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## City of Portland Awards \$38,000 to Habitat for Humanity for Energy Efficient Upgrades

(Portland, OR) Today, the City of Portland announced the final building project that will receive funding from the Portland Energy Efficient Home Pilot (PEEHP), a \$113,000 thousand grant fund created to offset the costs of constructing homes by builders that perform above the energy efficiency level of the 2008 Oregon Energy Code standards.

Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East has been awarded \$38,885 in grant funds for the construction of two, three (3) unit row houses in North Portland at a site called Rivergate Commons. The project will constitute a total of six single-family residences. Three of the six total homes to be constructed are to be built 15% above the 2008 Oregon Energy Code and three homes are to be built 30% above the 2008 Oregon Energy Code.

The PEEHP is a competitive program that awards grants to generate residential construction in the Portland Area that will provide the industry and public with information on the building methods and materials necessary to build cost effective energy efficient homes. The PEEHP is collaboration among the City of Portland's Bureau of Development Services (BDS) & Planning and Sustainability (BPS), Energy Trust of Oregon, the Homebuilders Association of Metropolitan Portland, National Association of Homebuilders, Northwest Natural Gas, Pacific Power and Portland General Electric.

"These awards support Portland's commitment to energy efficient homebuilding," said Commissioner Randy Leonard, "Providing incentives for builders to incorporate efficiency measures contributes to healthier homes and homes that are more affordable to operate, and moves us closer to standardizing energy efficiency in the building process."

The PEEHP will also produce resources to help inform future residential construction projects including records of costs associated with constructing energy efficient homes and case studies reflecting those instances of added complexity related to new energy efficiency measures.

For more information about the PEEHP program visit [www.portlandonline.com/bds/PEEHP](http://www.portlandonline.com/bds/PEEHP).  
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