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# Named Communities Investment Fund

**Public Meeting** 

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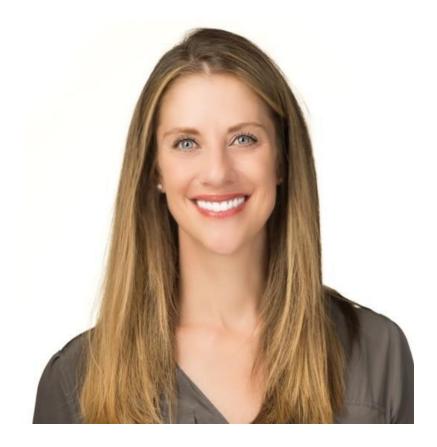


# Today's Agenda

Topic	Speaker
Welcome & Introductions	Ana Matthews, Customer Engagement Manager
Community Message	Nicole Hydzik, Director of the Innovation Lab & Customer Energy Solutions
Clean Energy Transformation Act	Ana Matthews, Customer Engagement Manager, and NCIF Program Manager
Named Communities Investment Fund	Ariana Barrey, Senior Communications Manager Kristine Meyer, Community Investment & Foundation Manager & NCIF Program Manager Ana Matthews, Customer Engagement Manager, and NCIF Program Manager
Questions & Comments	Ana Matthews, Customer Engagement Manager, and NCIF Program Manager



# **Community Welcome**



Nicole Hydzik
Director of Innovation Lab & Customer Energy Solutions













# **Clean Energy Transformation Act**

Ana Matthews | Customer Engagement Manager

# **Avista's Regulatory Model**

#### Washington

Idaho

#### **Investor-Owned Utility**

Compliance with State Laws & Policies Oregon

#### **Customers**

Safe, Reliable & Affordable



#### **State Commissions**

Determines Compliance &
Sets Customer Rates



## Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA)



electricity by the end of 2025



Use of carbon-neutral electricity by 2030



Use 100% renewable or non-carbon emitting electricity by 2045





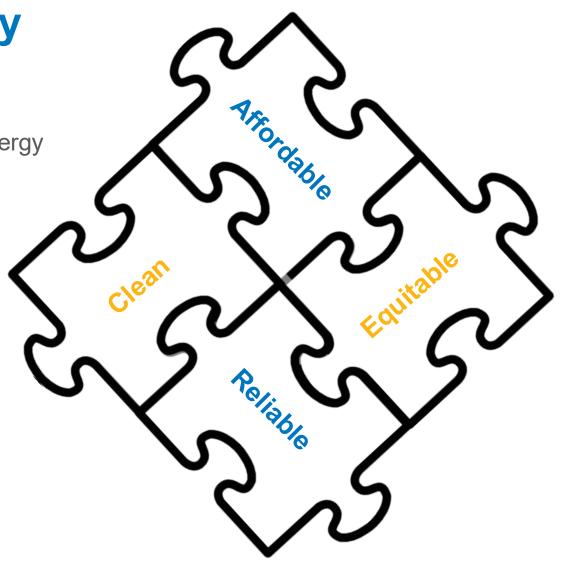
**Clean Energy Benefits & Equity** 

All customers benefit from the transition to cleaner energy

Equitable distribution of energy and nonenergy benefits and reductions of burdens for Named Communities

#### Named Communities:

Populations disproportionately and negatively impacted by housing, food and income insecurities, environmental effects and other factors





## 2025 Clean Energy Implementation Plan



Named Communities & Customer Benefit Indicators



Public Participation Plan

Renewable Energy



**Energy Efficiency** 



**Demand Response** 



**Company Initiatives** 







# **Named Communities Investment Fund**

Ariana Barrey | Senior Communications Manager Kristine Meyer | Community Investment & Foundation Director, NCIF Program Manager Ana Matthews | Customer Engagement Manager, NCIF Program Manager

# **Today's Update**



Overview of Named Communities Investment Fund (NCIF)



**Operational Model** 



**Outreach and Promotion** 



**Impact Overview** 











#### **Named Communities Investment Fund**

- Specific Action dedicated to the equitable distribution of electric energy and nonenergy benefits and reduction in burdens to Named Communities
- Funding is limited to \$5 million annually
- Oversight and Priorities: Guided by the Equity Advisory Group and internal Oversight Group to ensure accountability, transparency, and alignment with equitycentered goals.

