

House Bill 2933

Sponsored by Representative BOONE

SUMMARY

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Removes limitation on amount Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority may grant for emergency projects.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to emergency projects funded by the Special Public Works Fund; creating new provisions;
3 amending ORS 285B.440 and 285B.462.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 285B.440 is amended to read:

6 285B.440. (1)(a) The moneys in the Special Public Works Fund shall be used primarily to provide
7 loans to municipalities for projects as defined in ORS 285B.410 to 285B.482. The Oregon
8 Infrastructure Finance Authority may determine the level of grant or loan funding, if any, on a
9 case-by-case basis.

10 (b) If the authority approves funding, the authority shall determine a maximum amount of the
11 loan based upon a reasonable and prudent expectation of the ability of the municipality to repay the
12 loan.

13 (c) The initial loan term may not exceed the usable life of the project or 30 years from the year
14 of project completion, whichever is less. The term of a renegotiated loan may not exceed the re-
15 maining usable life of the project or 30 years, whichever is less.

16 (d) Assistance from the fund for a marine facility project otherwise funded under ORS 777.267
17 shall be limited to a loan. The loan may not exceed the amount of the required local matching funds.

18 (2) The Oregon Business Development Department shall by rule adopt standards for awarding
19 grants from the Special Public Works Fund. The standards may include the award of grants as a
20 financial incentive to accomplish the goals of the Special Public Works Fund, to address special
21 circumstances of a project or to address the financial need of the applicant.

22 (3) The authority may make grants to a municipality not to exceed \$1 million per project or 85
23 percent of the allowable project costs, whichever is less. For purposes of this subsection, allowable
24 project costs do not include capitalized interest, if any.

25 (4) The authority may not expend more than one percent of the value of the Special Public
26 Works Fund in any biennium for grants or direct assistance, if any, for planning projects and com-
27 munity development projects to municipalities.

28 *[(5) The authority may not expend more than \$2.5 million in any biennium for emergency project*
29 *grants. For purposes of this subsection, emergency project grants include grants for essential commu-*
30 *nity facilities, as defined by the department by rule after consultation with the League of Oregon Cities,*
31 *the Association of Oregon Counties, the Oregon Ports Representation Group and the Special Districts*

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 *Association of Oregon.]*

2 [(6)] (5) Except as otherwise limited by this section, not more than 100 percent of the total cost
3 of a project, including capitalized interest, shall be financed from the Special Public Works Fund.

4 **SECTION 2.** ORS 285B.462 is amended to read:

5 285B.462. (1) The Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority may provide financial or other as-
6 sistance to a municipality for an emergency project. **Emergency project grants include grants for**
7 **essential community facilities, as defined by the department by rule after consultation with**
8 **the League of Oregon Cities, the Association of Oregon Counties, the Oregon Ports Repre-**
9 **sentation Group and the Special Districts Association of Oregon.**

10 (2) The authority may award grant funding to an emergency project only if federal disaster relief
11 assistance has been committed for the emergency project.

12 (3) Assistance from the Special Public Works Fund for an emergency project may not exceed the
13 total local matching funds requirement for the federal disaster relief assistance committed to the
14 project.

15 **SECTION 3.** **The amendments to ORS 285A.440 by section 1 of this 2017 Act apply to**
16 **emergency project grants made by the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority on or after**
17 **the effective date of this 2017 Act.**

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