

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT | Q1 2024

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As a customer-owned utility, community giving efforts are reserved for requests that closely align with the main priorities of EWEB's Board-adopted Strategic Plan:



- providing safe and reliable water and electricity to our customers,
- and helping our community be prepared and recover from emergencies.

\$5,728,557*

Invested in Q1

**Does not including Energy Efficiency loans, Water Truck deployments, Greenpower grant awards yet to be paid out/finalized, or volunteer/ambassador efforts and events.*

INVESTMENT TYPE CATEGORIES



BOARD DIRECTED

Items that are funded through rates and specifically approved by the Board of Commissioners. Examples include education grants, limited income programs and system development charge (SDC) waivers.



CUSTOMER VOLUNTARY

Greenpower Program, an optional customer program that allows customers to support clean, sustainable energy and encourage renewable energy projects in our local community.



DISCRETIONARY

Projects, events, sponsorships and/or other requests of support from the community or industry directed to individual departments or the organization as a whole. Requests that provide strong alignment between EWEB's Strategic Plan are vetted through the General Manager's office for consideration.



MANDATORY

Because EWEB is a public agency, it is exempt from taxes. Instead, we contribute a portion of electricity sales revenue to the cities of Eugene and Springfield in the form of Contributions in Lieu of Taxes, or CILT.



OREGON CLEAN FUELS PROGRAM

Funding for all of EWEB's transportation electrification programs is made possible by the Oregon Clean Fuels Program.



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SPONSORSHIPS, DONATIONS, GRANTS & MUTUAL AID

	JAN-JUNE 2024 EDUCATION GRANTS	\$130,000
	Eugene 4J School District	\$11,000
	McKenzie School District	\$24,500
	Springfield School District	
	03/14/24 - As a part of our commitment to education, we dedicate grant funds to school districts in our service area in support of water and energy curriculum and activities. Each year thousands of students benefit from the programs funded through EWEB’s education grants.	
	NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION	\$448
	Meeting	
	03/05/24 - EWEB donated thirty-two (32) 3-gallon emergency water containers to meeting attendees. Approximate value is \$14 per unit.	
	HIV ALLIANCE¹	\$39,790
	2023 Electric Mobility Community Grant	
	The Electric Mobility Community Grant program provides funding to non-profits, academic institutions, and public organizations to support transportation electrification projects that serve our community and customers. Special consideration is given to projects that advance electric mobility in underserved communities. Funding for these grants is made possible by the Oregon Clean Fuels Program. For the 2023 program year, eight projects were awarded grants, but one of them (HIV Alliance) needed additional time for the completion of its proposal evaluation and award; this pushed its award payment to be completed in Q1 2024. EWEB’s grant will support HIV Alliance in the purchasing a fully battery electric vehicle and charging station to help reduce fueling costs and offer a low-carbon emissions transportation option for their outreach efforts and the delivery of critical services they provide to our community.	
	EUGENE 4J SCHOOL DISTRICT²	\$15,078
	2024 EV Challenge	
	The EWEB EV Challenge is an event where students from Bethel, Springfield and Eugene 4J school districts will engage in this electric vehicle (EV) engineering challenge at each of their sites. The EV component offers a real-life approach with today’s vehicle options and renewable energy to the challenge. The purpose of the project is to generate enthusiasm for science and improve students’ understanding of science concepts, particularly aerodynamics, design, transportation, renewable energy concepts, engineering, gravity, and friction. The EV challenge event will take place in late May or early June. Funding for this grant is made possible by the Oregon Clean Fuels Program.	
	MCKENZIE FIRE & RESCUE	\$350
	2024 Ice Storm	
	EWEB donated twenty-five (25) 3-gallon emergency water containers for customers in need upriver. Approximate value is \$14 per unit.	
		\$221,166

¹ EWEB’s 2023 E-Mobility Community Grant relates to the City of Eugene’s CAP2.0 for Transportation action items T24 and T36 (EV marketing and awareness).

