

Session 1: Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 12:00 pm

Session 2: Friday, July 24, 2026, at 07:30 am



Equity Advisory Group – Equity Lens Session

July 2026

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Agenda

Topic	Presenter
Welcome, introductions, agenda, and shared expectations	Amber Lenhart, Facilitator
Connections/Partner Shares	Connections/Partners
2026 CEIP Compliance Report	Kelly Dengel
Community Partnership Program	Ana Matthews & Marissa York
Questions & Discussion	Amber
Wrap-up and Adjourn	

Welcome – new members!



- Autumn Kern, student and community advocate
- Tawana Swanson, rural community advocate
- Stephanie May, Communications Manager, Department of Ecology
- Stephen Tsdoole, Development Director, Spokane Tribe Housing Authority

Shared Expectations

- ☐ **Stay present** mentally and physically when possible.
- ☐ **Listen** with an open mind and be open to new ideas.
- ☐ **Participate** in discussion, share concerns and ideas, and give others space to do so.
- ☐ **Ask questions** at any time. Use Zoom's "raise hand" feature or chat during presentations.
- ☐ **Work together** to consider different perspectives and support the meeting goal(s).
- ☐ **Respect** the role of the facilitator to guide the group process.



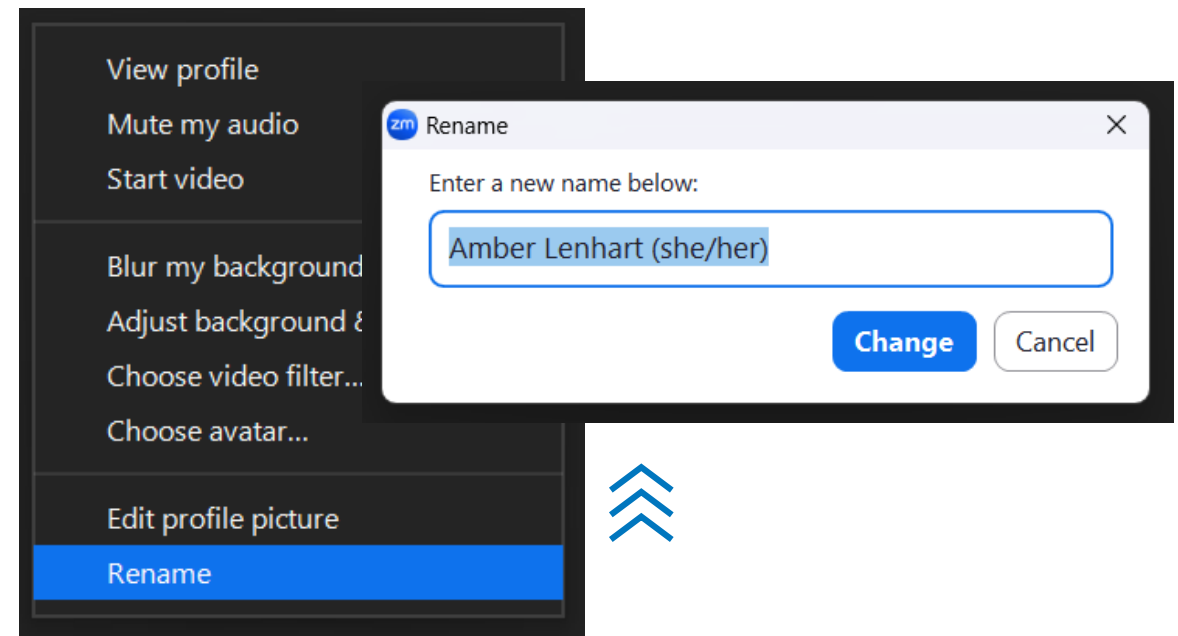
Introductions

Please share in the chat:

- ☐ Your name
- ☐ Organization or community

Optional: Consider including >>> your pronouns in your Zoom name

We're so glad
you're here!



