

Good morning members of the Joint Committee,

Please see the email exchange below - **we implore the Committee to consider revising ORS 457 to allow the release of Community Livability Grant funds on an emergency basis.** The ReBuilding Center is a Portland institution, a nonprofit that serves more than 50,000 people per year by providing affordable, reclaimed building materials and household goods, keeping more than 3 million pounds of material out of the landfill and selling it to our community in North Portland at below-market prices.

The emails below outline our plight - revising the statute to allow the release of \$100,000 from Prosper into our general operating fund would go a long way to preserve the viability of our organization and our service to the community of low-income homeowners and renters, especially during these exceptionally difficult times.

Please email or call me with any questions, and thank you for your hard work on behalf of us all.

Best,
Jackie

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From: **Lewis, Sue** <LewisS@prosperportland.us>

Date: Fri, Mar 20, 2020 at 8:23 AM

Subject: Community Livability Grant Funds

To: Jackie Kirouac-Fram <jackie@rebuildingcenter.org>

Cc: kelly@rebuildingcenter.org <kelly@rebuildingcenter.org>, violetarubiani@gmail.com

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Good morning, Jackie (and all),

Laura Alsenas sent me, as the Grants Program Manager, your message to Pam Johnson from earlier this week. We are all adapting to working from home and this new crazy environment - as I know you, your staff, families, friends and community are too.

Unfortunately, our grants are restricted by State Statute, which directs funds to be used solely for building improvements. They cannot, by State Statute, be used operating costs. I'm sorry to say, we are not able to redirect the CLG funds.

Please check our website for possible resources and sign up to receive information as it unfolds. <https://prosperportland.us/>

I'm very sorry to deliver this message.

Sincerely,

Sue Lewis
Grants Program Manager

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From: **Jackie Kirouac-Fram** <jackie@rebuildingcenter.org>
Date: Mon, Mar 16, 2020 at 10:21 AM
Subject: Grant funds
To: Johnson, Pamela <JohnsonP@prosperportland.us>
Cc: Kelly Stevens <kelly@rebuildingcenter.org>, Violeta Rubiani <violetarubiani@gmail.com>

Good morning Pamela,

I am writing with an unusual question during these highly unusual times. With customer fall-off and potential store closure looming, the ReBuilding Center is faced with the prospect of close to zero earned revenue over the coming weeks. That said, we are looking for any and all potential sources of funding to keep us and our staff afloat and avoid having to perform extensive layoffs. **I am writing to see if Prosper would consider releasing the \$100,000 in grant funding to us, not on a reimbursement basis, and not for its intended purpose of roof repair, but rather to help preserve the viability of our organization as a Portland institution in the midst of this crisis.**

I am available for a phone call this afternoon if I can answer any questions that might make this possible.

Many thanks for all you do,
Jackie

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