


SOLAR AMBASSADORS RESOURCE GUIDE


This information is provided by the Solar Ambassadors pilot project, a collaboration among Adelante Mujeres, African American Alliance for Homeownership, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, Community Energy Project, Solar Oregon, Unite Oregon (Clackamas County Chapter), Verde and Energy Trust of Oregon. The goal is to help raise awareness of solar energy among communities of color in the Portland area.


The Solar Ambassadors pilot is being developed through the Solar Energy Innovation Network. The Solar Energy Innovation Network is a U.S. Department of Energy program that helps communities develop transformative ways of adopting solar energy. Teams work together and with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory to develop their ideas in real-world contexts, yielding results that can unlock tomorrow's solar markets.





Solar Ambassadors Participating Organizations


	Adelante Mujeres		
Ambassador	María Dolores Torres - asmdolorestorres@adelantemujeres.org		
About	Adelante Mujeres provides holistic education and empowerment opportunities to marginalized Latina women and families to ensure full participation and active leadership in the community		
Cientele	Primarily Latina women and families, but some programs serve all communities of color in Washington County		
Resources	<p>Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult education: GED, English language, health and leadership classes • Trauma prevention and alleviation • Empresas Small Business Program • Youth program supporting those in grade 3 through college • Early childhood bilingual program for immigrant children • Leadership & advocacy training and mentorship • Health education, nutritious foods and community health advocacy • School support services for parents • Forest Grove & Cornelius Farmers Markets 		
Contact	www.adelantemujeres.org	info@adelantemujeres.org	(503) 992-0078


	African American Alliance for Homeownership		
Contact	Richard Hines-Norwood: richard@aaah.org		
About	AAAH's mission is to increase homeownership and economic stability for African Americans and other underserved individuals		
Cientele	Primarily those who identify as Black people, Indigenous people, and other people of color in Portland, but anyone who qualifies for the service programs throughout Multnomah County		
Resources	<p>Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First-time homebuyer counseling • Foreclosure prevention counseling & COVID-19 mortgage relief • Free estate planning & webinars • Home emergency repairs (e.g., water leaks) • Discounted & free sustainability upgrades, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Electric Vehicle Individual Development (match-savings) Account ○ Power to the People PDX Program (solar energy installations) • Internship program for youth and adults • Community resource referrals • Free home energy assessment 		
Website	www.aaah.org	info@aaah.org	(503) 595-3517


	Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon		
Ambassador	Jeremy Hart: jeremy.hart@apano.org		
About	APANO unites Asians and Pacific Islanders to build power, develop leaders, and advance equity through organizing, advocacy, community development, and cultural work.		
Clientele	Primarily Asian and Pacific Islanders, but all programs are open to Black people, Indigenous people, and other people of color		
Resources	Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth and parent organizing • Environmental justice through advocacy, policy, and community engagement • Workforce development and trainings • Small business advising and support • Immigrant support programming • Transportation justice and community development 		
Contact	www.apano.org	info@apano.org	(971) 340-4861

	Community Energy Project		
Ambassador	Olivia Tym: solar@communityenergyproject.org		
About	Community Energy Project provides free home services focused on safety, health, and energy efficiency. We provide free community education and supplies, as well as direct home energy upgrades and repairs for low-income people in the Portland Metro Area.		
Clientele	Low-income renters and homeowners in the Portland Metro area. The services available can depend on the location of the home.		
Resources	Educational Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do-it-yourself winter and summer weatherization • Lead poisoning prevention • Lead safe home projects Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Solar Program where subscribers sign up to reduce monthly electricity costs • Water pipe leak repair, equipment replacement • Water heater replacement • Free weatherization and safety repairs • Free Home Energy Scores for homeowners selling their homes • Deep Energy Retrofitting 		
Contact	www.communityenergyproject.org	hello@communityenergyproject.org	(503) 284-6827

