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Pacific Power's Blue Sky Participants Help Fund Renewable Energy Project for FISH Food Pantry

The FISH of Roseburg will soon generate its own clean, renewable power thanks to a funding award from Pacific Power's Blue Sky program participants. The money will support the installation of a solar electric roof mount renewable energy system at the FISH Food Pantry located in the Jerry Bruce Community Campus off North Stephens Street in Roseburg. The FISH Food Pantry provides emergency food parcels to over 900 low-income households per month, which includes almost 3,300 people. Among those about 30% are children.

The Blue Sky program grant award of \$44,589 will cover about 74% of the installation cost of the 17.5 kilowatt solar power project. Other funders of the the project include: First Interstate Bank Foundation, Energy Trust of Oregon, and The FISH of Roseburg.

The FISH of Roseburg joins more than 120 organizations across Pacific Power's service area that, since 2006, have received awards for community-based renewable projects, including solar, wind, geothermal and other forms of renewable energy. This project is one of a dozen selected this year through a competitive-evaluation process.

"We are very excited that we were selected for this grant award and so grateful to Pacific Power's Blue Sky participants who made it possible," said Nis Jessen, Board President of The FISH. "This solar power project is not only a win for the environment but for the local community, too. By generating our own electricity, we'll save on energy costs — and that means we can dedicate more of our budget to our core mission of reducing hunger within Douglas County."

Blue Sky is an opt-in program that gives Pacific Power customers an option to match all or part of their energy use with renewable energy -- reducing their carbon footprints and driving demand for new renewable energy in the West. Through the Blue Sky Block option, participants also support qualifying, renewable energy projects for community-serving organizations such as schools, community centers and arts organizations.

"For 20 years, the Blue Sky program has offered Pacific Power customers a simple and powerful way to live their values, reduce their carbon footprint and support renewable energy," said Berit

Kling, Blue Sky renewable energy program manager at Pacific Power. “Unlike most green power programs, Blue Sky goes beyond the purchase of renewable energy credits to help fund additional smaller energy projects for organizations in our communities. Through projects such as this, Blue Sky Block participants are powering a better future for local communities.”

Construction on the FISH Food Pantry solar array will begin by early summer. It is expected to begin generating power by this fall. Within the next few weeks The FISH of Roseburg will be seeking best and final proposals from prospective solar energy contractors for the project.

For more information visit <https://www.fishofroseburg.org> or pacificpower.net/bluesky.

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