



Oregon Department of Energy Announces \$1.5 Million for Renewable Energy Projects Across the State

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Grants will support installation of photovoltaic systems for Oregon businesses and organizations.

SALEM - The Oregon Department of Energy today announced 13 recipients of nearly \$1.5 Million in Renewable Energy Development grant funds. The RED grant program supports Oregon businesses, nonprofits, and organizations investing in renewable energy systems that use biomass, solar, geothermal, hydroelectric, wind, landfill gas, biogas, wave, tidal, or ocean energy to produce electricity.

ODOE received 27 applications by the December 15 deadline. Each of the applications received were for proposed photovoltaic (solar) systems. "Solar installations are booming across the country right now," ODOE Energy Analyst Rob Del Mar explains. "The overall cost of installing panels has dropped, and with the renewal of the federal tax credit, the time is right for businesses and organizations to invest in this renewable energy resource."

After a competitive review process, 13 projects were selected for this fifth round of RED grant funding, ranging from \$10,000 to \$165,000. The Oregon Military Department was allocated \$99,000 for its *Fort Oregon Solar* project, which will install panels on military-owned buildings in Medford, Roseburg, Dallas, and Salem. In Milton-Freewater, \$70,235 will help small business The Farm on Edwards Road install solar electricity for use in the production of free-range chicken eggs. The Southern Oregon Labor Temple Association, a nonprofit meeting space for unions in Central Point, was allocated \$37,754. See below for a full list of selected projects.

ODOE's grant funding news followed Governor Kate Brown's February 16 [announcement](#) that Oregon has signed on with 16 other states for the *Governors' Accord for a New Energy Future*. The bipartisan coalition commits to taking action to promote clean energy, clean transportation, and a modern electrical grid.

"Oregon is a long-standing energy leader, in part because businesses and nonprofits step up and make the switch to renewable energy," ODOE Director Michael Kaplan said. "ODOE is proud to support these diverse projects that will generate renewable electricity for Oregon farms, small businesses, our military, and more."

ODOE staff expect to finalize performance agreements over the next few months. Funds are allocated after the project is completed and operational, and once all conditions of the performance agreements are met.

For more information about the Renewable Energy Development grant program, visit ODOE's website:

www.oregon.gov/energy/BUSINESS/Incentives/Pages/index.aspx.

Project	Technology Type	Location	Grant Amount
Fossil Lake Solar, LLC	Solar PV	Christmas Valley	\$ 165,000
Pacific Solar Investments, Inc.	Solar PV	Wasco	\$ 165,000
Obsidian Renewables, LLC	Solar PV	Lakeview	\$ 165,000
Woodline Solar, LLC	Solar PV	Klamath Falls	\$ 165,000
Lockheed Martin Corporation	Solar PV	Central Point	\$ 165,000
Ewauna Solar 2, LLC	Solar PV	Klamath Falls	\$ 165,000
Oregon Military Department	Solar PV	Multiple	\$ 99,000
Willamina Solar, LLC	Solar PV	Willamina	\$ 165,000
Emerald People's Utility District	Solar PV	Eugene	\$ 58,355
Bethlehem Inn	Solar PV	Bend	\$ 65,789
Southern Oregon Labor Temple Association	Solar PV	Central Point	\$ 37,754
Lee N & Joseph Yetter	Solar PV	Azalea	\$ 10,410
The Farm on Edwards Road, Inc.	Solar PV	Milton-Freewater	\$ 70,235

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Photo: Santiam Valley Ranch in Turner, Oregon received RED grants in 2012 and 2015 for photovoltaic projects.

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