

## Analysis

### Consent Agenda – Various Agencies

#### Requests for Approval to Apply for Federal Grants

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Six state agencies seek retroactive approval to submit a total of 18 grant applications to various federal agencies as outlined below. State agencies seeking retroactive approval of grant applications include the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (5), the Department of Education (3), the Water Resources Department (1), the Department of Agriculture (2), the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (2), and the Department of Transportation (5).

Retroactive approval is necessary for grant applications with deadlines that fell before the submittal dates for the September 2020 meeting of the Emergency Board, and for which prior legislative approval has not been obtained. For all of these retroactive requests, the agencies submitted to legislative leadership advance notification of their intent to apply for the grants as required by the Department of Administrative Services and Legislative Fiscal Office instructions for submittal of grant requests to the Emergency Board.

#### 4. Higher Education Coordinating Commission – Apprenticeship Expansion

**Analyst:** Doug Wilson

**Request:** Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) in the amount of \$3,450,000 to expand apprenticeship opportunities.

**Analysis:** The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) requests retroactive approval to apply for a DOL State Apprenticeship Expansion Grant for \$3,450,000 to improve the ability to serve, improve, and scale registered apprenticeships across the state. Funds will be used for grants to entities that have the capacity and experience to provide services and will be coordinated with the Bureau of Labor and Industries, the Oregon Employment Department, and the Oregon Department of Education. The focus of the grants will be system alignment between education and workforce partners, expanding access to underserved populations, and establishing an employer incentive program. Targeted industries include construction, healthcare, information technology, and public safety. The federal grant requires that at least 1,000 apprenticeships be served.

Applications were due on May 21 and the agency submitted a 10-day notification letter on May 12. The agency has been notified that it has been awarded \$450,000 for the grant. There is no match requirement, and HECC requires no additional expenditure limitation to administer this grant.

## 5. Higher Education Coordinating Commission – Dislocated Worker Supportive Services

**Analyst:** Doug Wilson

**Request:** Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) in the amount of \$25,000,000 to provide assistance and job training to persons without work due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Analysis:** The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) requests retroactive approval to apply for a DOL National Dislocated Worker Grant - COVID-19 Disaster Relief Funds in the amount of \$25,000,000. These grant resources will primarily be used to provide supportive services to workers laid off due to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as employment and training in specific occupations. Supportive services funded with these grant resources may include rental and mortgage assistance, dependent care, training-related fees, transportation assistance, auto insurance and repair, and prescription and other medical assistance. Disaster relief employment and training will be for specific occupations including Certified Nursing Assistants, phlebotomists, lab technicians, transportation sector workers for delivery of food and medicine, manufacturing of medical supplies, and other occupations related to needs due to the pandemic. Funds will be distributed to local workforce development boards across the state.

There is no match requirement and the agency will use existing staff to manage and coordinate the grant. The application was due on June 18 and the agency submitted a 10-day notification letter on March 29. The agency has been notified that it was awarded \$3,000,000 for this grant. Most the funding (\$2.8 million) will be distributed to local workforce development programs with the remainder retained by HECC for indirect and program staff costs. These grant funds will be spent as nonlimited expenditures, so no additional expenditure limitation is required to be approved by the Emergency Board.

## 6. Higher Education Coordinating Commission – Dislocated Worker Training

**Analyst:** Doug Wilson

**Request:** Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) in the amount of \$12,000,000 to provide job training in certain industries for persons without work due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Analysis:** The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) requests retroactive approval to apply for a DOL National Dislocated Worker Grant - COVID-19 Disaster Relief Funds in the amount of \$12,000,000. These grant resources will primarily be used to provide employment and training to workers laid off due to the COVID-19 pandemic, for jobs in industries which will likely experience labor shortages as the economy starts to recover. Funding will be distributed through local workforce development boards across the state. The services funded with these grant resources may include outreach, assessments, development of employment plans, referral, providing information on eligible training providers, occupational training, on-the-job training, customized training, and supportive services.

There is no state match requirement and the agency will use existing staff to manage and coordinate the grant. The application was due on June 18 and the agency submitted a 10-day notification letter on March 20. The agency has been notified that it was awarded \$3,000,000 for this grant. Most the funding (\$2.8 million) will be distributed to the local workforce development programs with the remainder retained by HECC for indirect and program staff costs. These grant funds will be spent as nonlimited expenditures, so no additional expenditure limitation is required to be approved by the Emergency Board.

## **7. Higher Education Coordinating Commission – Oregon Youth Conservation**

**Analyst:** Doug Wilson

**Request:** Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the amount of \$48,000 to fund a jobs program for Native youth.

**Analysis:** The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) requests retroactive approval to apply for a BLM Oregon Youth Conservation on Public Lands grant and cooperative agreement in the amount of \$48,000 over two years. Grant funds will be passed through to tribal entities to assist in reopening federal lands to the public after restrictions were put in place as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Work will be performed by tribal youth on projects including trail restoration, deferred maintenance, opening parks, and installing fencing. At the same time, tribal youth will gain technical skills, team building, and career exploration opportunities. Tribal youth will be paid minimum wage for the work. Since funds for the grant come from timber sales in Western Oregon, programs will be targeted to tribal youth in that region of the state.

