

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

AR 681

In the Matter of

Rulemaking to Establish Microgrid
Frameworks (HB 2065 & HB 2066
Implementation).

ORDER

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

On July 23, 2026, the Community Energy Project (CEP) filed a notice of intent to request Justice Funding Case Fund Grant consistent with Order No. 25-409¹ and OAR 860-001-0800 through OAR 860-001-0900. CEP's notice of intent included a proposed budget of \$9,885 and requested an advance distribution of 50 percent of the proposed budget to facilitate CEP's immediate participation in these proceedings.

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 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;

¹ *In the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, House Bill 2475, Environmental Justice Communities Funding Agreement*, Docket No. UM 2389, Order No. 25-409 (Oct. 15, 2025).

- 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 Recipient under the Environmental Justice Communities Funding Agreement, effective January 1, 2026 (EJC Funding Agreement) and approved by the Commission in Order No. 25-409.² Specifically, CEP was found to be an Eligible Recipient for grants under the EJC Funding Agreement and OAR 860-001-0840 from Portland General Electric Company (PGE) and PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power funds. CEP was found to be an Eligible Recipient for grants from the Idaho Power Company fund in Order No. 26-096.

² *Id.*

In its request in this docket, CEP noted its partnerships with low-income communities and its efforts to transform homes, share skills and community wisdom and advocate for energy justice. Specifically, CEP identified its expectation to focus participation in these proceedings on Workstream 2: Roles, Responsibilities, and Process, and Workstream 4: Cost and Valuation. Additionally, CEP detailed its on-going collaborative strategic efforts with other stakeholders, anticipated future community engagement, and its participation in Commission-led workshops in these proceedings. No party objected to CEP's notice of intent, proposed scope of work, or request for 50 percent progress payment.

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. 25-408.³

CEP's proposed budget includes the requisite information and reflects 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 is 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.
4. A Justice Funding Case Grant is approved for the Community Energy Project up to \$3,295 from the 2026 PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power Case Fund for activity in docket AR 681.
5. PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power pay \$1,647.50 from the 2026 PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power 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.

³ *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).

6. A Justice Funding Case Grant is approved for the Community Energy Project up to \$3,295 from the 2026 Portland General Electric Company Case Fund for activity in docket AR 681.
7. Portland General Electric Company pay \$1,647.50 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 Grant is approved for the Community Energy Project up to \$3,295 from the 2026 Idaho Power Case Fund for activity in docket AR 681.
9. Idaho Power pay \$1,647.50 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's residential customers.

Made, entered, and effective Aug 13, 2026.



Alison Lackey
Chief Administrative Law Judge