	Energy Trust of Oregon		
Ambassador	Bayo Ware: bayoan.ware@energytrust.org		
About	Energy Trust is dedicated to helping 2.4 million utility customers in Oregon and 92,000 utility customers in Southwest Washington save energy and benefit from renewable power, today and in the future through cash incentives, educational information and other resources.		
Clientele	Residents and businesses in Oregon who are utility customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, NW Natural, Cascade Natural Gas or Avista and NW Natural in Southwest Washington.		
Resources	<p>Solar Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar informational resources • Vetted solar contractor trade ally network • Solar incentives, including Solar Within Reach increased incentives for income-qualified homes • Oregon Community Solar Program • Solar Calculator to assess amount of sunlight that hits your roof <p>Residential Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free online home energy assessment • Reduced-price smart thermostat • Do-it-yourself tips and resources • Savings Within Reach: income-qualified energy-saving home upgrades • Appliance and weatherization upgrade cash incentives and rebates • Manufactured home replacement cash incentives • Energy-efficiency tips newsletter 		
Contact	www.energytrust.org	Solar: solar@energytrust.org Residential: residential@energytrust.org Manufactured Home Replacement: mhreplacement@energytrust.org	Solar: (877) 777-4018 Residential: (866) 311-1822 Savings Within Reach: (866) 368-7878

	Solar Oregon		
Ambassador	Abygale Jaeger: abygale@solaroregon.org		
About	Solar Oregon leads the way to a clean energy future where human prosperity is achieved through efficient technology and renewable energy by leading tours, delivering workshops, advocating for pro-solar policies to help homeowners and communities navigate and accelerate the development of solar energy.		
Clientele	Primarily homeowners in Oregon and Southwest Washington but also anyone interested in solar		
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Solar 101 workshop providing introductory information • Educational events on new technologies, zero energy homes and other related topics • Informational newsletter 		
Contact	solaroregon.org	info@SolarOregon.org	

	Unite Oregon	
Ambassadors	Lorri O’Neill - lorri@uniteoregon.org Marion Powell - marion@uniteoregon.org	
About	Unite Oregon is an advocacy organization that works to ensure community representation in six primary issue areas: climate justice, housing justice, community safety, educational equity, economic justice and health equity	
Clientele	Unite serves Black, Indigenous, People of Color, immigrants and refugees, rural communities, and people experiencing poverty, with chapters in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties and the Rogue Valley.	
Resources	Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civic engagement • Policy advocacy • Intergenerational leadership development • Community organizing Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash and rent assistance • COVID outreach 	
Contact	www.uniteoregon.org	(503) 287-4117

	Verde	
Ambassador	N/A	
About	Verde serves communities by building environmental wealth through social enterprise, outreach, and advocacy.	
Clientele	Primarily Black people, Indigenous people, and other people of color, and people experiencing low incomes in the Cully Neighborhood, but other communities around the Portland metro area and the state	
Resources	Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verde Builds: residential energy efficiency and heat response projects • Community Organizing & Engagement: advocates and organizes to drive environmental resources into their neighborhoods • Energy, Climate and Transportation: build community capacity to craft policies to meet community needs 	
Contact	www.verdenw.org/en/home	info@verdenw.org (503) 290-8570

Other Services*		
Multnomah County Weatherization Program		
Website	www.multco.us/dchs/multnomah-county-weatherization-program-jaycob	
Contact	(503) 823-4000	
Clackamas County - Weatherization Services		
Website	www.clackamas.us/cfcc/weatherization.html	
Contact	weatherization@caowash.org	(503) 650-3338
Community Action—Washington County Weatherization		
Website	caporegon.org/find-services/clackamas-county-social-services	
Contact	weatherization@caowash.org	(503) 906-6550
Portland Water Bureau Leak Repair		
Website	www.portland.gov/water/water-efficiency-programs/leak-repair	
Contact	conserve@portlandoregon.gov	(503) 823-4527

**Services may have income restrictions*