Spectrum of Public Participation

INCREASING IMPACT ON THE DECISION					
	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision making in the hands of the public.
PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC	We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.

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Today's Equity Lens Session Goals

Inform, Consult, and Involve

Objectives:

(1) Receive update on the key highlights from the 2026 CEIP Compliance Report

- Understand how Avista is implementing and reporting on CEIP requirements
- Consider submitting a public comment through WUTC

(2) Learn about the Community Partnership Program

- Explore how a clean energy project could be implemented within the community you represent
 - Share perspectives, opportunities, and potential barriers to help inform program design and implementation
 - Discuss how community partners can help shape priorities, approaches and outcomes
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Connect

How do you stay cool and comfortable on hot summer days?



Partner Shares



- Do you have a "win" to celebrate?
- What upcoming events or opportunities do you want to share with other EAG members and their communities?
- What pressing issues or needs are you hearing about in your communities or organizations that we should consider or work together to address?

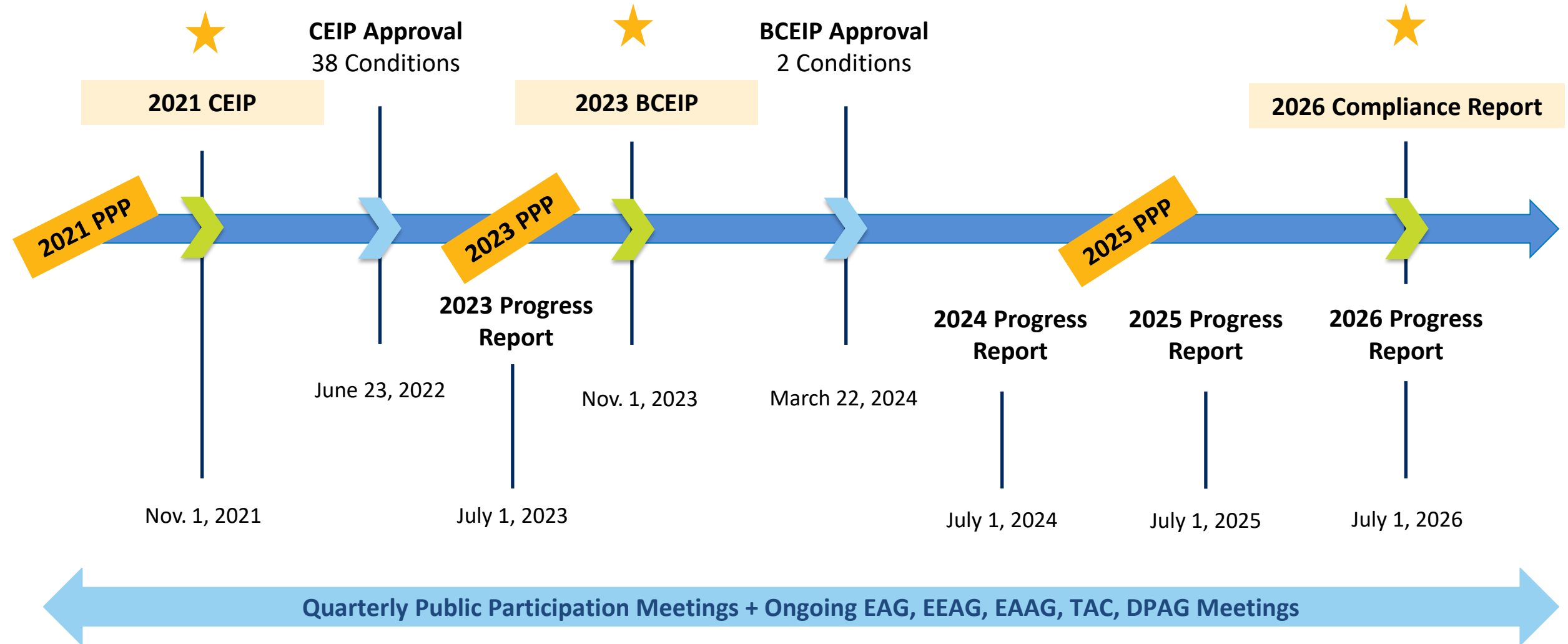


2026 Clean Energy Compliance Report

2021 CEIP's 2022 – 2025 Implementation Period

Kelly Dengel | Clean Energy Policy & Implementation Manager

2021 CEIP Timeline



Compliance Report Requirement Summary

- ✓ ■ Demonstrate whether & how meet **interim in & specific targets**
- ✓ ■ Demonstrate **specific actions** contributed the clean energy standards, provided customer benefit & were cost effective
- ✓ ■ Demonstrate **equitable transition through Customer Benefit Indicators (CBI)**
- ✓ ■ **Public Participation Plans to address participation barriers with the Equity Advisory Group & other advisory groups**
- ✓ ■ **Incremental cost of compliance**

Definitions

REC – Renewable Energy Certificate

PPA – Power Purchase Agreement

RFP – Request for Proposal

CEIP – Clean Energy Implementation Plan

BCEIP – Biennial Clean Energy Implementation Plan

PUD – Public Utility District

aMW – Average megawatt

MW – Megawatt

