

# 2021 Renewable Development Fund

## Grant recipients

### **The Annex - \$17,227**

The Annex will fill a gap in Portland's social safety net to address or proactively prevent homelessness by offering 27 highly affordable, low-barrier apartments (30-60 residents at a time) in Southeast Portland. Since the project owner will pay utilities for all residents, this project would allow the owner to reallocate energy costs to wrap-around social services for residents including mental health counseling, job training and other supports.

### **Bee Way Honey - \$126,492**

[Bee Way Honey](#), one of the Pacific Northwest's largest commercial beekeeping farms and honey producers, is a family owned and operated for-profit business. Bee Way has over 300 contracts with local farms to provide pollination services for them. They also sell honey on-site at their retail store known as "The Hive." The solar installation will help the family expand their retail honey business and help provide the financial stability for owners to pursue educational objectives on sustainable beekeeping and honey production.

### **Camp Tilikum - \$290,244**

[Camp Tilikum](#) is a children, youth and family camp. The camp includes 93 acres of woods, a lake, hiking trails, a recreation building, retreat lodge and a 1909 one-room schoolhouse. One of the goals of the camp is to teach people to appreciate and care for the environment. Camp Tilikum offers group retreats, school and church outings, day-use meetings and outdoor education. This grant will reduce annual energy costs and add more than \$20,000 to the camper scholarship fund, which allows kids to attend camp at a significantly reduced cost. The solar project is part of a larger capital campaign that will add 80 more beds to the camp.

### **Central City Concern - Westwind Apartments - \$83,660**

[Central City Concern](#) was formed in 1979 and is Oregon's largest homeless services provider. CCC is a nationally recognized green building leader that has completed two LEED gold projects as well as five Earth Advantage certified buildings. The Westwind Apartments will be a seven-story, 100-unit affordable housing building. Residents at the Westwind will have access to supportive, wrap-around services including peer case management, healthcare, recovery, employment and mental health resources. This project fits the ongoing sustainability and affordable initiatives of the applicant and will help ensure the ongoing financial stability of the affordable housing units.

### **Home Forward - \$29,500**

Home Forward is the local housing authority serving Multnomah County. They develop affordable housing projects to fight homelessness and housing insecurity. In partnership with the [Urban League](#), [Hattie Redmond Apartments](#) will provide 60 permanent supportive housing units for chronically homeless Black and Indigenous people of color with disabilities. The solar panels will help keep electricity costs affordable, allowing more funds to go to supporting the building and services on site. Home Forward will manage the building and Urban League will be providing the resident services. [Learn more](#) about Home Forward.



### **Jolene's First Cousin - \$72,560**

Jolene's First Cousin is a partnership between [Guerrilla Development](#), a private development company focused on socially oriented community building, and [JOIN](#), a nonprofit that supports people experiencing homelessness in Multnomah County. JOIN manages the affordable housing component of the property developed by Guerrilla. The property is mixed use, having both affordable residential and market-rate housing and commercial storefront spaces. The South building section includes an 11-unit affordable housing component with shared common areas. The solar project will help increase affordability, reduce the carbon footprint of the building through renewable energy sources, and provide inspiration and education for residents and visitors.

### **REACH Community Development - Plaza Los Amigos - \$81,541**

[REACH](#) is a community housing development organization that serves low-income communities with resident services, programming and referrals. [Project Los Amigos](#) will be a new 113-unit affordable housing community qualified under HUD guidelines. [Bienestar](#), the long-term nonprofit project partner, is experienced with providing services and housing to low-income communities in Washington County. Sustainability is a key element of the project design. Electrical savings will be used for resident services and programming.

### **Salem Alliance Church - \$40,000**

[Salem Alliance](#) is a 100-year-old church complex in downtown Salem serving the local community with over a dozen programs. Most of these programs are operated out of the Broadway Commons building, where the solar installation will be located. Salem's community services include the [Salem Free Clinic](#), which provides medical and dental care, immigrant support services, and a mentoring program. The installation will help reduce operational overhead by lowering electrical bills at the building, thereby enabling more community outreach activities.

### **Solar Harvest - \$275,000**

This solar installation will be the first solar farm in the U.S. specifically designed for research and education in [agrivoltaics](#) - combining solar and farming in the same field. The project is a collaboration between the [Oregon Clean Power Co-op](#) and Oregon State University and will be located at OSU's [North Willamette Research and Extension Center](#) near Wilsonville. It will serve as a research and demonstration site while simultaneously participating in the Oregon Community Solar Program, allowing community members to subscribe to the power it produces. Lead researcher Prof. Chad Higgins, of OSU's [College of Agriculture](#), hopes to show farmers ways in which they can improve the economics of both solar and farming, while increasing the supply of global water resources. The project expects to ultimately have about 100 subscribers, including at least 10% low-income subscribers.

