



FOOTHILLS ENERGY CO-OP

COMMUNITY FUND

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

The mission of the Co-op is to market electricity, natural gas and green energy to residents of the foothills area at competitive rates, with the express purpose of investing revenues within our communities to promote energy conservation and sustainable initiatives.

Our mission guides the evaluation process for all projects submitted to the Foothills Energy Co-op. The Co-op invites potential partners to begin the application process by submitting an Application for Community Funding. We review Applications for Funding to assess the extent to which they align with our mission, and evaluation criteria.

The Co-op supports projects at the community level, and is not intended to support individuals. A project in this sense identifies a clear, measurable objective that a group sets out to achieve over a specific period of time. A proposal for a project includes a description of the set of resources and sequence of activities that are planned to achieve that objective. The more clearly applicants identify how the project supports the mission and vision of the Co-op, the more likely their proposal will be accepted.

The following criteria outlines what the FEC considers when evaluating proposals:

Renewable Energy - does the project support a renewable energy source?

Energy Conservation - does the project promote or foster energy conservation?

Habitat Restoration/Impact Mitigation - does the project support an improvement or mitigation to an existing environmental problem or practice?

Resiliency - does the project reduce the impact of potential future climatic emergencies?

Education - Does the project or proposal have an educational component which will foster the Co-op's mission.

Co-op Membership - Is the proponent a member of the Co-op? Will the proponent acknowledge the Co-op's support and encourage participants to join the Co-op? (Please note that membership in the Co-op is not a prerequisite, but in the event that projects that have met the criteria more or less equally, proposals submitted by Co-op members may be considered first).

The Foothills Energy Co-op is a small, locally organized group. Our revenues are not large and although we are committed to returning as much of them to the community as possible, funds may be limited. In an effort to distribute funds as widely as possible the Co-op, prefers smaller projects but has considered funding for individual projects up to \$10,000.

Proponents are encouraged to request as a maximum, "matching dollars" as we prefer not to be the only contributor.

On receipt of your application, the Board would like, within a reasonable time frame, to have you make an in-person presentation of your proposal in order to clarify any questions the Board may have.

The following "Project Overview" indicates the topics that the Board of the Foothills Energy Co-op would like to have addressed in your application.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Name and Contact Information

Duration (in months) of Proposed Project

Total Project Budget

If applicable, please include costs related to: personnel, contracts, travel costs, general and administrative costs as well as any other costs such as material and rental.

Amount Requested from Foothills Energy Co-op

Oversight/Governance

Please provide a brief description of the structure of your organization. The Co-op would like to have a reasonable assurance that your organization has the capability to successfully complete the project. You may wish to detail the supervisory and/or technical qualifications, past experience with similar projects or other relevant information.

Objectives and Activities

List the specific objectives the project would achieve and briefly describe the activities that would lead to their achievement.

Deliverables

List the expected results of the project, including completions, certificates and associated reports. Please include expected milestone dates.