The grant should provide resources for between 10 and 20 youth and two or three adult crew leaders. Additional funding may be available in the future. There is a 25% match requirement which will be met with in-kind services at HECC for grant administration and with local matching funds. The application was due July 17 and the agency submitted a 10-day notification letter on April 8. The agency has been notified that it received \$45,000 for the grant. There is sufficient expenditure limitation in the program's budget at this time, and existing staff will manage and coordinate the grant.

## **8. Higher Education Coordinating Commission – Reimagine Workforce Preparation**

**Analyst:** Doug Wilson

**Request:** Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) in the amount of \$13,000,000 to provide job training for low-skilled workers without jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Analysis:** The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) requests retroactive approval to apply for an ED Reimagine Workforce Preparation grant in the amount of \$13,000,000. The grant will allow local workforce development boards to address the needs of low-skilled workers who are unemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, especially those from hard-hit economic sectors like retail, hospitality, food service, and personal services. Unemployed workers from these sectors often

have lower income, fewer employment skills, less than a high school diploma, live in rural areas of the state, or may be learning English.

Funds will be distributed to local workforce development boards to provide employment skills and short-term training in two critical economic sectors- healthcare and manufacturing. The primary provider of the training will be community colleges. Services provided with grant funds may include needs assessments, short-term occupational training designed with employers, on-the-job training including apprenticeships, tuition assistance, and supportive services such as housing and childcare.

If the grant is awarded, HECC will request one limited-duration Program Analyst 3 position to manage and coordinate the grant. The agency may also require additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation. There is no state match requirement. Applications were due on August 24 and the agency submitted a 10-day notification letter on April 13. The agency has not received notice whether the grant request has been awarded.

#### **10. Department of Education – Student Learning Trajectories**

**Analyst:** Doug Wilson

**Request:** Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) in an amount of up to \$1,000,000 to use longitudinal data to evaluate long-term learning trajectories.

**Analysis:** The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) requests retroactive approval to apply for a Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking grant of up to \$1,000,000 from ED's Institute of Education Sciences. The intent of the overall grant program is to encourage and expand state educational agencies use of state longitudinal data systems in policymaking. These resources will be used to study student learning trajectories before (starting in 2013-14) and after the COVID-19 pandemic. The study will focus on Oregon's 9th Grade on Track to Graduate metric and will also look at learning trajectories of specific student groups like students experiencing disabilities, students who are emergent bilinguals, and through a lens of race and ethnicity.

ODE will partner with University of Oregon staff and will also rely on data from Oregon's Statewide Longitudinal Data System. There is no state match requirement. The grant application was submitted July 27 and the agency submitted timely notification of its intent to apply for the grant on July 14. ODE has not heard if they have received this grant and may have to return for additional expenditure limitation if awarded.

#### **11. Department of Education – Expanding Access to Well-Rounded Courses Demonstration**

**Analyst:** Doug Wilson

**Request:** Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) in an amount of up to \$3,000,000 to expand access to well-rounded course demonstrations.

**Analysis:** The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) requests retroactive approval to apply for an ED Expanding Access to Well-Rounded Courses Demonstration grant of up to \$3,000,000. This grant program is intended to increase the capacity of state education agencies and local school districts to provide well-rounded educational opportunities by demonstrating delivery models to make such courses more broadly available, including through specialized coursework, courses with more rigorous curricula, career and technical education, and electives. Special attention will be given to the needs of rural students, disadvantaged students, and students with disabilities, as well as preparing students to be college and career ready. Models would not only be classroom-based but also include distance and online learning.

There is no state match requirement. The grant application was submitted on June 26 and the agency submitted timely notification of its intent to apply for the grant on June 11. ODE has not heard if they have received this grant and may have to return for additional expenditure limitation if awarded.

## **12. Department of Education – Mentorship Program**

**Analyst:** Doug Wilson

**Request:** Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) in an amount of up to \$1,000,000 to use longitudinal data to evaluate the Oregon Mentorship Program.

**Analysis:** The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) requests retroactive approval to apply for a Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking grant of up to \$1,000,000 from ED's Institute of Education Sciences. The intent of the overall grant program is to encourage and expand state educational agencies use of state longitudinal data systems in policymaking. If awarded, ODE will use grant resources to study various aspects of the Oregon Mentorship Program.

There are three reasons to examine this program: 1) there is a lack of evidence on the impact of teacher mentoring on student achievement; 2) with the potential for budget reductions due to COVID-19, it is important to understand how important this program is in relation to student achievement; and 3) many of the teachers hired for this school year will have missed their opportunity for student teaching, so this study will see if the mentoring program is a substitute for student teaching.

ODE will partner with the National Center for Analysis of Longitudinal Data Education Research if the grant is awarded and will use data from Oregon's Statewide Longitudinal Data System. The grant application was submitted July 28 and the agency submitted timely notification of its intent to apply for the grant on July 14. ODE has not heard if they have received this grant and may have to return for additional expenditure limitation if awarded. There is no state match requirement for this grant.

