

## State of Oregon

### Local Government Efficiency and Innovation Grant Program

**Purpose.** The Local Government Efficiency and Innovation Grant Program offers local governments financial assistance to create more efficient and effective service delivery through intergovernmental partnerships. The Program provides technical assistance and competitive grants to local governments for the development and implementation of projects that will achieve savings and improve efficiency through shared service delivery, mergers, consolidations, and other forms of collaborative efforts.

**Goals of the Program.** To assist local governments with the costs of planning for and implementing collaborative efforts to achieve greater efficiencies and realize cost savings in the delivery of government services.

**Eligibility.** All Oregon counties, cities, local service districts, and intergovernmental bodies formed by two or more public bodies under ORS Chapter 190 (such as a Council of Governments) are eligible for the grant program.<sup>1</sup>

**Funding Priorities for 2013-2015.** Priority for 2013-2015 will be given to projects from Oregon counties who are suffering a significant loss of federal Secure Rural Schools funds. In addition, for 2013-2015, priority will be given to project proposals submitted by county governments with a July 1, 2011 population of 355,000<sup>2</sup> or less.

**Eligible Projects.** Projects approved for funding must fall within one or more of the following categories:

- a. Technical assistance to local governments to achieve greater efficiencies and cost savings in service delivery, including feasibility studies and/or the creation of intergovernmental partnerships to implement regional service delivery.
- b. Merger or consolidation of two or more governments, government departments, or service delivery across two or more governmental units.
- c. Collaborative efforts of two or more government units to achieve greater efficiencies and cost savings in the delivery of government services.

**Maximum Grant Award.** Applications for grant awards under the program cannot exceed \$100,000.

**Local Match Requirement.** A local match is required in the amount of a minimum of 10 percent of the total grant funds requested. Local match shall be from the local budget and not from other state or federal grants or from in-kind services.

**Application Requirements.** Applicants will be required to provide a number of items in their application to include, but not be limited to, the following:

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<sup>1</sup> Would not include school districts, charter schools, or ESD's.

<sup>2</sup> All counties would be eligible, but priority would be given to all counties except, Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas using the 355,000 population figure.