

IIJA Grid Resilience Funding Public Hearing

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Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) SECTION 40101(D)
FORMULA GRANTS TO STATES AND INDIAN TRIBES FOR PREVENTING
OUTAGES AND ENHANCING THE RESILIENCE OF THE ELECTRIC GRID

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Leading Oregon to a safe, equitable, clean, and sustainable energy future.

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The Oregon Department of Energy helps Oregonians make informed decisions and maintain a resilient and affordable energy system. We advance solutions to shape an equitable clean energy transition, protect the environment and public health, and responsibly balance energy needs and impacts for current and future generations.

What We Do

On behalf of Oregonians across the state, the Oregon Department of Energy achieves its mission by providing:

- A Central Repository of Energy Data, Information, and Analysis
- A Venue for Problem-Solving Oregon's Energy Challenges
- Energy Education and Technical Assistance
- Regulation and Oversight
- Energy Programs and Activities

OBJECTIVES FOR TODAY'S PUBLIC HEARING

- To share the draft changes proposed for the program narrative and provide a summary of the program's status and plans for program refinements outlined in the narrative.
- To listen to public comments and encourage written comments to our program email: grid.grants@energy.oregon.gov

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT (IIJA)

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (PL 117-58) will fund the building and repairing of roads and bridges, deployment of broadband internet, strengthening of the electric grid and water systems, and much more.

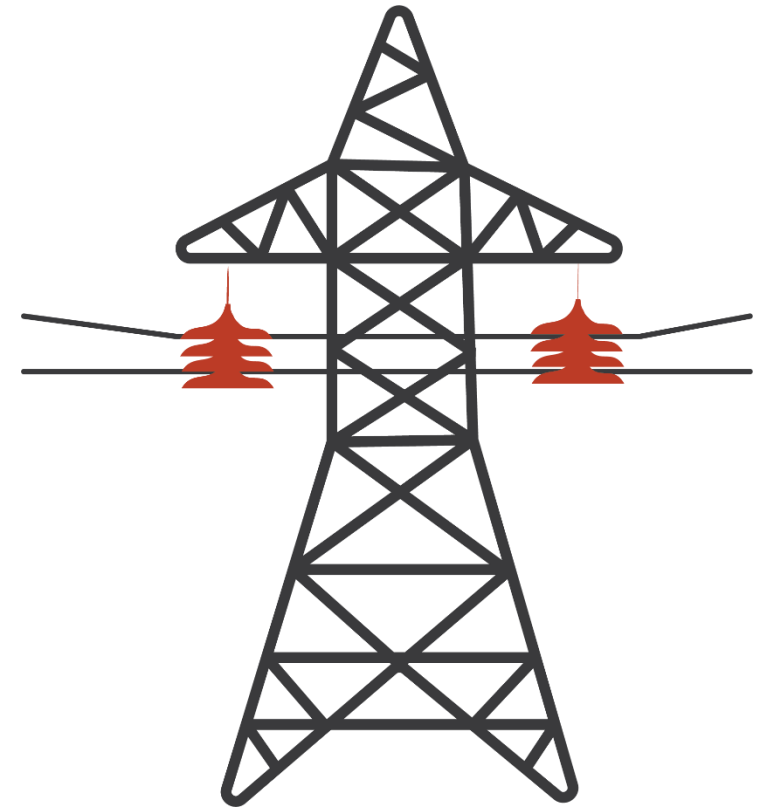
IIJA Section 40101(d) contains the provisions that created this Grid Resilience Grant Program as one part of the \$62 billion for USDOE to deliver a more equitable clean energy future for the American people by:

- Investing in American manufacturing and workers.
- Expanding access to energy efficiency and clean energy for families, communities, and businesses.
- Delivering reliable, clean, and affordable power to more Americans.
- Building the technologies of tomorrow through clean energy demonstrations.