## 48. Water Resources Department – Water Use Reporting Program

**Analyst:** Matt Stayner

**Request:** Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application in the amount of \$125,000 to the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to fund improvements to the Water Resources Department's (WRD) Water Use Reporting Program.

**Analysis:** WRD previously received funding from the USGS Water Use Data Research Program in 2016 to develop a workplan for improvements to WRD's Water Use Reporting Program. In this workplan, WRD identified the need to incorporate emerging measurement tools that will help fill data gaps and improve accuracy of water use information.

USGS announced the availability of grant funding under the Water Use Data Research Program for federal fiscal year 2020 with grant applications due by June 11. WRD provided a 10-day notice of its intent to apply for the grant funding on May 27. If funding is awarded under the program, WRD will use the monies to pursue the use of emerging measurement technology tools to improve water use data collection.

There is no state match requirement. WRD may need to return for additional expenditure limitation if funding is awarded.

## 52. Department of Agriculture – Marketing Improvement Program

**Analyst:** John Terpening

**Request:** Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP), in the amount of \$125,000 to support the marketability of ciders.

**Analysis:** The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) requests retroactive approval to apply for a federal grant from USDA to support the marketability of ciders produced in the state. The FSMIP offers grants to assist with exploring new market opportunities for U.S. food and agriculture products as well as encourage efficiencies in the marketing of products. The FSMIP grants require a one-to-one match and are only eligible to state agencies.

ODA will partner with the Northwest Cider Association, who will provide \$120,000 of the \$125,000 required match. The final \$5,000 will come from ODA through in-kind staff work. The grant application was due May 11, and the required 10-day notification letter was submitted by the Department on April 30.

### 53. Department of Agriculture – Pesticides Outreach and Training

**Analyst:** John Terpening

**Request:** Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Multipurpose Grant Program (MGP), in the amount of \$30,027, to fund existing pesticide program activities.

**Analysis:** The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) was notified by the EPA of an opportunity for additional funding under the MGP, which is part of the State and Tribal Assistance Grant appropriations from the 2020 federal fiscal year. The programs support certain environmental programs implemented by states and tribes and recipients have flexibility to direct funds to priority areas. Eligible activities under the programs include ODA's Pesticide Cooperative Enforcement, Pesticide Applicator Certification and Training, and implementation of the Pesticide Program. The grant is non-competitive and does not require state matching funds, cost-share, or maintenance of effort.

Grant applications were due by July 31, and states were required to notify the EPA of intent to accept or decline MPG funds by July 2. The agency submitted advance notification of its intent to apply for the grant to legislative leadership on June 29. If awarded the funds would allow ODA to complete additional outreach and education activities to users of pesticides to improve compliance and increase awareness about health and safety. The Department does not need additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation or position authority related to this grant.

### 54. Department of Geology and Mineral Industries – Cooperating Technical Partners Program

**Analyst:** John Terpening

**Request:** Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Cooperating Technical Partners Program, in the amount of \$702,000 to support LIDAR acquisition, geologic hazard mapping and risk assessments, and outreach activities.

**Analysis:** The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) requests retroactive approval to apply for a federal grant from FEMA to support activities including LIDAR acquisition, geologic hazard mapping, risk assessments, and outreach activities. The grant amount is \$702,000.

The Department anticipates around \$637,000 of the grant funds will be used to support geologic hazard mapping and risk assessments across Oregon including the following projects:

- Earthquake impacts in the Eugene-Springfield area
- Landslide mapping in Grant and Wasco counties
- Channel migration mapping in Lane, Clackamas and Multnomah counties, and
- Multi-hazard assessment in Washington County.

The remaining \$65,000 of grant funding is anticipated to be used to support outreach and technical assistance for Oregon counties and local governments.

The grant application was due June 1 and the required 10-day letter was submitted by the Department on May 18. There are no state matching funds required for this grant and no additional expenditure limitation or positions are needed.

#### **55. Department of Geology and Mineral Industries – National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program**

**Analyst:** John Terpening

**Request:** Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in the amount of \$492,191, for the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program.

**Analysis:** The National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program administered by NOAA provides support for maintenance of coastal outreach projects including the Oregon tsunami clearinghouse, 'Tsunami Safe' project within the hospitality industry, 'Beat the Wave' tsunami evacuation modeling, and local community-wide evacuation drills and documents. The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) will work in partnership with the Office of Emergency Management, within the Oregon Military Department, to provide leadership and strategic support for maintaining local outreach programs and providing a central repository for tsunami mitigation information.

The final grant proposals were due May 29 and the required 10-day letter was submitted by the Department on May 18. This is an annual grant offered by NOAA that the Department has successfully applied for since 2002. The grant is expected to be awarded in September and does not require a state match. No additional federal funds expenditure limitation or positions are needed to do this work.

#### **56. Department of Transportation – Accelerating Innovative Mobility**

**Analyst:** Gregory Jolivette

**Request:** Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the Federal Transit Administration, in the amount of \$600,000 to improve access to information for transit users.

