BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 2389

In the matter of PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON, Justice Funding Precertification Annual Report	COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF OREGON 2026 JUSTICE FUNDING PRE-CERTIFICATION ANNUAL REPORT

Community Action Partnership of Oregon hereby submits its report on HB 2475 Intervenor Funding Pre-Certification.

Community Action Partnership of Oregon (CAPO) is the 501 (c)(3) state association of 18 Community Action Agencies (CAAs) that carry out the federal Community Action Program ("CAP"). CAPO supports capacity building, training and statewide network coordination. The 1964 Economic Opportunity Act established CAAs to fight poverty by empowering lower income households. CAAs are a unified and strong network of local and regional service providers with decades of foundational expertise and community presence providing integrated services to households in need. Oregon CAAs serve over 260,000 individuals every year with food, energy, housing, crisis prevention, asset building, education, case management, and youth support programs. Our agencies specialize in serving some of our community's most vulnerable with a wrap-around service model—including families in active financial crises, homebound seniors, rural and farmworker communities, households with language barriers, and households who lack tools and technology needed to self-serve or need extra support to overcome barriers and navigate programs.

Actual spending reporting period is from January 1 to September 30, 2026, and this report includes a description of accomplished or planned activities through December 31, 2026.

In 2026, relatively new CAPO staff built understanding of OPUC processes, monitored and increased familiarity with a wide range of dockets and technical topics, participated in workshops, submitted joint and independent public comments and engaged directly with OPUC staff and Commissioners, utility staff, Citizens Utility Board and EJ advocates. CAPO and CAA/OECA network members participated in joint advocate spaces, utility advisory and equity advisory groups, in addition to program implementor convenings. CAPO also supported CAA network fluency and familiarity with a variety of topics and specifics of key dockets to support consensus positions and facilitate direct CAA network engagement. CAPO brought best practice and national research to our network engagement, comments and positions, and brought CAA network expertise in whole-home weatherization, fund leveraging and wrap-around service model to broader conversations about energy insecurity and energy conservation.

- **UM2211 –** Implementation of HB 2475
  CAPO staff and CAA/OECA network members participated in UM 2211 weekly meetings with advocates and OPUC staff, translated federal updates across state agencies regarding affordability programs, and shared information with individual CAAs with regional concerns. CAPO staff and CAA/OECA network members participated in utility advisory and program implementor meetings for all Investor-Owned Utilities, including recent presentations of new or refreshed Energy Burden Assessments. CAPO participated in some EJC/EJA meetings and will strengthen that participation in 2027. We engaged in formal and informal efforts to support strong utility referrals, outreach and noticing practices and will continue to inform the CAA network about customer protections applicable in their daily interactions and while supporting customers navigating utility disconnection. CAPO continues to build understanding of how the evolving landscape of assistance programs interact, and how OHCS supports autoenrollment of income-eligible households in BDP/LID programs. We will continue these activities through the end of 2026.

- **AR 671 (+ associated ADV filings) –** Customer Protections, Electric Arrearage Relief
  CAPO staff and CAA network members participated in utility-led workshops for all three electric utility efforts to develop arrearage relief programs, attended presentations and reviewed utility filings related to customer protection outreach and noticing. CAPO attended meetings and contributed to joint public comments following CAA network engagement, engaged with CUB and utilities immediately post-filing. CAPO will continue to monitor arrearage relief program implementation in partnership with the CAA network.

- **UM 2417 –** Executive Order 25-25 and 25-29 implementation
  CAPO participated in OPUC-led workshops for the full scope of UM 2417 and distributional equity workgroup workshops, including providing presentations to the workgroup and

information gathering for landscape review. Engaged and informed the CAA network and OHCS and engaged OPUC staff and advocate with stakeholders. We will participate in any relevant activity through the end of 2026.

- **ETO 1 –** Multiyear Plan / **UM 1158** – Performance Metrics
  CAPO has monitored these dockets, including implementation of utility-specific action plans, engaged with OPUC staff in 2026 performance metrics process, participated in commission meetings and Utility/ETO action plan implementation meetings. We intend to engage in 2027 performance metric-setting process, including work taking place in Q4 2026. CAPO continues to try to engage ETO on productive grounds regarding income-qualified income conservation.

- **AR 676 –** FAIR Act Implementation
  To build understanding and capacity to participate in this space, CAPO staff joined OPUC staff-led workshops, advocate meetings, and occasional learning spaces, read utility filing and learned from materials shared by national advocates. CAPO informally around a select set of PIMs, UM 2405 reporting and broad insight about CAA and program participant experiences. While we are not yet formally on the record, we will continue participating in this space as applicable through the end of 2026.