GRID RESILIENCE FORMULA GRANTS – 40101D

Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Formula Grants to States and Tribes (Section 40101(d) of the IIJA):

- Improve the **all-hazards resilience** of the electric grid against disruptive events.
- Generate the **greatest community benefit** in reducing the likelihood and consequences of disruptive events.
- Advance DOE's **equity, environmental and energy justice priorities**, including the Justice40 Initiative.
- Invest in **America's workforce**.



GRID RESILIENCE FORMULA GRANTS – 40101D

Timeline:

Grant Awarded in June 2023.

Initial funding is from FY2022 and 2023 allocations and is offered under the opportunity that opened on March 15.

FY2024 funding request due in April 2024.

The funding request requires ODOE hold a public hearing if/when there are changes to the program narrative.



USDOE's Funding Opportunity Announcement for IJA Section 40101(d) can be accessed here:
<https://netl.doe.gov/bilhub/grid-resilience/formula-grants>

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Program Narrative for IIJA Grid Resilience

April 2024

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Section 40101(d)

Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid
Submitted:

This Program Narrative is provided by the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) as part of the application for funding under the U.S. Department of Energy's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Formula Grant Program.

1. OBJECTIVES AND METRICS

To address the needs identified by Oregon electric utilities in the 2022 Request for Information (RFI) and through ODOE's ongoing stakeholder engagement, ODOE ~~proposes~~proposed a competitive grant program with the first two allocations of funding – Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid – that ~~addresses~~addressed electric utility outages resulting from natural hazards and other disruptive events. ~~During the first year of the program,~~ ODOE will continue to administer U.S. Department of Energy (US DOE) funding through subrecipient relationships and subawards that focus on projects that support mitigation and prioritize the greatest community benefits to disadvantaged communities.

OREGON GRID RESILIENCE PROGRAM NARRATIVE

Mitigation of Grid Disruptions Metrics

Current Metric: Number of utility customers affected by service disruptions associated with natural hazards or disruptive events.

New Metric: Number and **percentage** of utility customers affected by service disruptions associated with natural hazards or disruptive events.

OREGON GRID RESILIENCE PROGRAM NARRATIVE

Objective Metrics for Community Benefits

Current Metric: Percent of awards demonstrating coordination with county, municipal, or other public bodies with overlapping jurisdiction and interests associated with proposed infrastructure improvement projects.

New Metric: Number, type and degree of engagement activities with county, municipal, or other public bodies with overlapping jurisdiction and interests associated with proposed infrastructure improvement projects.

OREGON GRID RESILIENCE PROGRAM NARRATIVE

Funding Distribution – Current:

ODOE anticipates establishing two categories of budget carveouts to ensure the program meets the goals established for disadvantaged communities and small utilities. The disadvantaged community carveout will be 40 percent of total funds awarded according to the goals established in the Justice40 Initiative. The small utility carveout will be 40 percent of total funds awarded according to the small utility designation described in this narrative. Individual projects completed by small utilities that also serve disadvantaged communities will be counted toward both carveouts.

OREGON GRID RESILIENCE PROGRAM NARRATIVE

Funding Distribution – New:

ODOE established a budget carveout for small utilities of 40 percent of total funds awarded according to the small utility designation described in this narrative.

NEXT STEPS

- ODOE to submit FY2024 funding request by April 17, 2024
- 2024 and early 2025:
 - Implement current funding opportunity
 - Gathering lessons-learned and stakeholder feedback
 - Discuss and plan what changes would be the most beneficial for the remaining time and funding of the program

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Raise your hand and you will be called on to unmute yourself.
- Type your question in the chat window.
- Introduce yourself by stating your name and affiliation.
- Keep comments/questions under 3 minutes to allow time for others.
- Send comments by March 28: Grid.grants@energy.Oregon.gov



Thanks for joining us!

Contact: grid.grants@energy.oregon.gov

ODOE Webpage:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/Incentives/Pages/Grid-Resilience-Grant-Program.aspx>



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