

# EWEB Greenpower Grant Program

## Program Goals:

To fund high-impact projects and programs that drive advancements in renewable energy for EWEB customers, with emphasis on EWEB products, resources and priorities.

## Application Process:

Ensure your project or program meets the eligibility requirements (see below).

Complete the Grant Application Form and provide all the information requested, **in the order listed**, using a **maximum of ten pages** for sections 1 through 4. These ten pages and the grant application cover sheet are the primary documents the EWEB Greenpower Grant Evaluation team will use to screen grant applications.

Electronic copies of applications are encouraged, but please include one hard copy of your proposal with the Grant Application Form as a cover sheet.

Be sure to sign and date the Grant Application Form and include a unique title.

## Spring Applications:

Once screened for eligibility, the Grant team will score applications using the evaluation criteria (see below) to select up to five top candidates. Applications are due at EWEB or postmarked by **February 27, 2012** to be eligible for funding up to \$100,000. A public outreach campaign via EWEB publications and Website will inform customers of grant merits. A vote by current EWEB Greenpower subscribers will decide the proposal that will receive grant funding.

**The Greenpower Grant award winners will be announced during the Earth Day celebration at EWEB on April 21, 2012.**

## Eligibility Requirements:

EWEB will fund specific projects that enhance renewable energy projects or programs for EWEB customers. In order to be funded, there must be sufficient benefit to EWEB utility customers.

Applicants must be one of the following:

- tax-exempt organization under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3)
- an academic institution chartered by the State of Oregon

- 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 partisan organizations
- For profit businesses
- Religious organizations (unless the request is specifically for a program offered to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis and without regard to the recipient's religious affiliation)

### **Deadlines:**

Applications must be received by EWEB or postmarked by:

**Monday, February 27, 2012**

Questions: Please contact Colleen Wedin, EWEB Solar Program Lead, at 541.685.7362 or [colleen.wedin@eweb.org](mailto:colleen.wedin@eweb.org)

## **EWEB Greenpower Grant Project Evaluation Criteria**

### **Must Meet Criterion**

To be considered for funding, the projects must meet the following criterion:

Projects or programs must have a renewable energy focus that can be connected to EWEB mission, which is:

*To be an outstanding provider of energy and water products that meet customer needs and benefit the citizens of Eugene.*

### **Other Grant Proposal Criteria**

Other EWEB Greenpower Grant Program criteria will be used to help differentiate between competing projects. This **could** include any of the following, but is not limited to this list alone:

1. The project enables new renewable energy generation or an enhancement to existing renewable projects. Funding priority will be given to new projects or proposals rather than ongoing operations and maintenance.
2. The project supports renewable energy research and feasibility studies that develop and strengthen an understanding of the origin, development, and utilization of renewable energy resources.
3. The project addresses a demonstrated educational need that exists in the community.
4. The grant application describes how the effectiveness of the project will be evaluated; has a detailed budget that clearly describes how grant funds will be used and what available matching funds or support will be made available; and clearly defines the project's objectives and goals.
5. The project has potential for widespread application and could impact a large number of people.
6. The project supports underserved populations, including but not limited to seniors, disabled and low-income customers.

### **Additional Details**

Grant fund distribution will be divided into three parts and contingent on progress in meeting achieving stated outcomes/milestones.

1. Project or program kick off
2. Midterm report or milestone
3. Final evaluation or inspection

Project or programs should be completed within approximately one year of first funding of the grant distribution (June 30, 2013) EWEB will consider multi-year funding requests but reserves the right to review a grantee's progress on an annual basis to determine whether subsequent grant is appropriate.

### **EWEB Greenpower Grant**

**“Grant,”** when used herein, means: An opportunity under which EWEB provides funds for the purpose of supporting or stimulating renewable energy programs or 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.