**Analysis:** The primary purpose of the Accelerating Innovative Mobility program is to fund development and demonstration projects that improve the design, service, and financing of transit systems and models to improve mobility and enhance the transit rider experience. Funding is provided through competitive grants. If awarded, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will use the funds to develop and enhance existing software to improve the availability of information about transit travel options. This work will enable door-to-door trip planning for demand response transit services and/or fixed route transit services and help to match riders with appropriate eligibility restricted transit services.

A state match of \$150,000 will be provided using state administration resources for projects of statewide significance. The grant application was due on May 18 and the Department provided the required 10-day notice on April 30.



## 57. Department of Transportation – Rail Improvements

**Analyst:** Gregory Jolivette

**Request:** Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the Federal Railroad Administration, in the amount of \$4,783,782, to make rail improvements in Oregon City.

**Analysis:** The federal Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant program supports safety enhancements and general improvements to infrastructure for intercity passenger and freight railroads. Projects eligible for funding under the program range from workforce development and training activities to deployment of railroad safety technology and capital projects that mitigate congestion and enhance multi-modal connections. A minimum 20% match is required.

The Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) grant application proposes to use CRISI funds to construct approximately one mile of rail siding at the Brooklyn Subdivision in Oregon City with the aim of reducing delays and congestion between Union Station and Salem. ODOT estimates the total cost of the project is \$7,383,782 and has proposed a 35% match (\$2,600,000) from the Connect Oregon program. This Connect Oregon funding was dedicated to passenger rail improvements at this site in HB 2017. The grant application was due on June 19 and the Department provided the required 10-day notice on June 5. ODOT may require additional expenditure limitation if this grant is awarded.

## 58. Department of Transportation – ITS4US Deployment Program

**Analyst:** Gregory Jolivette

**Request:** Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the Federal Department of Transportation, in the amount of up to \$4,000,000, for a multi-state project to expand access to transportation for people with disabilities, older adults, and individuals of low income.

**Analysis:** The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes to use the funds for a multi-state project with California and Washington to modify existing software to improve its usability for seniors and people with disabilities. If approved, the required 20% state match of \$1,000,000 will be shared by the participating states. Oregon's share of the match will be met using state administration resources for projects of statewide significance. The grant application was due on August 3 and ODOT provided the required 10-day notice on July 20.

## 59. Department of Transportation – Bus and Bus Facilities Investment

**Analyst:** Gregory Jolivette

**Request:** Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in the amount of up to \$1,734,000 for a Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Discretionary grant on behalf of several rural transit providers.

**Analysis:** If awarded, the funds will be used to purchase 12 replacement buses and develop bus stops along Oregon 99E for rural transit providers, including the City of Canby, Coos County Area Transit,

Curry Public Transit, and Yamhill County. The matching funds for this grant (\$330,632) will be met by the local agencies. The replacement of older buses would decrease the proportion of the statewide transit fleet that exceeds useful life by federal standards. The grant application was due by March 30 and the agency provided the required 10-day notice on March 12. ODOT has since learned that the FTA did not approve the agency's grant application for an award.

## **60. Department of Transportation – Transportation Innovation**

**Analyst:** Gregory Jolivette

**Request:** Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the Federal Highway Administration in the amount of \$60,000 to collect and track data on the use of precision guidance technology on its road maintenance equipment.

**Analysis:** The State Transportation Innovative Council (STIC) grant offered through the Federal Highway Administration can be used for a variety of activities aimed at improving transportation through the deployment of technology and innovation. If awarded, the funds will be used to collect data on the use of precision guidance technology in statewide road maintenance operations. The potential benefits of this application include increased safety for Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) workers and travelers, and more efficient road maintenance. The grant application was due by August 7 and the agency provided the required 10-day notice on July 20.

## **Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation**

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that the Emergency Board approve these requests, en bloc, with the understanding that, if the funds are awarded, the agencies will return to the Legislative Assembly for approval of any necessary additional Federal Funds or Federal Funds as Other Funds expenditure limitation and position authority.



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September 25, 2020

The Honorable Senator Peter Courtney, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek, Co-Chair  
State Emergency Board  
900 Court Street NE  
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Salem, OR 97301-4048

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

### **Nature of Request**

The Higher Education Coordination Commission (HECC) respectfully requests retroactive permission to apply for U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, State Apprenticeship Expansion Grant federal funding of \$3,450,000. The funding opportunity was announced on April 14, 2020 and is available through Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 15-19.

The application was due on May 21, 2020 and the grant period is July 1, 2020-June 30, 2023. HECC met the deadline and submitted the grant application on May 21, 2020.

Additionally, HECC was awarded \$450,000, grant number AP-35124-20-60-A-41, for the performance period of July 1, 2020-June 30, 2023.

The purpose of the grant is to improve Oregon's ability to serve, improve, and scale registered apprenticeship. Grant funds will be used to make sub-awards to entities that have the capacity and experience to serve participants. Grant funds will also be used for staff time to conduct grant oversight and monitoring, quarterly reporting and project management at both the state and local levels. No additional staff are needed at HECC to conduct this work and there is no match requirement.

