

### **Greener Together Program Applicant Terms**

By submitting an application for funds from the OPPD Greener Together Program, applicants agree to the terms set forth below.

Project applications must meet at least one of the following criteria, as determined by OPPD in its sole discretion:

#### **Project Application Requirements**

1. Projects that support renewable energy
  - a. Help fund new, community-based projects in the OPPD Service Territory supporting renewable energy
    - i. Renewable energy means facilities that generate or store energy using solar, wind, water, geothermal resources, biomass, landfill gas, or biogas
2. Projects that address environmental impacts and/or promote environmental sustainability and energy efficiency
  - a. Environmental sustainability generally means efforts to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. Sustainability presumes that resources are finite and should be used conservatively with a view toward long-term impacts.
  - b. These types of eligible projects include projects that will measurably reduce environmental impact. Examples include demonstrated reductions in kilowatt hours (kWh), gas usage, product use, emissions, effluent, and solid waste. They also include projects that support waste reduction, reuse, and recycling, and projects that promote energy efficiency, low-income energy efficiency, electrification of transportation, pollinator gardens, and tree planting.

Applications must describe the purpose(s) for which the funds are sought pursuant to the foregoing requirements. "Administrative Costs" are the applicants allowable direct costs for the overall management of the projects costs. The allowable limit of such costs that can be reimbursed under this program is 10 percent of the total award sum.

**Who Can Apply.** The following organizations with facilities that receive electric service from OPPD in the OPPD service territory are eligible to submit an application for consideration by OPPD:

- Nonprofit corporations that have Section 501(c)(3) designation under the Internal Revenue Code
- Non-profit educational institutions, both public and private, from early childhood education through postsecondary education, including community colleges. Early childhood organizations must be licensed by the State of Nebraska.
- Cultural enrichment organizations dedicated to the performing arts, the visual arts, historic preservation, cross-cultural education and other such activities
- Health and human services organizations including chemical dependency treatment and prevention programs, senior citizen centers, runaway youth services and domestic

violence treatment and prevention programs, safety programs, environmental programs and wellness programs

### **Non-eligible Participants**

- Organizations that discriminate against individuals on the basis of religion, race, color, sex, age, national origin or veteran status;
- Political organizations, ballot measure campaigns or candidates for public office
- Contributions to or memberships in chambers of commerce, service clubs, taxpayer associations and other similar bodies
- Structural maintenance of existing facilities

Application requirements will include the name of project, location, summary of how the funds will be used, overall project cost, who and how the community will benefit from the project, and how they will measure the results. The form of application for the Greener Together Program is found at the following link: <https://explore.oppd.com/green/apply-for-funding>.

1. Customers within OPPD's service territory interested in submitting an application for project consideration should go to <https://explore.oppd.com/green/apply-for-funding> to find information on how and when to submit an application.
2. Qualifying applications will be sent to the Greener Together Program Committee for review.
3. Qualifying projects will be prioritized by the Greener Together Program Committee.
4. Customers participating in the Greener Together Program through voluntary contributions will be given an opportunity to vote on project selection through the OPPD Community Connect Greener Together Program <https://explore.oppd.com/green/>.
5. Applicants whose projects are approved projects will be notified by email. Once approved, applicants will need to enter in to the Greener Together Program Recipient Agreement.

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