

Analysis
Oregon State Police
Port Security Grant

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Request: Approval to apply for up to \$700,000 in Port Security Grant funding through the US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Recommendation: Approve the request

Analysis: On June 2nd, 2017, the US Department of Homeland Security announced the availability of \$100,000,000 in Port Security Grant funds. Grants through this program are available to port authorities, facility operators, and state and local government agencies, and are intended to support the National Preparedness System through such activities as completing maritime security risk mitigation projects, enhancing maritime domain awareness, or conducting training and exercises.

The Oregon State Police (OSP) request approval to apply for up to \$700,000 in grant funding to purchase an airplane. OSP's aircraft program currently provides aerial support to both OSP Fish and Wildlife troopers and to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the agency supports the maritime security plan for district 13, which includes the Columbia River, Hells Canyon/Snake River and south coast to Florence. Oregon has nine ports and four dams on the Columbia River and three dams on the Snake River, all of which are routinely monitored from the air during regular patrol flights.

Grant applications are due June 22nd, 2017, and the grant requires a 25% cash or in-kind match. Applicants will be notified of grant awards no later than September 30, 2017. If successful, OSP may need to return to an appropriate legislative body to seek additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of the grant application request.