### **Background**

HECC is partnering with the Oregon Labor and Industries, Apprenticeship and Training Division, the Oregon Employment Department and the Oregon Department of Education to carry out the grant activities. Grant activities will focus on system alignment between education and workforce partners, diversifying apprenticeship by expanding access to underserved populations and creating an employer incentive program. Under the grant, Oregon is required to serve 1,000 apprentices in Registered Apprenticeship Programs. Industries that will be targeted include: construction, healthcare, information technology and public safety.

The HECC Office of Workforce Investments will be administering the grant and has identified staff to coordinate the application process and provide project and grant management. The HECC is currently managing three federal apprenticeship grants totaling \$4.4 million. There is no match requirement and no new positions are needed associated with this request.

### **Action Requested**

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission requests that the Emergency Board retroactively approve HECC's request for applying and receipt of the federal grant. These funds do not require any state match.

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**Legislation Affected**

None.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben Cannon".

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The application deadline was due on June 18, 2020. HECC met the deadline and submitted the grant application on March 22, 2020.

Additionally, HECC was awarded \$3,000,000, grant number DW-34693-20-60-A-41, for the performance period of April 15, 2020 – March 31, 2022.

### **Background**

Governor Kate Brown announced a State of Emergency on 3/16/20 after the U.S. President declared a National Emergency on 3/13/20. Subsequently she has issued several Executive Orders including 20-07 and 20-10 requiring that numerous businesses greatly curtail operations including those in the restaurant, bar, hospitality and those in industries utilizing personal protective equipment in non-priority industries.

These life-saving actions resulted in immediate and massive shut downs, closures and layoffs across every county. Oregon's restaurant and bars employed approximately 155,000 prior to the emergency. The primary union representing hospitality workers is reporting that 75% of its members in the hospitality industry have been or will be laid off.

Additionally, the retail sector is experiencing high numbers of layoffs due to reduced foot traffic and social distancing concerns and requirements.

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The state is also beginning to see layoffs in the construction, manufacturing and distribution industries due to disruptions in the supply chain of the goods and materials needed. This is not an exhaustive list, as many other industries affected by this crisis will likely emerge as we move forward.

These funds will provide critical resources to Oregonians affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds will be distributed through local workforce development boards and available in all 36 counties. The funds will primarily provide supportive services to meet Oregonian's basic needs.

These services may include:

- Rental Assistance
- Mortgage Assistance
- Books & Supplies for Training
- Dependent Care
- Educational Testing
- Fees for Applications, Tests, Certifications
- Medical & Counseling Services
- Work Attire or Related Costs
- Transportation Assistance
- Workplace Accommodation
- Auto Insurance
- Auto Repair
- Utility Bills
- Prescription Assistance
- Other supportive services as needed and identified throughout the crisis

This grant request also include disaster-relief employment and training which may include humanitarian efforts such as:

- Delivering of food, medicine and other supplies to affected or quarantined individuals
- Certified Nursing Assistants – e.g. short-term (re)training of current, past or transitioning healthcare workers
- Medical Assistants – e.g. short-term (re)training of current, past or transitioning healthcare workers
- Certified Healthcare Workers – e.g. short-term (re)training of current, past or transitioning healthcare workers
- Phlebotomists - e.g. short-term (re)training of current, past or transitioning healthcare workers
- Lab Technicians - e.g. short-term (re)training of current, past or transitioning healthcare workers
- Transportation & Trucking -e.g. short-term (re)training of current, past or transitioning

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transportation workers

- Licensure & Certification, including fees – e.g. Commercial Driver Licenses, Fork Lift Operations
- Warehousing/Shipping/Port Operations – e.g. short-term (re)training of current, past or transitioning workers
- Manufacturing to support medical supplies and devices
- Helping set up quarantine areas and providing assistance to quarantined individuals
- Organizing and coordinating recovery, quarantine, or other related activities
- Cleanup activities as identified and deemed necessary
- Other opportunities to be determined as they emerge throughout the crisis

The National Dislocated Worker Reserve, held at the Department of Labor, has limited resources allocated by congress annually. These funds are distributed to states on a “first come, first served” basis.

During the current national crisis, every day we wait to apply for funds potentially puts us behind the other 49 states and territories who are also accessing this limited resource.

**Action Requested**

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission requests that the Emergency Board retroactively approve HECC’s request for applying and receipt of the federal grant. These funds do not require any state match.

**Legislation Affected**

None.

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Additionally, HECC was awarded \$3,000,000, grant number DW-34812-20-60-A-41, for the performance period of March 13, 2020- March 30, 2022

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The state is also beginning to see layoffs in the construction, manufacturing and distribution industries due to disruptions in the supply chain of the goods and materials needed. We are also experiencing high numbers of layoffs in healthcare professions, including dentistry, imaging, phlebotomy, laboratory and surgery that are non-urgent and have closed. There is anticipation that some rural healthcare systems (hospitals/clinic) will not be able to reopen after the crisis.

This is not an exhaustive list as many other industries affected by this crisis will likely emerge as we move forward.

These funds will provide critical resources to Oregonians affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds will be distributed through local workforce development boards and available in all 36 counties. The funds will primarily provide employment and training activities, including career services and training services. Fund will focus on training in industries needing immediate additional personnel and those experiencing labor shortages as the economy begins its recovery.