DR – Demand Response

CPA – Conservation Potential Assessment

BCP – Biennial Conservation Plan

TRC – Total Resource Cost

TOU – Time of Use

EV – Electric Vehicle

DPAG – Distribution Planning Advisory Group

EEAG – Energy Efficiency Advisory Group

EAAG – Energy Assistance Advisory Group

PPP – Power Purchase Agreement

Renewable Energy Targets & Specific Actions

Approved Interim Targets

- ✓ 2022 – 40%
- ✓ 2023 – 47.5%
- ✓ 2024 – 55%
- ✓ 2025 – 62.5%

Specific Actions

- ✓
 - Retire sufficient Renewable Energy Certificates (REC) to comply with annual targets

Renewable Energy Additional Specific Actions

Specific Actions	Status
Secure 48 aMW from the 2020 Renewable RFP or 2022 All Source RFP	✓ Chelan PUD PPA's: 10-year for 51 aMW thru 2033 20-year for 51 aMW for 2026-2030, increasing to 102 aMW for 2031-2045
Issue 2022 All Source RFP for 48 aMW	✓ 30-year Clearwater Wind PPA thru 2046 for 41.9 aMW
Upgrade Kettle Falls GS by 11.2 MW	✗ Contractual agreement with third-party abandoned
	✓ 23-year Columbia Basin Hydro PPA thru 2045 for 59.8 aMW
Modernize Post Falls Hydro Dam	✗ Evaluating options

Energy Efficiency Targets & Specific Actions

Approved Targets

	Year	Biennium Target MWh*	Actual MWh
✗	2022-2023	107,260	60,409
✓	2024-2025	66,543	85,207
✗	Total	173,188	145,616

Specific Actions

- ✓ Existing programs (9)
- ✓ New programs (8)
 - Equity Advisory Group Identified Projects
 - Wood Stove Replacement Incentive
 - Multifamily Building Split Incentives
 - Health & Safety for Mobile Homes
 - Single Family Weatherization
 - Community/Small Business Efficiency
 - Midstream Incentives
 - Always On Pilot

*Subject to 2021 CPA & 2022-2023 BCP | 2023 CPA & 2024-2025 BCP

Demand Response Targets & Specific Actions

Approved Targets

- ✓ 30 MW of DR savings

Specific Actions

- ✓ 30 MW large industrial DR contract 2022-2031
- ✓ Time of Use & Peak Time Rebate Pilot

Demand Response Additional Specific Actions

Specific Actions	Status
▪ Commercial EV Time of Use Rate	✓ Implemented Commercial TOU in 2021
▪ Spokane Tribe Microgrid Partnership	✓ Design phase started in 2025. Estimated construction completion in January 2028.
▪ Connected Communities Project	✓ Reduced scope based on federal funding loss
▪ Active Energy Management Pilot	✓ 2022-2024 pilot for commercial customers Not cost effective TRC ratio of 0.26