\$2M Supplement Energy Efficiency

\$3M Community Investments



## **Energy Efficiency NCIF**

Supplement and support **energy efficiency** efforts targeted to Named Communities

Community Identified Projects

Multifamily Building Split Incentive

Health & Safety for Manufactured & Mobile Homes

Named Community
Single Family
Weatherization

Community & Small Business Energy Efficiency



Hill-Ray Plaza Window Updates in Colfax





# **Community NCIF**

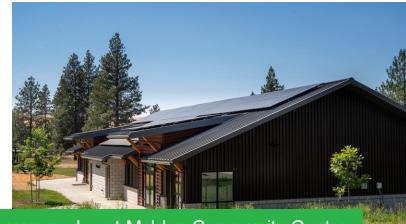
Community Identified Projects

Distribution Resiliency

Targeted
Outreach &
Engagement

Other

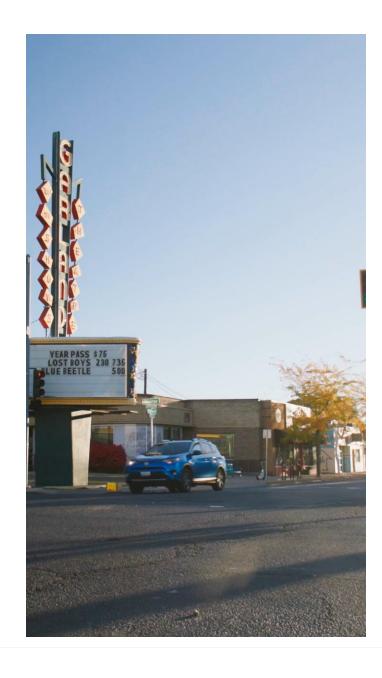




Resiliency upgrades at Malden Community Center



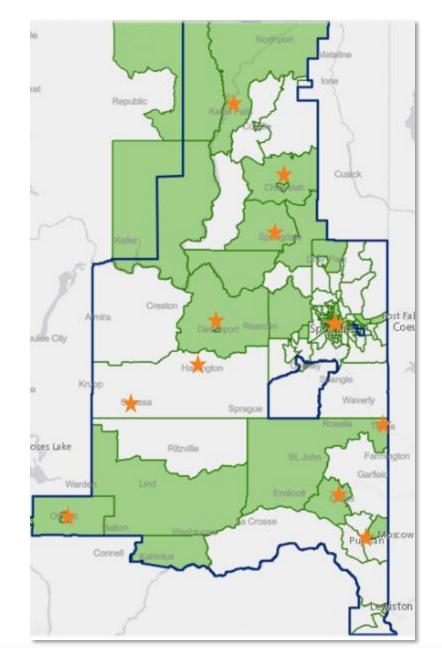
## **Our Process**





## **Our Approach**

- Assurance for equitable distribution of NCIF awards throughout Avista's service territory
- Community Identified Projects
- Comprehensive assistance with application and proposal submission from start to finish
- Accountability and Feedback





#### **Factors for NCIF Consideration**

Equity Considerations Customer Benefit Indicators

Equity lens requires unique consideration for each proposed project

Specific Actions

Equity
Advisory Group
Initiatives

Non-energy benefits



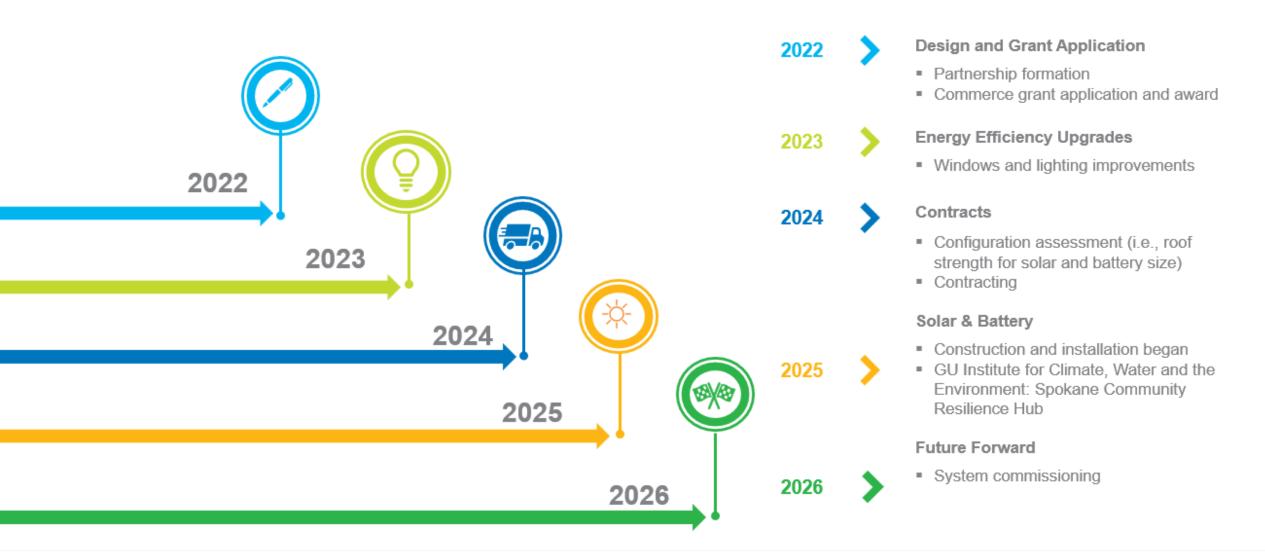




center in Spokane



#### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center Resiliency Project