These services may include:

- outreach
- intake
- labor exchange services
- initial and comprehensive assessments
- development of an individual employment plan
- referral
- provision of labor market information
- provision of information on eligible training providers
- provision of information on supportive services
- occupational training
- on-the-job training (including apprenticeships)
- entrepreneurial training
- customized training
- supportive services
- needs-related payments
- other opportunities to be determined as they emerge throughout the crisis

The Secretary of Labor has the discretion to award DWGs to eligible entities where the eligible entity can demonstrate the need for additional funds to provide employment and training assistance to workers affected by major economic dislocations, such as plant closures and mass layoffs.

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The National Dislocated Worker Reserve, held at the Department of Labor, has limited resources allocated by congress annually. These funds are distributed to states on a “first come, first served” basis.

During the current national crisis, every day we wait to apply for funds potentially puts us behind the other 49 states and territories who are also accessing this limited resource.

**Action Requested**

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission requests that the Emergency Board retroactively approve HECC’s request for applying and receipt of the federal grant. These funds do not require any state match.

**Legislation Affected**

None.

Sincerely,

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Ben Cannon, Executive Director  
Higher Education Coordinating Commission



# Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

## Higher Education Coordinating Commission

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September 25, 2020

The Honorable Senator Peter Courtney, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek, Co-Chair  
State Emergency Board  
900 Court Street NE  
H-178 State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301-4048

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

### **Nature of Request**

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) respectfully requests retroactive permission to apply for a \$48,000 “Oregon Youth Conservation on Public Lands” federal grant and cooperative agreement from the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM). If awarded, this grant would be for the Oregon Youth Corps and would be passed through to tribal entities.

The application was due on July 17, 2020. HECC met the deadline and submitted the grant application on July 15, 2020.

Additionally, HECC was awarded \$45,000, grant number L20AC00331, for the performance period of September 3, 2020 – September 3, 2023.

### **Background**

In 2010, Oregon Youth Corps entered into an agreement with the BLM for a program that was titled “BLM/OYCC Employment and Education Partnership”. This program, and the agreement with BLM, was extended an amended many times over the years and finally ended in 2019 due to lack of funding and a change in BLM granting procedures. That program/partnership was extremely successful and over the nine-year span totaled over \$1.7m. This opportunity is basically an extension of that program with a focus on serving tribal youth.

This project will help open federal lands back up to the public after COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed, while providing experience and training for tribal youth. Projects will include opening up parks, deferred maintenance caused by the shutdown, restoring trails and installing fencing, and other projects that have yet to be determined. The educational components will come in the form of gains in hard and technical skills, conducting cultural inventory and surveys, monitoring and collecting data on sensitive plants, team building, career exploration, and developing a strong work ethic. This project will pay the youth Oregon’s minimum wage putting greatly needed cash in the hands of a typically underserved population.

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The federal funds come from proceeds from timber sales in Western Oregon and therefore the funds must be dedicated to projects within this region of the state. The BLM would like to target tribes in Western Oregon that have a current partnership with Oregon Youth Corps. This means funds would be dedicated to the BLM Coos Bay and Northwest Oregon Districts and would specifically target Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde, Coquille Indian Tribe, and Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians.

The amount of the grant is anticipated to be \$48,000 over a two-year period. If social distancing will allow, the funds would be used in the current biennium either late summer or fall of 2020. If social distancing will not allow for the programming, the funds would then be used in the 2021-2023 biennium over the summer of 2021. While the initial amount requested is \$48,000, the BLM would like to add additional funds to the grant over its lifetime as funds become available. The BLM sees this as a pilot to having dedicated youth corps funding in all nine federally recognized tribes in the future. This could turn into a much larger agreement that covers both biennia and beyond.

Depending on transportation and other supportive costs, the initial \$48,000 is anticipated to serve between 10-20 youth and 2-3 adult Crew Leaders.

Oregon Youth Corps promotes opportunities for youth to discover and develop life-ready skills. The programming connects Oregon's youth to meaningful workforce development experiences by:

- Advancing youth development;
- Providing resources and support;
- Building awareness; and
- Establishing pathways.

ORS 418.650-418.663 requires that at least 75% of the youth and young adults served by "disadvantaged and at-risk". The Oregon Youth Corps Advisory Board has adopted the following definition, "Disadvantages and at-risk youth are those who may be unable to achieve the educational, economic, or social expectations of their community."

The vast majority of the youth served through Oregon Youth Corps funds come from vulnerable populations that have traditionally been underserved and left behind. This includes youth of color, youth from rural communities, tribal youth, and youth that have dropped out of high school.

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**Action Requested**

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission requests that the Emergency Board retroactively approve HECC's request for applying and receipt of the federal grant.

There is a 25% matching requirement that will be partially matched in-kind through HECC's administration of grants to the field with the remainder being matched at the local level. There is no expected state match.

**Legislation Affected**

None.