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CUSTOMER SOLUTIONS PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

ENERGY EFFICIENCY INCENTIVES³

	EWEB ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS Incentives – Residential Q1 - 425 residential projects.	\$558,333
	EWEB ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS Incentives - Non-residential Q1 - 22 commercial projects. 1 industrial projects.	\$212,643
	EWEB ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS Incentives - Efficient Growth Q1 - 33 residential heating conversions.	\$21,800
	EWEB ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS⁴ Transportation Electrification Q1 - 51 residential EV chargers, 141 electric bikes. 2 EVSE grants. 2 transportation electrification grants.	\$132,441
	EWEB GREENPOWER PROGRAM Solar Electric Incentives Q1 - 17 residential projects.	\$19,391
	EWEB WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS Hand Valve and Toilet Rebates, Septic Maintenance Incentives Q1 - 27 efficient toilets, 25 hand valves and 15 septic pumping rebates.	\$8,275
		\$952,883

³ The first three programs listed on this table (EWEB Energy Efficiency Programs for Residential and Non-Residential Incentives as well as Efficient Growth) relate to City of Eugene’s CAP2.0 Building Energy action item B12.




⁴ EWEB’s energy efficiency programs related to transportation electrification relate to City of Eugene’s CAP2.0 Transportation action items T24 and T36 (EV marketing and awareness).



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LIMITED INCOME ASSISTANCE⁵

	EWEB CUSTOMER CARE PROGRAM Limited Income Energy Assistance Q1 - 1904 customers served through ECC program (\$533,205), 379 through Energy Share (\$61,455), and 20 through Community Partner Care (\$9,594).	\$604,254
	EWEB LIMITED INCOME ASSISTANCE Electric Line Repair Grants (Income eligible) Q1 - 4 grants.	\$11,235
	EWEB WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS Water Line Repair Grants (Income eligible) Q1 - 9 grants.	\$27,836
		\$643,325

HOLIDAY FARM FIRE INCENTIVES AND GRANTS

	WATER SOURCE PROTECTION Infrastructure/Homesite Relocation Q1 – None	\$0
	WATER SOURCE PROTECTION DEQ Holiday Farm Fire Grant Q1 – 7 grants.	\$79,908
	WATER SOURCE PROTECTION Lane County Holiday Farm Fire Grant Q1 - 7 grants.	\$69,687
	REDUCE FIRE RISK / IMPROVE RELIABILITY Relocate Overhead Electric Service to Underground Q1 – 1 project.	\$8,760
		\$158,355

⁵ EWEB’s Limited Income Assistance Programs relate to City of Eugene’s CAP2.0 Building Energy action item B11.







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ENERGY AND WATER LOANS

Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 TOTAL

 EWEB ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS⁶ Loans – Residential Q1 - 74 residential loans (including 9 for conversions to electric heat).					\$707,489
 EWEB WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS Water Line Repair & Septic Repair/Replacement Loans Q1 - 5 water line replacement loans. Septic loans were not expected due to grants available.					\$30,758
 EWEB RESILIENCY PROGRAM Generator Loan Program Q1 - 1 loan.					\$4,000
 EWEB ELECTRIC SERVICE LINE UPGRADE LOAN PROGRAM Electric Service Line Upgrade Loan Program Q1 - 3 loans.					\$7,001
					\$749,258

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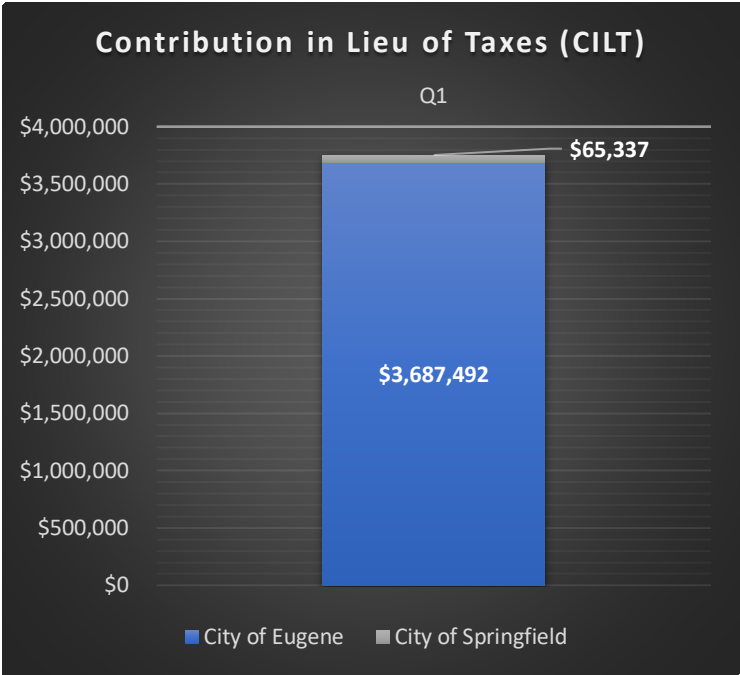