Customer Benefit Indicators



Affordability

Participation in
Company Programs

High Energy
Burden



Accessibility

Outreach &
Communication

Transportation
Electrification
NC Investments
NC Clean Energy



Energy Resilience

Energy Availability



Energy Security

Energy Generation
Location

Residential Arrears
& Disconnects



Environmental

Outdoor Air
Quality

Greenhouse Gas
Emissions



Public Health

Employee Diversity

Supplier Diversity

Indoor Air Quality

Public Participation Plan



Participation Strategies

- Virtual public meetings
- Quarterly email newsletter
- Equity Advisory Group
- Community events
- Biennial CEIP survey
- CEIP webpage improvements
- Increase multi-language access
- Educational videos
- Targeted paid social media
- Community partnerships

Incremental Costs

Incremental Cost (\$ millions)	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Incremental Cost Estimate*	\$2.8	\$3.2	\$10.2	\$25.4	\$41.6
Incremental Cost Actual	\$3.3	\$6.9	\$16.6	\$22.1	\$49.0

*Based on proposed renewable targets

Actual Incremental Costs

- Columbia Basin Hydro PPA
- Chelan PUD PPA
- Clearwater Wind PPA
- Associated transmission
- Market purchase/sales
- Named Communities Investment Fund
- Avoided REC sales

Discussions, Questions & Comments

Submit written comments to
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
by September 22, 2026, by 5 pm

Compliance Report: <https://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2021/210628/docsets>

Online: <https://www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/submit-comment>

Email: comments@utc.wa.gov

Mail:
Jeff Killip, Executive Director & Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
PO Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

**Reference Docket
UE-210628**



Community Partnership Program

Ana Matthews & Marissa York

Intent



Introduce Community Partnership Program



Obtain EAG member input on program structure



Engage EAG member(s) for pilot projects

Background

1

Opportunity: CETA requires utilities in Washington state engage the communities they serve, with emphasis for Named Communities.

2

Goal: to foster meaningful collaboration with communities in a respectful, authentic, and impactful way, with community partners serving as trusted bridges between Avista and the communities they know and represent.

3

Vision: A partnership program that connects Avista with trusted community organizations and leaders to collaborate on clean energy projects and outreach efforts that benefit historically underserved and hard-to-reach Named Communities.

Community Partner Survey Results

Strong overall perception of Avista driven by responsive staff, accessible programs, and meaningful support for nonprofit organizations.

