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Energy Innovation: Building Capacity

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What is CAPO?

- ▶ State Association of 17 member agencies
 - ▶ 3 County governments
 - ▶ Human development corporation
 - ▶ Rest are traditional nonprofit caps

Funding for Advocacy

- ▶ Public Utilities Commission
- ▶ Assurance 16 dollars
- ▶ Group admin agreement (CAPO's funding model)
- ▶ Raise private money

Funding Increases

- ▶ Energy Assistance in Oregon \$15 million to \$20 million
 - ▶ Increased gas funding \$1.2 million to \$2.5
- ▶ Weatherization funding has tripled in gas-delivered homes
- ▶ Wx Funding
 - ▶ 3 million from DOE
 - ▶ 8.8 million Oregon IOUs
 - ▶ 3 million BPA
 - ▶ 1.5 million direct partnership (EWEB)
- ▶ CAPO has been involved in cap and trade discussion that would redirect funds to low-income projects

Public Utility Commission

- ▶ Every person attending the meetings are getting paid from ratepayers, except low-income advocates
 - ▶ Included a funding bill that agencies can use as a model
 - ▶ Attending and advocating low-income issue protects funding streams
 - ▶ Commissions need to pay for low-income expertise
 - ▶ Rate cases are the leverage point for all utilities

Consumer Protections

- ▶ Represent Low-income ratepayers against utility and environmental interests
 - ▶ Environmental issues take priority in Oregon
- ▶ both the clients and the agency
 - ▶ Winter Moratorium
 - ▶ Payment Plans
 - ▶ Crisis management
 - ▶ PGE Disconnection issue

State Liaison

- ▶ Attend Administrative rule hearings
- ▶ Run policy committee with input from coordinators from EA and Wx and the State of Oregon
- ▶ Review state decisions relating to the programs
- ▶ Pushback on state funders

Legislative Capacity

- ▶ Don't need to pay a lobbyist to attend every meeting relating to legislation
 - ▶ While I cannot lobby for or against a bill, I can attend meetings and help design legislation as it is being constructed
- ▶ Can build network that lead to funding streams in nontraditional avenues
- ▶ Builds

Flexibility for pilots

- ▶ Healthy Homes
 - ▶ Received \$700,000 in funding for a pilot
- ▶ Community Solar
 - ▶ Attached to affordable housing
- ▶ Oil to gas conversion
 - ▶ Used several funding streams to remove oil furnaces and switch the heat source to natural gas

CAPO serves as the focal point for special projects and pilots. We target higher functioning agencies and run pilots administratively through CAPO. CAPO charges admin fees, which better support network-wide goals

Future Concepts

- ▶ Public Purpose Charge
- ▶ Full-time healthy homes funding through legislation
- ▶ Rural Development fund from Cap and Trade
- ▶ Statewide Public Purpose Charge
- ▶ Categorical Eligibility