



OREGON  
DEPARTMENT OF  
ENERGY

# Community Renewable Energy Grant Program

## 2024 Administrative Rule Proposals



# OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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

## Our Mission

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

# Agenda

- Welcome and Logistics
- Program Outline
- Legislative Session Update
- Rule Process
- Proposed Changes to the Rules
- Questions and Comments



# HOW THIS MEETING WILL BE FACILITATED

## Panelists and Attendees

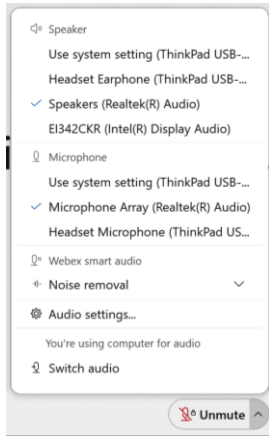
- “Panelists” – ODOE Staff
- “Attendees” – All Participants

**Community Agreements:** designed to foster inclusive and respectful meeting

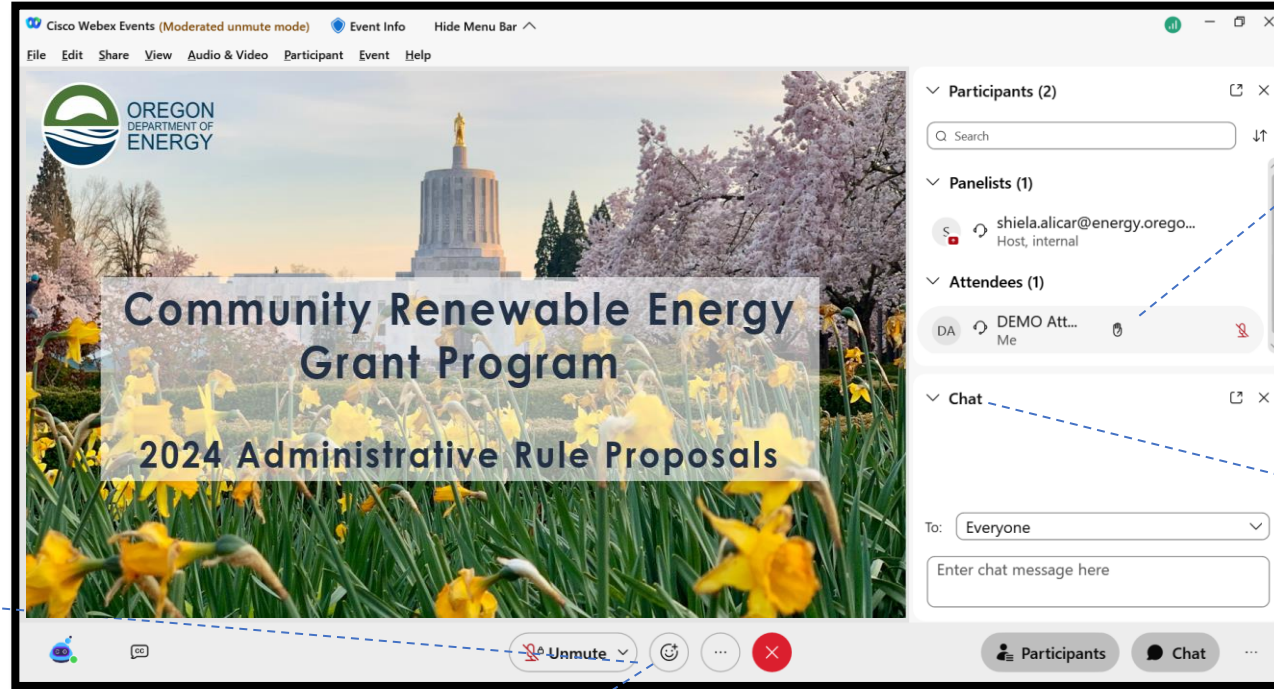
- Be present and ready to learn
- Be respectful to others
- Learning happens outside of our comfort zones
- Listen to learn and not to respond
- Thank you for being flexible and patient around any technology needs or changes
- If you need something at this meeting, please ask for it!
  - Contact **Patricia Phillips** in the chat

# USING WEBEX

## Audio Options



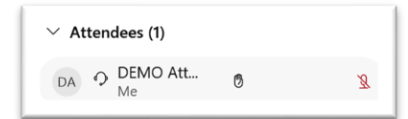
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## Second Raise Hand Option

You can also click on the hand next to your name in the Participant list to raise your hand.

