

Bright Futures Grant Application

The Bright Futures Grant is OCPA's yearly community educational funding opportunity aimed at supporting local non-profits, schools, and educators in their efforts to educate communities on the benefits of renewable energy and Community Choice Aggregation (CCA).

The application period runs from 5/20/24 - 7/1/24 with grants being awarded by Fall 2024. Grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to entities that have creative and effective approaches to promoting renewable energy education, particularly in underrepresented communities and through multilingual campaigns.

The grant also prioritizes initiatives that bring multiple partners together to collaborate on renewable energy education. This grant opportunity is a unique chance for organizations to make a meaningful impact in their communities and create a brighter, more sustainable future for all.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BY 5PM JULY 1, 2024 TO grants@ocpower.org

GRANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Non-profits, schools, colleges, universities, and educators based in an Orange County Power Authority member agency community that serve Buena Park, Fullerton, and Irvine residents
- Focus on educating the community on the benefits of renewable energy and Community Choice Aggregation
- Target underrepresented communities and multilingual communities
- Must demonstrate clear goals and objectives, a budget, and a plan for sustainability
- Partnerships with multiple agencies are highly desired, but not required
- Applicant must be an Orange County Power Authority customer or serve our customers
- If applicant is a customer, their account should be in good standing and have a past due balance no greater than 60 days

Grant Agreement Template:

Awardees must be willing to execute a Grant Agreement with OCPA, a sample copy of which can be found at: <https://www.ocpower.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/OCPA-Energy-Program-Grant-Agreement-Template.pdf>

Distribution of Funding:

After the review panel selects applications to award, successful proposers will work with OCPA to determine a timeline for distribution of funds. The distribution of funds will be based on milestone completions demonstrating progress in the proposed scope of work for the Bright Futures Grant. OCPA desires to work with a diverse range of applicants and reserves the right to adjust reporting requirements based on the award amount.

Application:

Applicant's Name

Applicant's Title

Email

Phone Number

Name of Organization

EIN/Tax ID #

Organization Website

Organization Description/Mission

Amount Requesting

Cities/Communities Served

Project Summary/Description (1 page recommended):

Please List and Describe Goals/Objectives (2 page recommended):

What steps will you take to ensure the sustainability of the project (including reasonable budget)? (1 page recommended):

List any partners involved in the project and describe their role:

Signature

Date

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION AND DETAILED BUDGET BY
5PM JULY 1, 2024 TO sviramontes@ocpower.org

Evaluation Criteria:

Project Summary (30 points)

- A. Clarity of project description (10 points)
- B. Relevance of project to target audience (10 points)
- C. Feasibility of timeline (10 points)

Goals and Objectives (30 points)

- A. Clarity of goals and objectives (15 points)
- B. Measurable outcomes (15 points)

Sustainability & Budget (24 points)

- A. Feasibility of project continuation after grant period (8 points)
- B. Adequacy of steps to ensure sustainability (8 points)
- C. Reasonableness of budget (8 points)

Partnerships (16 points)

- A. Relevance of partnerships (8 points)
- B. Contribution of partnerships to project success (8 points)