

CONGREGATION GRANT/LOAN RESOURCES

Oregon Interfaith Power and Light has compiled this partial list of denominationally-based sources of low-interest loans, a grant source, for congregations that need funds for an energy efficiency project, solar panels or a green building project. Please let us know if you are aware of other or grant loan sources that should be added by emailing oipl@emoregon.org.

YOUR LOCAL BANK

Your local bank may be able to provide a line-of-credit or special loan for your project. If your bank is a community bank, they may be especially interested in your project solar because it fits with their community or environmental mission.

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES

1-800-222-3872, ext. 2480, Larry Graves, Western Region /www.myabec.org
American Baptist Extension Corporation (ABEC) offers reduced-interest-rate loans to churches for energy efficiency improvements for American Baptist Churches that are ABEC investors. Solar panels qualify.

BAPTIST

Northwest Baptist Foundation

(based in Vancouver, WA)

1-800-594-298 - ask for Tom Hickson / www.nwbaptistfdn.org/cfinancing.html

NBF provides loans solely for congregations that are members of the NW Baptist Convention; however, the agency does have loan contacts for Baptist churches that are not part of the convention.

CATHOLIC

Archdiocese of Portland

(503) 233-8311 – ask for Garrett Morgan

Provides loans for parishes in Western Oregon (from the Cascades to the coast).

Catholic Diocese of Baker

(541) 388-4004 – ask for Hope Burke

Provide loans for parishes in Eastern Oregon (including the following counties: Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco and Wheeler)

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

1-800-274-1883, John Davidson, [jdavidson@churchextension.org](mailto:j davidson@churchextension.org)

The Board of Church Extension of Disciples of Christ has a General Loan Fund that provides low interest loans for building improvement projects including solar panels. A special loan fund for green building is being developed for 2009.

EPISCOPAL

Episcopal Diocese of Oregon

(503) 636-5613 - Jonathan Weldon for grants, Lanny Collins for loans

EDO provides grants for projects; deadline is early summer. Congregations can apply for loans at any time of the year.

LUTHERAN

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

1-800-984-9425 / www.thrivent.com/aboutus/churchloans/index.html

Thrivent is just starting to consider loans for solar panels. They're willing to review all applications as a part of their "capital improvement" loan program.

Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA

(208) 664-7973 – Margie Fiedler, regional rep. / www.missioninvestmentfund.org

Provide loans for solar electric panels under their "capital improvements" loan program.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

United Methodist Development Fund

(212) 870-3865 / <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/about/us/ecg/umdf/loans/>

Offer loans for solar electric panels and for other construction projects. Minimum amount of loan is \$25,000.

PRESBYTERIAN

Presbyterian Church USA Investment & Loan (PILP)

1-800-903-7457, ex: 5865 / www.pcusa.org/pilp/

PILP offers loans for "special improvement projects" that cover energy conservation measures.

Synod of the Pacific

1-800-754-0669 / www.synodpacific.org/loans.htm

Offers line-of-credit loans as well as "James Muzzy Loans" which are geared toward churches with 125 parishioners or less, or racially and ethnically diverse churches.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

UCC Cornerstone Fund

1-888- 822-3863, ask for Mary Seymour / www.cornerstonefund.org

The Cornerstone Fund provides "Eco-Loans" for projects of \$75,000 or less that focus on energy and resource efficiency. Also have standard loans available for projects \$75,000 or more.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

Building Loan Program and Green Construction Award Pilot Program

617-948-4251, ask for Robin Nelson / www.uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/buildingloans (and)

www.uua.org/giving/awardsscholarships/greenconstruction/index.shtml

The UUA Building Loan Program covers only major construction costs but solar installations can be folded in. A small project loan program that will work for solar electric projects is being developed and should be available in early 2008. Congregations that have obtained, or are planning to receive, LEED certification for their green building are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$10,000 depending on the level of certification. Launched on Earth Day in 2007, the Green Construction Award Pilot Program helps defray the costs of LEED certification, but there is some flexibility in how it is used.