

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Energy Trust of Oregon's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Grant Writers Pool

1. How many grants per year has Energy Trust done in the past couple of years?

While Energy Trust has applied for a handful of grants over the past several years, the Grant Writers Pool is being formed to support a significant increase in grant-related activity. The members of the Grant Writers Pool will work primarily with Energy Trust directly, but there may also be opportunities to work in collaboration with other entities such as school districts, tribal organizations, community-based organizations, etc.

2. Will this be hourly or fixed cost work?

Energy Trust is open to different payment structures, including hourly on a time-and-materials basis and fixed-cost. Specific parameters of any work would be defined in contract language between Energy Trust and the grant writing organization and will likely include a *not-to-exceed* amount.

3. Are these community renewable energy grant applications or something else?

Members of the Grant Writers Pool may have the opportunity to work on state and federal grant applications, private solicitations, foundation grants, etc. Energy Trust anticipates pursuing a wide array of funding opportunities, and it is likely that those opportunities will come from a variety of sources with different application requirements.

4. Our firm has extensive federal grant experience but not specifically with the Department of Energy. Will that be an issue?

Interested applicants can learn more about Energy Trust's mission and goals here:

<https://www.energytrust.org/about/explore-energy-trust/>

The grants and other funding opportunities that members of the Energy Trust Grant Writers Pool would likely be pursuing would help support, and expand upon, Energy Trust's mission and goals. While Energy Trust hopes to build a robust and diverse pool of grant writers, it is the responsibility of each interested party to review the posted RFQ information in detail and determine if their organization meets the criteria to apply.

Prior experience responding to US Department of Energy solicitations is beneficial, but not required experience