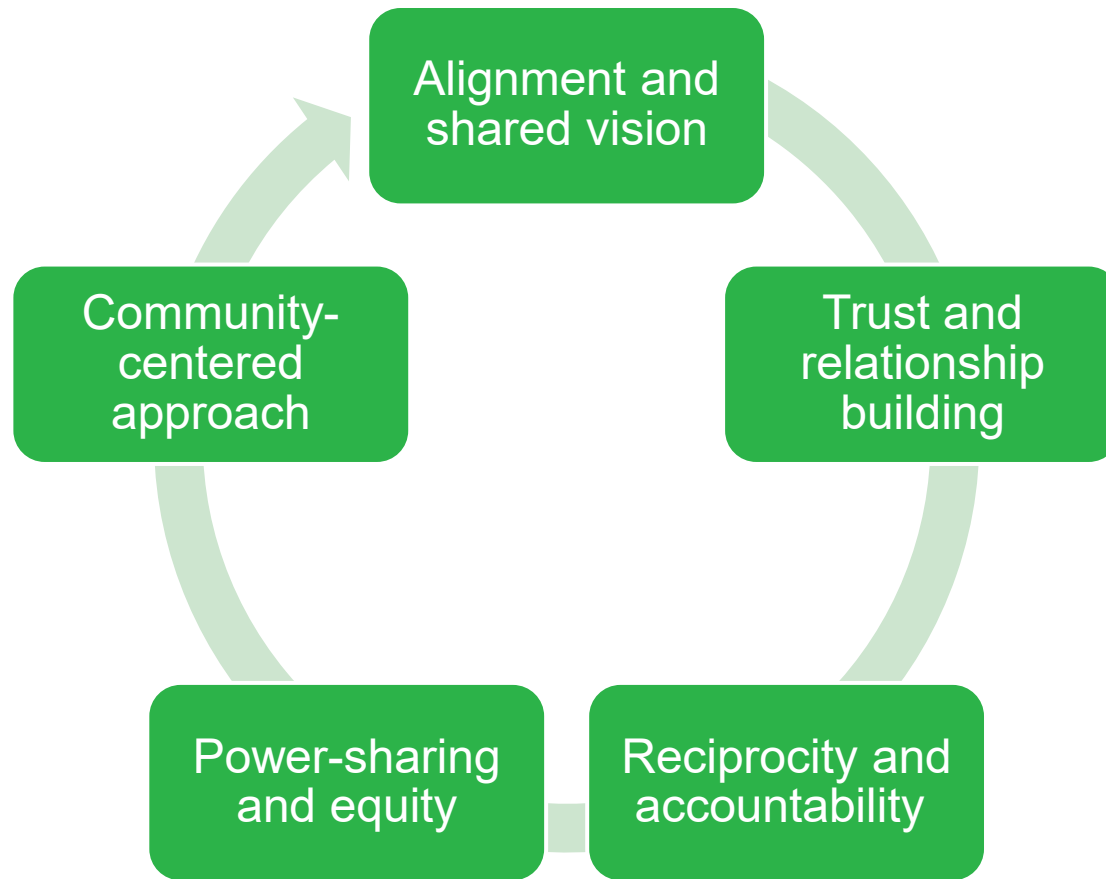
Key opportunities for improvement include increasing awareness of available programs, strengthening communication, and expanding partnership opportunities.

Affordability remains an important concern, with interest in additional support for customers and community organizations.

High interest in a Community Partner Program among participating organizations.

Desired program elements include **grant funding, support for underserved communities, co-hosted events, energy efficiency resources, and collaborative partnerships.**

EAG Guidance



- Align early on shared goals, roles, and program outcomes.
- Center community voices through authentic relationships and ongoing dialogue.
- Create shared accountability through transparency, equitable decision-making, and mutual benefit.

Community Partnership Model

I. Need

- Focus on engaging underserved, hard-to-reach groups in clean energy activities

II. Community Voice

- Build trust through transparency and inclusion

III. Capacity and Support

- Provide technical support and guidance
- Offer flexible funding and partnership models
- Enable collaboration to expand reach and impact

IV. Strategic alignment

- Align with clean energy goals and requirements
- Clear, mutually beneficial partnerships
- Focused but flexible scope
- Prioritize efforts that advance energy equity

V. Practical Design

- Tailored approach – *no one-size-fits-all*
- Respect and acknowledge unique cultures



The Model

Flexible framework for building partnerships with community-based entities

- **Project-based** examples/templates that outline structured approaches for outreach and engagement.
 - *starting points for design while allowing room for creativity and customization*

Examples

- Clean energy projects
- Representation in Avista outreach efforts
- Enrollment support or engagement for Avista's public participation program, the *My Energy Discount* program or other customer programs
- Youth engagement and activation initiatives
- Other initiatives, as proposed by the interested party

Linking CPP with CEIP

Customer Benefit Indicators

- Participation in Company Programs
- Energy Burden
- Availability of Methods/Modes of Outreach and Communication
- Transportation Electrification
- Investments in Named Communities
- Energy Availability
- Energy Generation Location
- Reduction in Residential Disconnects
- Outdoor Air Quality
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Employee Diversity
- Supplier Diversity
- Indoor Air Quality