Sincerely,

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Ben Cannon, Executive Director  
Higher Education Coordinating Commission



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State Emergency Board  
900 Court St. NE  
H-178 State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301-4048

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

### **Nature of Request**

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) respectfully requests retroactive permission to apply for a \$13,000,000 federal grant from the Department of Education's Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE) called the Education Stabilization Fund – Reimagine Workforce Preparation (ESF-RWP) Grants Program.

The Department of Education issued this grant through the Federal Register on June 23, 2020 and the grant application was due on August 24, 2020. HECC met the deadline and submitted the grant application on August 24, 2020.

This grant application is pending, federal dollars have not been awarded as yet.

### **Background**

Governor Kate Brown announced a State of Emergency on 3/16/20 after the U.S. President declared a National Emergency on 3/13/20. Subsequently she has issued several Executive Orders including 20-07 and 20-10 requiring that numerous businesses greatly curtail operations in businesses and workplaces that provide nonessential or less-essential products or services to the public. While these life-saving actions resulted in immediate and massive shut downs, closures and layoffs across every county and nearly every sector, Oregonians who have less than a high school education, people who are learning English and people in rural and remote areas of the state have been disproportionately affected.

According to [qualityinfo.org](http://qualityinfo.org), the counties in Oregon with the highest numbers of unemployment claims are primarily rural – Umatilla, Deschutes, and some coastal counties. The job sectors that are especially hard-hit are the fields that pay the lowest wages – the food service, hospitality, retail and personal services sectors. In other words, the job where low-skilled adults are disproportionately represented. This grant will provide our local workforce development boards the means and opportunity to help provide low-skills adults who are out of work access to short-

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term trainings through partnerships with community colleges and local employers in two sectors that will be key to Oregon's recovery from the COVID crisis and the subsequent recession – healthcare and manufacturing.

This grant will bring critical resources to counties throughout Oregon to provide short-term training in manufacturing and healthcare to the Oregonians hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic and recession. These funds will be distributed through local workforce development boards and available in all 36 counties. The funds will primarily provide employment skills and short-term training, informed by employers, provided by community colleges and including adults who need basic skills, job training and career and supportive services.

These services may include:

- Initial and comprehensive needs assessments
- Development of an individual training and employment plans
- Advising and counseling
- Labor market information
- Eligible training providers
- Short-term occupational training designed with employers
- On-the-job training, including apprenticeships
- Entrepreneurial training
- Customized training
- Supportive services, including housing, foods, utility and childcare help
- Tuition assistance
- Needs-related payments
- Other opportunities to be determined as they emerge throughout the crisis

### **Action Requested**

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission requests that the Emergency Board retroactively approve HECC's request in the application of the grant. HECC has not been awarded any federal grant dollars at the time we submitted the letter.

HECC is also requesting a Program Analyst 3 (OAS C0892 AP, Step 2) for a total of 3 years, limited duration, to manage the grant and career pathway. Anticipated start/end date of the Program Analyst 3 is November 1, 2020, through September 2023, at a total cost of approximately \$328,057 (Salary+OPE). The FTE will be hired upon approval by the emergency board and the awarding of the federal grant. Grant monies will pay for this position

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If the request is approved, HECC is requesting additional federal fund limitation as follows:

November 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021	\$72,114	Chapter 666 Section 7 (1); 2019 Laws
July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025	\$234,729	
July 1, 2025 to August 31, 2025	\$21,214	
Total	\$328,057	

**Legislation Affected**

For application of Federal grant: None

For the approval of the requested FTE: Chapter 666 Section 7 (1); 2019 Laws; Effective date August 9, 2019.

Sincerely,



Ben Cannon, Executive Director  
Higher Education Coordinating Commission





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Director of the Oregon Department of Education

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The Honorable Senator Peter Courtney, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek, Co-Chair  
State Emergency Board  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem OR 97301-4048

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

### **Nature of Request**

The Oregon Department of Education respectfully requests retroactive approval to apply for a federal grant of up to \$1 million from the U.S. Department of Education's (USDOE's) Institute of Education Sciences (IES) grant for "Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking." A letter of intent to apply was submitted to on July 14, 2020. The application was submitted on July 27, 2020.

### **Background**

On March 26th, the USDOE IES announced the availability of competitive grants through the Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking (Using Data) Grant Program. This program offers competitive grant opportunities to state educational agencies (SEAs) to guide policy decisions by reviewing state longitudinal data. The funding awards are projected to range from \$40,000 to \$333,000 per year for up to a three-year period, with a maximum award of \$1,000,000.

Through the Using Data Grant Program, IES seeks to expand state education agencies' use of their state longitudinal data systems (SLDS) to provide evidence for use when making policy decisions. SEA's can apply for these grants, on their own or in collaboration with other organizations, to analyze the data in their own SLDS in order to examine long-term trends in key issues, programs, and policies affecting learner outcomes. SLDSs are designed to help states, districts, schools, educators, and other stakeholders to make data-informed decisions to improve student learning and outcomes as well as to facilitate research to increase student achievement and close achievement gaps.

This grant opportunity includes one absolute priority, which is to expand the research use of a SLDS to examine long-term learner outcomes and pathways in order to provide evidence for state education policymaking. To meet eligibility requirements under this priority, applicants must (a) be an SEA, (b) the Principal Investigator must be from the SEA, and, (c) the research must include measures of learner outcomes.