CONTRIBUTIONS IN LIEU OF TAXES (CILT)

TOTAL \$3,752,828

Q1

City of Eugene	\$3,687,492
City of Springfield	\$65,337



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EWEB AMBASSADOR EFFORTS AND EVENTS (PAID)

EWEB Ambassadors provided almost 290 hours of services to the Community this quarter.

Q1 COMMUNITY

[College Hill Historic Mitigation Meeting #2](#)

03/21/24 – Informal, drop-in style meeting at the Hilyard Community Center to answer questions about the different historic mitigation concepts for College Hill and gather input.

LOCAL HIGHSCHOOL STUDENTS / CONNECTED LANE COUNTY

[Career Day](#)

03/21/24 – EWEB partnered with Connected Lane County to host an EWEB Career Day for almost 100 local area high school students at the ROC. The goal of the Career Day was to introduce students to various career paths at EWEB. Electric and Water were both mainstays for the event, however, we also included other areas such as Customer Service, IS, Purchasing, Environmental, Utility Support, Communications and Controls, and more.

KIWANIS CLUB OF EUGENE

[Bi-weekly Club Meeting](#)

03/20/24 - GM Lawson and Commissioner Brown presented general state of the utility information.

PRESCHOOL PROMISE EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM

[Community Helpers monthly lesson theme](#)

03/18/24 - Short presentation on Electric and Water Safety for 3–5-year-olds.

MCKENZIE SCHOOL

[High Banks Experimental Carbon Sequestration Forest Tour](#)

03/08/24 - Field trip of High Banks Forest, with soil sampling and measurements

FULL ACCESS!

[Prepare-A-Palooza: Emergency Preparedness Fair](#)

03/06/24 – The Emergency Preparedness Fair, free & open to the public, offers information tailored towards the intellectual & developmental disability community, their families, & caregivers.

NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS

[Association Meeting](#)

Staff Water Engineer, Nathan Endicott presented to the NeN Association on Emergency Water Storage and handed out 32 emergency water bottles.

MCKENZIE FIRE AND RESCUE

[Community Meeting](#)

03/02/24 - Discussion on emergency planning and preparedness, agencies and organizations, and review lessons learned following the recent ice storm.



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EMERALD EMPIRE CHAPTER OF THE NW STEELHEADERS

[Presentation](#)

02/27/24 - Leaburg Decommissioning Action Plan Team presented about the LDAP and future stakeholder engagement opportunities.

ROTARY CLUB OF EUGENE AIRPORT

[Presentation](#)

02/22/24 - AGM Price and Commissioner Carlson presented general state of the utility information.

PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S FORUM

[Emergency Preparedness](#)

02/05/24 - EWEB Resiliency Program Manager Jeannine Parisi presented on emergency preparedness.

UO ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

[High Banks Experimental Carbon Sequestration Forest Tour](#)

02/04/24 - UO students and faculty explored the High Banks project and took soil samples.

MCKENZIE SCHOOL

[Hayden Bridge Filtration Plant Tour](#)

01/26/24 - 12 students and 2 teachers toured the Hayden Bridge Filtration Plant learning about the filtration process.

There were no volunteer efforts/events, system development (SDC) waivers, or water truck and electric trailer deployments in the first quarter of 2024.

UPCOMING AND/OR COMMITTED EFFORTS AND INVESTMENTS

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT (ACADEMY OF ARTS AND ACADEMICS)

[Tour of Leaburg/Walterville](#)

04/03/24 - 4 EWEB employees led 2 science classes from the Academy of Arts and Academics on a 3-hour tour of the Leaburg Dam, fish ladders and powerhouse. Additionally EWEB provided information on hydro resources for their curriculum.

MCKENZIE SCHOOL

[Photography Class](#)

04/05/24 - 12 students, 1 teacher, 1 Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council employee practiced photography at Lost Creek in the HJ Andrews Experimental Forest.

