Coquille Indian Housing Authority Grant Application Summary January 25, 2024

Oregon Department of Energy Community Heat Pump Deployment Program

Introduction

The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance for the purchase and installation of heat pumps and related upgrades to Tribal members who own and occupy a residential dwelling in Oregon. Financial assistance will vary based on the type of equipment installed and amounts received from other incentive or assistance programs. It is projected that 10-15 Tribal households will be assisted.

Eligibility

An individual who benefits from the financial assistance must be a Coquille Tribal member who is the owner-occupant of a residential dwelling in Oregon where the heat pump will be installed.

Preference will be given to an individual:

- Whose household income is equal to or below the greater of 200% of the Federal Poverty Level or 60% of State Median Income.
- Whose primary residence is in a community with a population of less than 50,000 people.
- Whose primary residence is located within the area between the Oregon coast to the crest of the Oregon Coast Range mountains.
- Whose primary residence is in a place with limited access to public works and services such as roads, transportation, power, water, or schools.
- Whose age is 60 years or older.
- Whose age is equal to or between 15 and 24 years.
- Who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.
- Who relies on bulk fuels or electric resistance heating.
- Who resides in a home or structure that does not have a functioning heating or cooling system.

Equipment and Installation Requirements

To be eligible for financial assistance for its purchase and installation, a heat pump must meet, or exceed, the minimum requirements set forth in Oregon Administrative Rule 330-270.

The heat pump system installation and eligible upgrades must be done by a qualified contractor. The contractor or any subcontractor performing the work must maintain all applicable licenses, bonds, insurance, or permits required throughout the installation period until the installation of the heat pump is complete.

Assistance

Financial assistance will be provided in the form of a grant paid directly to a contractor.

Applicants will be required to make reasonable effort to access other grants, rebates, incentives, or similar financial assistance available from other sources (e.g., the State of Oregon, Energy Trust of Oregon, electric utilities, non-profit entities, etc.) to reduce purchase, installation, and related eligible upgrade costs. Staff may assist applicants with access to additional resources.

Heat Pump Purchase and Installation

The maximum amount per dwelling that may be payable toward the purchase and installation of a heat pump that meets or exceeds the **minimum standards** in 330-270-0040(6) but does not meet the minimum requirements in 330-270-0040(8) is **\$5,000**, not to exceed 100% of the purchase and installation costs of a heat pump.

The maximum amount per dwelling that may be payable toward the purchase and installation of a **high-efficiency** heat pump that meets or exceeds the minimum requirements in 330-270-0040(8) is \$7,000, not to exceed 100% of the purchase and installation costs of a heat pump.

The amount payable toward the purchase and installation, combined with other incentives received, may not exceed 100% of the purchase and installation cost.

Eligible Upgrades

The maximum amount per dwelling that may be payable toward **eligible upgrades** that support or enable the use of a heat pump is **\$4,000** per dwelling, not to exceed 100% of the costs. Eligible related upgrades include:

- A new electrical panel or other upgrades to the electrical system of a home or building.
- Weatherization or other structural repairs that reduce home or building heat and cooling loss.
- Upgrades to improve the airflow of a home or building.

The amount payable toward the related eligible upgrades combined with other incentives received that are related to the upgrades may not exceed 100% of the cost of the upgrades.

Budget

The amount allocated to the Coquille Indian Tribe under this program is \$128,739. 85% must be used to provide financial assistance. 15% may be used for program related administrative expenses and marketing costs.

| Activity | Amount |
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| Financial Assistance | \$109,429 |
| Administration and Marketing | 19,310 |
| Total Allocation | \$128,739 |

Important Dates

Applications are due January 26, 2024. Award notifications will begin around March 1, 2024. Funds must be fully expended by December 30, 2025.