹ CEP submitted an amended filing, but did not substantively amend its proposed budget or scope of its request. The amended filing was intended as an errata to correct section 4.a.

- 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;
- 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; and
- e. the Participating Public Utility account or accounts from which the applicant seeks funds through its grant request.

An organization's Case Fund Grant budget proposal must include:

- a. a statement of work, estimated eligible expenses;
- b. a description of the areas or issues to be investigated and addressed by the organization;
- c. a detail of estimated eligible expenses, which may include support staff, operational support, and consultant and expert witness fees;
- d. a description of the low-income customers or Environmental Justice Communities that will benefit from the organization's participation; and
- e. a description of the Participating Public utility account(s) from which the organization seeks funds and how payments should be apportioned.

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, PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power and Northwest Natural Gas Company funds under OAR 860-001-0840. In its request in this docket, CEP explained its prior engagement with communities in Eastern, Central and Southern Oregon, including its participation on Avista's Equity Advisory Group, engagement in Cascade Natural Gas Company's recent general rate case, and the Commission's finding

regarding CEP's representation of customers in the Idaho Power Company service territory as support for its request for monies from all six Case Fund accounts.

CEP states that it will direct its participation to include engaging in workshops held by the Commission, reviewing and commenting on Staff's whitepapers and proposals on EO 25-25 and EO 25-29 implementation to ensure the needs of low income customers and vulnerable communities are prioritized. CEP states it will continue to engage with stakeholders both within and outside of workshops to provide feedback in the distributional equity workstream.

As noted, CEP included a proposed budget for consideration. CEP requests case funding in the amount of \$10,050, spread equally across all six Case Fund accounts. 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. 25-408.²

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. This docket is designated as eligible to receive Case Funds under the Environmental Justice Communities Funding Agreement.
2. Community Energy Project is certified to receive Case Funds in this docket.
3. Community Energy Project's proposed budget is approved.

² *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.

4. A Justice Funding Case Fund Grant is approved for the Community Energy Project up to \$1,675 from the 2026 Idaho Power Company Case Fund for activity in docket UM 2417.
5. Idaho Power Company pay \$837.50 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.
6. A Justice Funding Case Fund Grant is approved for the Community Energy Project up to \$1,675 from the 2026 Portland General Electric Company Case Fund for activity in docket UM 2417.
7. Portland General Electric Company pay \$837.50 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.
8. A Justice Funding Case Fund Grant is approved for the Community Energy Project up to \$1,675 from the 2026 PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power Case Fund for activity in docket UM 2417.
9. PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power pay \$837.50 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.
10. A Justice Funding Case Fund Grant is approved for the Community Energy Project up to \$1,675 from the 2026 NW Natural Gas Company dba NW Natural Case Fund for activity in docket UM 2417.
11. NW Natural Gas Company pay \$837.50 from the 2026 NW Natural Gas Company dba NW Natural Case Fund to Community Energy Project within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant be assessed to NW Natural Gas Company dba NW Natural's residential customers.
12. A Justice Funding Case Fund Grant is approved for the Community Energy Project up to \$1,675 from the 2026 Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities Case Fund for activity in docket UM 2417.
13. Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities pay \$837.50 from the 2026 Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities Case Fund to Community Energy Project within

30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant be assessed to Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities' residential customers.

14. A Justice Funding Case Fund Grant is approved for the Community Energy Project up to \$1,675 from the 2026 Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Case Fund for activity in docket UM 2417.
15. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation pay \$837.50 from the 2026 Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Case Fund to Community Energy Project within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant be assessed to Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's residential customers.

Made, entered, and effective Aug 13, 2026.



Alison Lackey
Chief Administrative Law Judge

