

# APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION FISCAL YEAR 2010

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 2009**

***PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.***

**1. Project Title:**

State and Local Climate Solutions

**2. Organization Name and address:**

Policy Consensus Initiative  
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**4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):**

**5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:**

The Policy Consensus Initiative (PCI) is a national, non-profit, nonpartisan organization located in Portland, OR. Our board is made up of governors, legislators, mayors and leaders in the field of public policy consensus building. Since 1997, PCI has been assisting state and local leaders in the use of collaborative approaches to addressing difficult policy issues. The work of PCI has focused extensively on how collaborative policymaking processes are used in states and local governments, the types of programs that offer these services, and the effectiveness of such programs in helping leaders solve public problems.

**6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)**

This project would create and implement a program to accelerate and streamline state and local sustainability projects, particularly for clean energy, green infrastructure and climate change. PCI will assist state and local leaders, university centers for collaborative governance, and other organizations serving leaders to address these sustainability issues through collaborative action with citizens and stakeholders in project implementation. PCI will support at a minimum one collaborative action project per state. These projects will provide a basis for creating ongoing systems for community-based projects in each state to integrate and leverage supportive public, private, and civic investments to accelerate implementation and achieve sustainable solutions.

PCI developed the Community Solutions collaborative action system that has been successfully used in Oregon under the Oregon Solutions program, which has had great success with over 50

completed projects. The Solutions model engages the public, private, and civic sectors in problem solving on the ground, utilizing community leaders as conveners.

In addition to Oregon, PCI is working with partners in Colorado, New Mexico, Maine, Virginia, Hawaii, California, Florida, Washington, Wyoming and Utah for application of this collaborative action model based on the following criteria:

1. State and local leaders indicate interest in using collaborative action approaches more regularly to address climate, infrastructure and energy challenges.
2. Partner organizations in the state (1) have capacity to support leaders in assessing, designing and using collaborative action processes and (2) can help plan and organize solutions systems, and commit to following through on next steps.

Opportunity to complete Public projects more quickly in the state using this program

**7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?**

No

**7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.**

**8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific – e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):**

Department of Interior, Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency

**9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?**

Our global economic and climate/clean energy challenges require solutions that are both quick in initial implementation and transformative in outcomes, leading to more sustainable built environment, energy and climate investments. Traditional government processes need new more dynamic decision making and implementation tools that will integrate across governmental levels and leverage civic and private ideas and resources.

The Community Solutions collaborative action system gives leaders a way to ensure an effective framework for collaborative decision-making and implementation. By developing a collaborative action infrastructure, public agencies, and the private and civic sectors can work together to develop solutions more effectively, while leveraging resources and achieving integration. The Community Solutions System serves as an option in creating solutions for state and local leaders to use when faced with difficult public issues that cannot be resolved by government alone.

This project will improve the Oregon economy and create jobs by developing capacity in the state for a national program.

**10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress? If so, who?**

No

**11. Funding Details:**

**a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years):** \$800,000

**b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010:** \$800,000

**c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)**

States will be asked to contribute resources for projects under this program

**d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?**

No

**e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010.  
(e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):**

Per state (5 states total) - \$120,000 for staff support, demonstration projects, and trainings  
= \$600,000 total

Program Development and Research - \$100,000

Program Management, Publications, and Support - \$100,000

**f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:**

The Policy Consensus Initiative Board of Directors, consisting of governors, legislators, mayors and leaders in the field of public policy consensus building. The Governor of Oregon and the Oregon Solutions Steering Committee, consisting of representatives from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. The Salt Lake City Mayor's Office and Salt Lake Solutions Program.

**g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):**

Yes

Please return this form no later than February 13, 2009 (via email) to:

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