2020 GREEN GRANT
Application Guidelines

Emerald PUD’s GREEN Grant Program funds renewable energy projects that drive innovation and adoption of renewable energy technologies. In 2020, $40,000 in funding is available.

Each year, the GREEN Grant is awarded to a school or non-profit organization to provide funding for the construction of a new, non-residential, renewable energy project. Grant monies are raised by EPUD customers through their participation in GREEN, an elective program that supports renewable energy development in the Pacific Northwest and in our own local communities. GREEN subscribers select the winning project to receive the grant funds.

APPLICATION PROCESS

☐ Check the eligibility of your project and review award winner responsibilities.

☐ Complete the Community Grant Application and provide all required information. Emerald’s evaluation team will use these documents to screen grant applications.

☐ Submit complete applications online at www.epud.org by end of the day on March 13, 2020. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

☐ Screened applications will be scored using the evaluation criteria below. Emerald will select top candidates from the submissions that meet the minimum requirements.

☐ Top applications will be announced via a public outreach campaign to Emerald customers. Applications with any confidential or other non-public information must be explicitly stated as such prior to release of the applications. A vote by GREEN program participants will determine the winning grant recipient(s). In the event of a tie, Emerald will select the top vote getters to participate in a run-off with our GREEN participants.

February 1, 2020........ Application Period Opens
March 6, 2020 ........ Grant questions are due to Emerald by 11:59 PM

Answers to all written questions will be posted on the GREEN Grant webpage by the end of the following business day.

March 13, 2020 ........ Application Period Closes at 11:59 PM
March 19, 2020 ........ Applicants are notified of finalist selections
April 1, 2020 .......... GREEN subscriber voting begins
May 11, 2020 ......... GREEN subscriber voting closes
By June 1, 2020 ....... Winner is notified and publicly announced.

Winning organization must sign an agreement before receiving grant funding.
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Emerald PUD shall accept proposals that develop renewable energy projects for its customer-owners. An eligible project produces electricity from a grid connected system for use on site or for export by using solar power, wind power, fuel cells, hydroelectric power, landfill gas, digester gas, waste, dedicated energy crops available on a renewable basis or low-emission, nontoxic biomass based on solid organic fuels from wood, forest or field residues. A successful proposal will have sufficient benefit to Emerald’s customer-owners.

Applicants must be a(n):
- Current electric customer of Emerald PUD, AND;
- Tax-exempt organization under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3), OR
- Academic institution chartered by the State of Oregon, OR
- Public institution referenced in ORS 174.109 through ORS 174.117

Funding is not provided for the following:
- Individuals
- Organizations that are in violation of state or federal laws
- Endowments
- Political or otherwise partisan organizations
- For-profit businesses
- Religious organizations
- Prior Emerald grant recipients
- Grant recipients from the previous year

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Projects must have a renewable energy focus that directly relates to Emerald’s vision to improve the lives of our Customer-Owners by delivering reliable utility services. Additional evaluation criteria will be used to identify top candidates. These could include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Project supports underserved populations including senior, disabled, and/or limited-income customer-owners.
- Project has clearly defined method to measure its effectiveness.
- Project has a detailed budget that clearly describes how funding, including other, non-Emerald funding sources, will be utilized.
- Project proposal clearly describes how the effectiveness of the project will be evaluated though clearly defined goals and objectives.
- Project enables new renewable energy generation or an enhancement to existing renewable energy generation projects. Funding priority will be given to new, grid-connected projects.
- Project addresses a demonstrated educational need that exists in the community.
- Project has potential for widespread application with benefits for a large number of people.
Emerald reserves the right to consult with subject matter experts for review of the technical feasibility of any project for which a grant is applied. Applications that do not clearly demonstrate technical feasibility may be excluded from the final ballot.

**ADDITIONAL DETAILS**

- Projects or programs receiving an award should be completed within approximately one year of initial funding of the grant. Emerald reserves the right to consider multi-year projects if a grantee’s progress is available for review on an annual or more frequent basis to ensure continual applicability to the program.
- Depending on type of project awarded, Emerald may elect to distribute grant funds either via an upfront payment or according to an agreed upon schedule with the grant recipient.
- Projects need not consume the entire $40,000 in available funds to be considered and those with budgets less than this are encouraged to apply. Emerald reserves the right to fund more than one project if the winning submission does not use all available funding.
- Projects awarded a grant may not be eligible for other incentives or funding from Emerald.

**QUESTIONS**

Contact Rob Currier, Energy Services Coordinator, at 541-746-1583 or EnergyServices@epud.org.

“Grant”, when used herein, means: An opportunity under which Emerald provides funds for the purpose of supporting or stimulating renewable energy activities in which no substantial involvement, ownership, or liability is transferred to the grantor or is anticipated in the program or activity other than involvement associated with monitoring compliance with the grant conditions and the purposes for which grant funds were provided.