Equity Advisory Group Initiatives

- Energy Efficiency in Named Communities
- Improved awareness and energy efficiency for Spokane Tribe, multi-family and manufactured homes
- Increased Tree Canopy
- Increased access to products and appliances
- Increased awareness and engagement in EE programs
- Matching funds for EE grant applications
- Improved EE for those without stable housing

Equity Areas

Affordability, Accessibility, Energy Resilience, Energy Security, Reliability, and Public Health

Avista Support

Funded, primarily by Avista Community NCIF



Partner
education and
onboarding



Technical
Assistance and
implementation
support



Project-based
funding



Marketing and
outreach
resources



Flexible,
responsive
partner support

- Personalized support, tailored to need
- Structured around an agreed scope of work with defined objectives

Examples of what a CPP could be...(and not limited to)

Community Identified Initiatives

- proposals submitted by interested parties for consideration - this template provides a medium for creativity and unique ways to engage with under-represented groups.

Clean Energy Projects

- educate community on clean energy, climate change, and environmental justice
- facilitate discussions with targeted populations on clean energy impacts
- implement community-based clean energy projects (e.g., community solar, neighborhood retrofits, renewable-powered gardens, school partnerships, and workforce education)
- youth activation – middle or high school leadership groups to design and lead a clean energy project

Avista Outreach Representation

- serving as a representative at events that engage targeted populations – example: hosting an Avista booth at a community resource fair for the Hispanic community

My Energy Discount Enrollments

- conducting outreach to achieve a set number of enrollments or renewals in the My Energy Discount program for a designated population
-possibly expand model to other Avista programs

← Already in place:
MED CPN

EAG Pilot Opportunity(ies) Plan

01

Introduce to EAG
July 2026 meeting

- Provide guidance/consultation to interested members

02

Receive proposals
from interested EAG
members through
September 2026

03

Implement selected
projects in the 3rd
quarter 2026 and 1st
quarter 2027

- Determine whether to expand to community in 3rd quarter 2027

Key Questions to Explore



Understanding the community

Which energy concerns matter most to your community right now?



Identifying opportunities

Which clean energy programs would bring your community the most value?



Reducing barriers

What barriers could limit participation, and how might they be eased?



Engagement strategies

Which methods best engage your community, such as events, peer outreach, or hands-on projects?

Questions & Answers



Which parts of the program or workflow need additional **clarification**?



Are there any steps that feel ambiguous or missing?



What information would increase your confidence that you fully understand the program?



What is making sense, what is not?

Take Action!

1

**Develop a
project concept**

- Possibly draft a proposal

2

Let's talk!



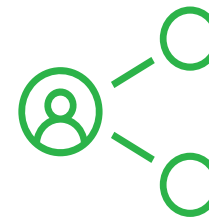
Questions and Discussion

Amber Lenhart

Questions and Discussion

- ☐ What clarifying questions or curiosities do you have about the presentations?
- ☐ What disparities, root factors, or inequities (historic and current) are related to these topics?
- ☐ How could Avista improve engagement strategies related to these topics, if at all?
- ☐ What new ways could help measure and track benefits and reduced burdens related to these topics?
- ☐ What steps, practices, or policies could help reduce future inequities related to these topics?
- ☐ How does this affect your community? What steps will you take after learning about these topics?

Thank you



Share information with your communities

Review CEIP
Report

Visit WUTC page
to review the 2026
CEIP Annual Clean
Energy Progress
Report

[UTC Case Docket Document Sets | UTC](#)

Provide Input

Provide public
comment

<https://www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/submit-comment>
or comments@utc.wa.gov

Consider CPP

Review the Project
Template and consider
*how might you engage
for clean energy*

Contact Ana and/or Marissa

Next EAG Equity Lens Session Meetings

Afternoon: 12 pm to
1:30 pm

**Wednesday, August
19**

Friday, August 21

Morning: 7:30 am to
9:00 am

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