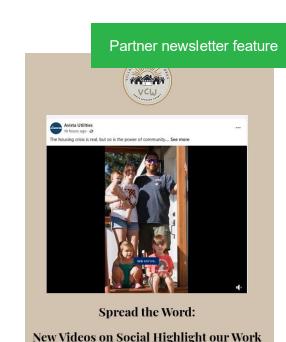
## **Spreading the Word**

#### General Outreach

- Existing Partners
- Public Meeting(s)

#### Communications & Marketing

- New NCIF web page
- Social media
- Local news outlets
- Customer emails
- Quarterly clean energy newsletter
- Avista website articles
- Avista internal newsletter feature for employees
- Video storytelling



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Avista brings energy efficiency training close to home for nonprofits

Discover how Avista is making it easier for community-based organizations to level-up their skills and expand their resources to reach more people



Avista website feature

Local media mention

ignified Workday serve homeless people



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## **Website Updates**

- **New webpage** created in 2025: myavista.com/NCIF
- Achieves a goal set in Avista's first Public **Participation Plan (PPP)**
- Includes details about:
  - How to apply & contact info
  - Feature **stories**
  - Coming soon! Impact video



#### Apply now for funding through Avista's Named Communities Investment Fund (NCIF).

The Named Communities Investment Fund provides a total of up to \$5 million annually to projects, programs, and initiatives that directly benefit Washington electric customers who are members of Named Communities. The competitive grant program is part of Avista's commitment to Washington's Clean Energy Transformation Act, as we strive to make clean energy more equitable and accessible for Washington

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until all funding has been awarded.

#### Submit application

#### What are Named Communities?

Large Load Service Request

ntegrated Resource Planning

Working at Avista

#### Washington's Clean Energy Future

- Public Participation Meetings Named Community Investment Fund
- . Equity Advisory Group

They are populations that are most often disproportionately and negatively impacted by environmental change, due to unemployment, housing and food insecurity, income inequality, and other factors.

#### Named Communities include:

- Tribal nations
- Low-income communities
- Communities of color Rural communities
- Frontline communities

#### **Application and Funding Process**

Funding for community-based projects is chosen through a competitive grant application process. Applicants can expect to receive a funding decision from Avista within 45 days of submitting their application.

NCIF grant applications must demonstrate benefits to Named Community populations and contribute positively to Customer Benefit Indicators (CBIs), as defined by Avista's CEIP, to be successful. Avista will give priority consideration to applications submitted by nonprofit (501(c)(3)) organizations that serve Avista's Washington electric customers residing within Named Communities

#### **Award Highlights**

We are invested in many communities with a variety of programs, from energy efficiency upgrades to community resilience and more. Here are a few highlights:

- Family Promise Service Center & Shelter, Spokane County
- . KWEnergy Aeroseal Pilot, Stevens County, Ferry County and Pend Oreille County
- · Malden Town Hall & Community Center, Whitman County
- Town of Washtunca. Adams County
- · Spokane Tribe, Stevens County Raze Early Childhood Development, Spokane County

Read more stories from our NCIF partners.





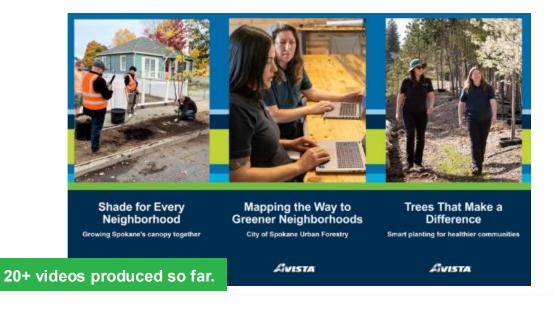
# **Social Media Storytelling**

- Year-long story series with social media ads
- Multiple videos about each partner shared monthly
- Modern, cost-effective solution to reach audiences



Creating a helpful resource.







# **Story Examples**











## **Impact Overview**

#### Energy Efficiency

- Lighting
- Windows
- HVAC
- Duct air sealing for manufactured homes
- Insulation
- Energy Star appliances
- Efficiency audit
- Building Efficiency Education

# Distribution Resiliency

- Microgrid Battery Storage
- Solar array
- Critical study for load

# Community Identified Projects

- Tree Canopy (planting and software)
- Workforce Development
- Health & Safety
- Infrastructure renovation (e.g., electrical and ductwork)
- Clean Air education at schools

# Outreach & Education

- Online, Spanish and paper application
- Outreach & Engagement Strategy
- Storytelling blogs and videos
- Social Media
- Language Strategy

#### Other Projects

Survey of pilot participants

Check out: www.myavista.com/ncif



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## Closing



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