We strengthen communities

- Housing Homelessness
- Infrastructure
- Business Assistance
- Energy
- Planning
- Community Facilities
- Crime Victims & Public Safety
- Community Services
Virtual Meeting Reminders

- The presentation portions of the meeting will be recorded
- Raise your hand, use the chat box and then unmute to ask questions or contribute to the discussion
- If possible, turn on your camera when you are speaking
- Don’t forget to mute yourself when you are not speaking
- Reach out to Queenie Karlik for technical help
Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Community agreements and meeting guidelines
- Timeline for report
- Review guiding principles and recommendations
- Breakout groups:
  - Edit guiding principle
  - Review draft recommendations
Goals of Today’s Workshop

• Edit guiding principles
• Brainstorm policy outcomes and specific recommendations
• Review report timeline
Community Agreements

- Be present!
- Step up, step back
- Respond to and challenge ideas, not people
- Protect confidences: Stories stay, lessons leave
- Avoid jargon, acronyms, and industry language - use inclusive language that is accessible for people with varying inside knowledge
Work Group Timeline Detail

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<td>Early October</td>
<td>Introductory meeting: history of CEF, background, context, proviso, roles and responsibilities</td>
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<td>November</td>
<td>Technologies, programs and investments that address rural community priorities and align with the 2021 State Energy Strategy</td>
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<td>Report back, identify emerging ideas and themes</td>
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<td>December</td>
<td>Federal opportunities, and recommended strategies for leveraging federal funds with CEF; policies that dismantle barriers; review draft recommendations</td>
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<td>January 2022</td>
<td>Finalize recommendations and strategic plan</td>
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<td>Opportunity for public comment in response to recommendations from work group</td>
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<td>Commerce process</td>
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<td>Circulate report for internal review, and for OFM and Governor’s office review and processing</td>
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### Next Steps

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Draft Guiding Principles Meeting 3

1. Prioritize sustainable, climate smart models for the agriculture and forestry sector
2. Prioritize universal broadband and digital equity
3. Bolster rural technical expertise and capacity building
4. Expand opportunities to finance resilient clean energy projects and infrastructure improvements
5. Prioritize Tribal energy sovereignty
Guiding Principles Edits

1. Prioritize sustainable, climate smart business models for the agriculture and forestry sector

2. Prioritize resilient technologies, universal, affordable, reliable high speed broadband, and digital equity for rural communities

3. Expand and support rural technical expertise and capacity building

4. Expand opportunities to finance resilient clean energy projects and infrastructure improvements

5. Ensure the equitable distribution of clean energy projects
In Order to Develop Recommendations, We Reviewed Rural Priorities and Barriers

1. Priority Area (Meeting #1)
2. Barriers (Meeting #2)
3. Solutions to Address Barriers (Meeting #3)
4. Recommendations
# Rural Community Priorities (Meeting #1)

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## Barriers to Meeting the Needs of Rural Communities (Meeting #2)

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<td>Rural communities attitudes (perceived or real)</td>
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<td>Climate policy goals not considering forestry and agriculture industry needs</td>
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Example Recommendation

• **Guiding principle:** Prioritize resilient technologies, universal, affordable, reliable high speed broadband and digital equity for rural communities

1. **Recommendation:** Develop programs and policies that support rural grid modernization and resilience among remote customers
   a) **Addresses barrier:** Aging or inadequate rural infrastructure
   b) **Example strategies, programs and policy mechanisms:** More investments from state and local governments
   c) **Specific Examples:** Federal Infrastructure package and [Washington State Broadband Office](#) grants and programs

2. **Recommendation:** Invest in resilient clean energy technologies for critical infrastructure like hospitals and emergency shelters
Breakout Activity
Breakout Room #1

• **Edit guiding principle** (80 minutes)
  • Think, pair share for each principle
  • 1 minute to write notes about principle on own
  • Send away to random pair and chat for 3 minutes
  • Come back and discuss for 10 min (*Please designate a spokesperson!*)

• **Questions:**
  • Is there anything you cannot live with?
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Break

• Break ends at 10:40am
Breakout Room #2

• **Round #1: Assigned rooms for each principle to review related recommendations (5 rooms)**
  - Room (15 minutes)
  - Report Back (15 minutes)

• **Round #2: Choose your own room**
  - Room (15 minutes)
  - Report Back (15 minutes)
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Next Steps and Reminders

• Steps to complete legislative report
• Opportunities for further input
• Community input
• Actions:
  • Commerce:
    • Distribute summary of meeting notes
    • Post presentation slides and recordings to website
    • Share draft materials
  • Work Group:
    • Send Angela your edits
    • Share public comment form with communities
    • Recommendations for 1:1 interviews
Thank you!

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Appendix