What is Blue Sky?

• A way for our customers to support Renewable Energy
• It’s a Voluntary Program
• It’s an additional “add on” fee placed onto your monthly bill
• You can be a Blue Sky supporter for as little as $1.95 a month
Blue Sky, where does the money go?

• Purchase Renewable Energy Certificates (REC’s)
• Support Customer Education and Outreach Efforts
• Support the Construction of new Community-Based Renewable Energy Projects
• Support Native Fish Habitat (habitat option, Oregon only)
Blue Sky, how do I get funding for my project?

• Is the project in the Pacific Power service territory?
• Are you a Blue Sky Customer? If not, become one ASAP
• Are you installing a new or new addition to an existing project using renewable energy? (we fund more than just solar)
  • Wind, Geothermal, Low-Impact Hydro, Pipeline or Irrigation Hydro, Wave, Low-Emissions Biomass.
• Is it locally-owned and non-residential?
• If yes to all of these.............more requirements on web site.
By the way, funding not available for.....

• Off-grid projects
• Heat generation systems
• Residential
• Interconnection studies
• Design costs
• Etc........More can be found on our website.
Blue Sky; I want to apply for a grant, so?

• Blue Sky opens applications as early as May and as late as July. Each year has its own timeline, so check the website.

• Typically, once open, you have a three month window to complete and turn in your application.

• Once applications are closed, applicants will be notified in approximately three months.

• All projects that receive a grant, must have their project finished by the end of the following year. *(Example: awarded in 2017 funding cycle, project must be completed by December 31, 2018)*

• All grands have a reporting requirement, and will not be funded until the project is completed. *(bridge financing?)*
Steens Sports Park

- Created in 1999 by large donation by JELD WEN.
- Park is 140 acres with a 99 year lease from Klamath County (lease cost is a penny a year)
- The Park is 100% privately funded. This is the largest privately funded park in the Pacific Northwest (maybe west of Mississippi River)
- The park broke ground in 2001 and currently has:
  - 4 full-size soccer fields
  - 1 collegiate-size baseball field
  - 5 additional baseball / softball fields / with two concession stands
  - 60,000 sq/ft indoor sports facility (Mike’s Fieldhouse)
  - 10,000 sq/ft indoor hitting facility (batting cage / indoor throwing facility)
  - World class skateboard park
  - 2 playgrounds
  - And 3.15 miles or running and walking trails
- An Estimated 80,000 to 85,000 visits a year
Steens Sports Park energy needs

• Pumps for a 1.5 million gallon irrigation pond
• Lighting for indoor facilities, parking, sports fields
• Heating for indoor facilities (Mike’s fieldhouse is geo-thermal heating)
• Energy is the sports parks number one expense of operations. (In the Red)
Steens Sports Park, Blue Sky and ETO

- Introduction meeting with board members in late 2014.
- Board reached out to Oregon Energy Green out of Medford for help in early 2015.
- Applied for Blue Sky Grant in summer of 2015.
- Internal meetings discussing all applications, with Regional Business Managers in October 2015.
- November 11\textsuperscript{th}, 2015 Steens Sports Park is awarded $175,000 for solar project by Blue Sky.
- Early 2016, Steens Sports Park finalize financial construction plans, secure bridge loan to complete project.
- August 1\textsuperscript{st} of 2016, Solar Project is completed and payment from Blue Sky is made.
- Final cost of project is around $225,000 with $175,000 from Blue Sky and $45,000 from the Energy Trust of Oregon.
Steens Sports Park, the end result.

- With the “Blue Sky Solar Pavilion”, they generate 64 Kw of electric power.
- Provides shade for families using playground or other amenities in the area.
- They now save 25% of their electric costs
- For the first time in their history, they now have become stable financially (they are in the Black)

- Solar Production Graph
- Steens Sports Park Website