Click on Lower hand when you are done.

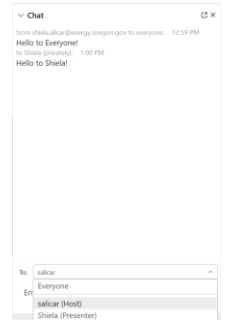


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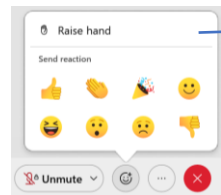
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You can send a private message to the Host or Presenter (or all Panelists when there is a Panel).

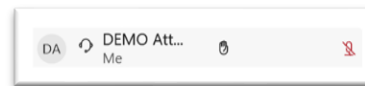


## Reactions



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# PROGRAM OUTLINE

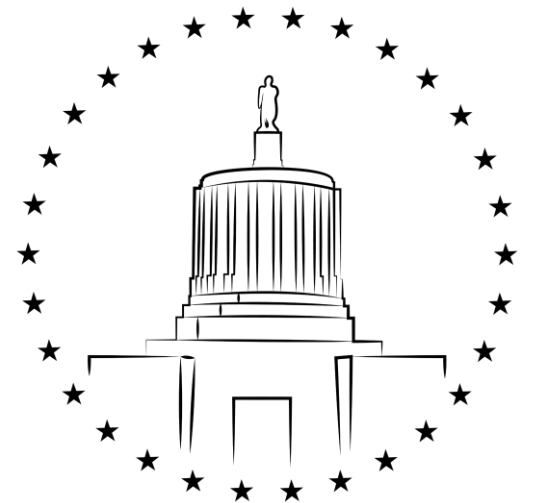
## Competitive Grant Program Established to:

- Offset costs of planning and developing community renewable energy projects
- Support projects in traditionally underserved communities
- Promote small-scale community renewable energy projects
- Provide direct benefits to communities across Oregon by improving energy resilience, creating local jobs, promoting economic development, and reducing local energy costs.

# COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM

## 2024 Legislative Session

- Includes partner costs in project planning and construction costs
- Definition of electric cooperatives
- Additional release of grant funds for construction projects



# RULE PROCESS

1. Stakeholder consultation
2. File draft rules with Secretary of State
3. Comment period
4. Review
5. File final rules with the Secretary of State
6. Rule effective





# PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS

## Define *Partner*

- A partner may assist or take a lead role in the acquisition, installation, construction, or planning of a community renewable energy project. A partner may have a financial or ownership interest in the project. An entity whose only role is the provision of goods or services through a procurement contract is not considered a partner.

## Partner Requirements

- Written agreement between applicant and partner, prior to the release of funds, that includes certain provisions from the agreement between ODOE and applicant.

# PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS

## Additional Release of Funds

- Fulfilled all the requirements for release of the first 30%;
- Incurred eligible costs equaling a minimum of 25% of projected grant monies prior to a request for additional grant monies;
- Provided an updated project budget that details eligible and ineligible costs;
- That construction or installation of the renewable energy system has started at the project location or will start no later than 60 days after the submission of the request for grant monies, and not later than the required construction start date in the performance agreement. This may be demonstrated by submitting to the Department approval from the authority having jurisdiction for construction of the system to start alongside supporting documentation such as bills of lading, contractor agreements, or other relevant and timely documentation; and
- Met any other requirements provided by the Department in the performance agreement.

# PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS

## Other

- Fixed costs incurred in normal course of business ineligible
- Applications can be amended



# Questions/Comments

Are there any questions, comments, or additional suggestions?

You can also provide written comments by **Friday June 7, 2024**.

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Advisory Committee meeting June 10, 2024.

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