- **Additional learning and contributions:**
  CAPO monitored and engaged in more passive learning and capacity building around wildfire planning, community solar program implementation and microgrid/resiliency dockets in preparation for 2027 activities.

  CAPO monitored changes to low-income energy conservation tariffs and engaged OPUC staff and utilities as needed and consulted with OPUC staff when issues arose that interacted with OHCS and CAA-implemented programs.

OPUC planning

- Participated in bi-annual meetings with OPUC Commissioners
- CAPO Staff or CAA/OECA network members participate in advisory and program implementor groups for NWN, Avista, Cascade and Idaho Power, and PGE and Pacific Power CBIAGs. CAPO works closely with participating CAAs to ensure that low-income customer interests are represented.
- Energy affordability and energy burden reduction efforts facilitated through the OPUC do not exist in a vacuum. CAPO has been engaging broadly to better understand

complementarity of affordability programs and to develop policy positions that are applicable beyond the context of a single docket.

- CAPO has been engaging stakeholders, peer states, researchers, national coalitions, and the CAA network about energy conservation policy positions that are broadly applicable in conversation with utilities, OPUC staff and stakeholders and in conversation with other service delivery models.
- CAPO and CAA/OECA network participated alongside utilities and advocates in OEAP listening sessions, in preparation for a future OPUC docket related implementation of HB 3792.

Low-Income Service Provider Engagement:

CAPO hosted and facilitated three in-person Oregon Energy Coordinators and Affiliated (OECA) conference convenings in 2026 in different regions of the state. Over three multi-day convenings CAPO and OECA prioritized information sharing, education, planning, capacity and network building, and policy position development. Utility partners, including NWN, PGE, and Avista joined convenings over the course of the year. CAPO also helped connect a new Community Action Agency network member, Oregon Human Development Corporation, with natural gas utilities that were not already contracting for energy assistance and weatherization.

Budget Showing Estimations and Spending

Attachments A and B reflect proposed budget initially submitted, in total and by utility. Attachment C shows actual spending from January 2026 to September 30, 2026. Importantly, October 2026 OECA expenses are not yet accounted for in this spending report. CAPO does not anticipate releasing any funds and will spend the remainder by the end of the funding period.

Dated this November 17, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

/s/_____

Janet Allanach
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Community Action Partnership of Oregon

Attachment A: Estimated Eligible Expenses

Hours are rounded estimates.

2026 Proposed Budget:

	Hours	Total Cost
Staff:		
Lauren Kolojejchick-Kotch, Utility Policy Manager	685	$37,000
Drew Sizemore, OTI Director	104	$7,500
Janet Allanach, CAPO Executive Director	52	$4,500
LI Customer and Service Provider Engagement		
Support for in-person and virtual convenings of OECA		$7,500
Support costs of OECA travel: mileage, lodging, meals, registrations (3 conferences)		$3,342
Subtotal		$59,842
15% Indirect		$8,976
Total		$68,818

Attachment B: Estimated Budget by Utility Fund:

	PGE	Pacific Power	NWN
Staff:			
Lauren Kolojejchick-Kotch, Utility Policy Manager	$13,370 (247 hrs)	$12,107 (224 hrs)	$11,537 (214 hrs)
Drew Sizemore, OTI Director	$2,520 (35 hrs)	$2,520 (35 hrs)	$2,448 (34 hrs)
Janet Allanach, CAPO Executive Director	$1,557 (18 hrs)	$1,4701 (17 hrs)	$1,4701 (17hrs)
LI Customer and Service Provider Engagement			
Support for in-person and virtual convenings of OECA	$2,700	$2,475	$2,325
Support costs of OECA travel: mileage, lodging, meals, registrations (3 conferences)	$1,202	$1,100	$1,040
Subtotal	$21,350	$19,672	$18,820
15% Indirect	$3,202	$2,951	$2,823
Total	**$24,552**	**$22,623**	**$21,643**

Attachment C: Actual Spending by Utility Fund:

	PGE	Pacific Power	NWN
Staff:			
Wages, benefits and taxes: • Lauren Kolojejchick-Kotch, Utility Policy Manager • Drew Sizemore, OTI Director • Janet Allanach, CAPO Executive Director	$12,254	$11,233	$10,552
LI Customer and Service Provider Engagement			
Support for in-person and virtual convenings of OECA convenings	$200	$2,475	$2,325
Support costs of OECA travel: mileage, lodging, meals, registrations			
Subtotal	$12,454	$13,708	$12,877
15% Indirect	$1,868	$2,056	$1,932
Total Spending, Jan-September 2026	**$14,322**	**$15,764**	**$14,809**
Remaining to Spend Oct-December 2026, including Oct 2026 OECA expenses	**$10,230**	**$6,859**	**$6,834**

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