EQUITY AND COMMUNITY CONSORTIUM

[Communities of Color and Allies Network First Friday](#)

04/05/24 - EWEB hosted the First Friday networking event focusing on Earth Month for conversations about climate action and environmental stewardship opportunities in our community. In addition, Communications Specialist Adam Spencer is building a website for the ECC to serve as a hub of information for the 14 partner agencies and associated networking opportunities. The ECC was started by local community folks of color interested in bringing together people in a relaxed social atmosphere to support one another. CCAN is proudly sponsored each month by a different partner agency of the Equity and Community Consortium (ECC).



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UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Summit for Sustainable Organizations Conference

04/13/24 - The Summit is an annual event that unites graduate students and leaders from various sectors – businesses, government, non-profits, communities, and academia – to engage in impactful discussions on pressing social and environmental challenges. This year's theme, 'Roots to Revolution,' delves into traditional sustainability topics and their relation to the Pacific Northwest through panel discussions, interactive activities, and powerful speakers into what we are doing today, and what the future holds regarding global sustainability and the promising outlook that we can create through collective action. EWEB's Lead Energy Resources Analyst will speak on the electrification and policy panel. Eugene Mayor Lucy Vinis will be the moderator.

NW LINE JOINT APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING COMMITTEE

Utility Visit for NW Line JATC 1st and 3rd year

04/13/24 - Line and Substation staff hosted almost 100 first- and third-year apprentices on a tour of EWEB's transformer shop and testing practices, and two local EWEB substations as a part of required training for line apprentices in programs all around the NW.

EUGENE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Presentation

04/17/24 - Opportunities in Clean Energy: 80% of Eugene's power comes from carbon-free hydroelectric energy, with the remaining 20% coming from conventional and renewable resources. But what other opportunities are there for the City and our utility to support clean energy installations? The commission will hear from the following community partners to advance this conversation: 1) EWEB, to better understand if the projected increase in demand for electricity can be met with clean energy and regarding their announcement they are evaluating small modular nuclear as a part of their energy mix; and 2) Beyond Toxics, to learn about their Bethel Clean Energy Project which focuses on assisting Bethel residents located near the J.H. Baxter wood preservation facility in making clean energy upgrades.

EUGENE 4J SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tour of Hayden Bridge

04/22/24 - Day 1: 28 students touring Hayden Bridge as part of Rachel Carson Environmental Science Academy, Churchill High School

CAL YOUNG NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meeting

04/23/24 – GM Lawson and Commissioner Brown presented general state of the utility information.

EUGENE 4J SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tour of Hayden Bridge

04/25/24 - Day 2: 28 students touring Hayden Bridge as part of Rachel Carson Environmental Science Academy, Churchill High School

JAN-JUNE 2024 EDUCATION GRANTS

Bethel School District

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UNITED WAY OF LANE COUNTY, EARTHSHARE, EWEB'S ENERGY SHARE, BLACK UNITED FUND OF OREGON, OUR CHILDREN OREGON

[EWEB's Annual Employee Giving Campaign](#)

05/06/24 - 05/17/24 – The annual campaign offers employees the opportunity to donate money to United Way of Lane County, EarthShare, Black United Fund of Oregon, Our Children Oregon, and their associated federation charities, EWEB's Energy Share program and other employee-selected charities via payroll deduction, credit card or check.

EWEB ENERGY SHARE PROGRAM

[6th Annual Golf Scramble "Fore" Employees](#)

05/10/24 - The event is open to EWEB employees and their guests. All proceeds go to EWEB's Customer Care (Energy Share) program.

SOUTH HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (SHINA)

[Meeting](#)

05/15/24 – EWEB staff will attend and provide information on wildfire mitigation and general Q&A.

FRIENDLY AREA NEIGHBORS

[Monthly Board Meeting](#)

05/21/24 - EWEB staff will provide an update on the College Hill Reservoir project.

COMMUNITY EVENT

[College Hill Reservoir Farewell Celebration](#)

05/30/24 - EWEB bids a fond farewell to the College Hill Reservoir and welcomes the next steps in building new, modern drinking water storage tanks to serve our community's needs. Bring your skates, dancing shoes, and appetite to soak up one more evening together at the College Hill Reservoir before the site is fenced for demolition and construction, which is anticipated to begin in early June. Enjoy live music by Shelley James & The Agents of Unity, tacos from El Pique Food Truck, and ice cream from Bubz Grub Hub, as well as opportunities to learn more about the project.