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The Oregon Department of Education (ODE), research from the University of Oregon, Assessment and Accountability Teams, and staff from the Higher Education Coordinating Council (HEC) Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) plan to work together to study student learning trajectories from 2013-14 to the COVID-19 crisis, then afterward to determine whether efforts to increase growth trajectories have been successful. The study will focus on understanding pre- and post-COVID-19 trajectory changes (level and slope) in the Oregon 9<sup>th</sup> Grade on Track to Graduate metric since the state began tracking the indicator in the SLDS in 2013-14, including evaluation of multiple student groups (e.g., race/ethnicity, students experiencing disability, and students who are emergent bilinguals).

**Agency Request**

Approve the ODE request for retroactive permission to apply for a federal grant of up to \$1,000,000 from the U.S. Department of Education's (USDOE's) Institute of Education Sciences (IES) grant for "Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking" to study student learning trajectories from 2013-14 to the COVID-19 crisis, then afterward to determine whether efforts to increase growth trajectories have been successful.

**Legislation Affected**

None

Thank you for considering the approval of this request.

Sincerely,

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Colt Gill  
Agency Director



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Director of the Oregon Department of Education

September 4, 2020

The Honorable Senator Peter Courtney, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek, Co-Chair  
State Emergency Board  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem OR 97301-4048

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

### **Nature of Request**

The Oregon Department of Education respectfully requests retroactive approval to apply for a federal grant of \$1 – 3 million from the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) for the Expanding Access to Well-Rounded Courses Demonstration Grants program. A letter of intent to apply was submitted on June 11, 2020. The application was submitted on June 26, 2020.

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, the USDOE announced the availability of \$6,467,609 authorized through the Expanding Access to Well-Rounded Courses Demonstration Grants program to provide competitive grants to state educational agencies (SEAs) to demonstrate models for providing well-rounded educational opportunities through course-access programs. Specifically, this program is intended to help build the capacity of SEAs and local education agencies (LEAs) to provide well-rounded educational opportunities, consistent with section 4107 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), by demonstrating models for delivering such opportunities through programs that make courses broadly available to students, which could include specialized coursework, courses that are more rigorous than the regular curricula (e.g., Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate courses), career and technical education, remedial or credit recovery courses, or elective courses (e.g., arts, world languages, or consumer sciences). While classroom-based options may be considered part of the course access programs, proposals must make available courses in at least two learning formats including distance learning and on-line learning.

### **Background**

This grant opportunity includes one absolute priority, which is to expand access to well-rounded courses. To meet eligibility requirements under this priority, applicants must propose to (a) develop or expand, (b) implement, and (c) widely disseminate information on course-access programs to other state or local education leaders and researchers; applicants must also describe how its course-access program as a whole would make a broad range of courses widely available for all students in the state. The SEA must also specifically describe how, in addition to serving all students, its proposed program would meet the needs of rural students, disadvantaged students, or students with disabilities, and contribute to preparing students to be college and career ready.

In its proposal, applicants must address the following required elements:

1. A description of the SEA's approach to developing or expanding, and implementing, a course-access program using this grant.
2. A plan for promoting awareness of and participation in the SEA's course-access program using this grant.
3. A description of the SEA's approach to paying for students' participation in course offerings funded under this grant.
4. A project plan that includes a specific timeline for developing or expanding, and implementing a course-access program.
5. A description of how an SEA will document and disseminate the results of the funded project.

If ODE's grant application is successful, grant deliverables created in whole or in part with grant funds would be openly licensed to the public, and ODE would be required to have a plan to disseminate these public grant deliverables. In addition, ODE would be required to submit annual progress reports and a final performance report to the USDOE, including financial information. This grant does not require any cost sharing or state match.

ODE intends to partner with the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation and Ingenuity to develop the grant application and plan. The deadline for applying for a competitive grant under the Expanding Access to Well-Rounded Courses Demonstration Grants program is June 26, 2020.

**Agency Request**

The Oregon Department of Education requests retroactive permission to apply for a federal grant of up to \$3,000,000 from the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) for the Expanding Access to Well-Rounded Courses Demonstration Grants program.

**Legislation Affected**

None

Thank you for considering the approval of this request.

Sincerely,



Colt Gill  
Agency Director



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Director of the Oregon Department of Education

September 4, 2020

The Honorable Senator Peter Courtney, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek, Co-Chair  
State Emergency Board  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem OR 97301-4048

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

### **Nature of Request**

The Oregon Department of Education respectfully requests retroactive approval to apply for a federal grant of up to \$1 million from the U.S. Department of Education's (USDOE's) Institute of Education Sciences (IES) grant for "Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking." A letter of intent to apply was submitted to the Legislature on July 14, 2020. The application was submitted on July 28, 2020.

### **Background**

On March 26th, the USDOE IES announced the availability of competitive grants through the Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking (Using Data) Grant Program. This program offers competitive grant opportunities to state educational agencies (SEAs) to guide policy decisions by reviewing state longitudinal data. The funding awards are projected to range from \$40,000 to \$333,000 per year for up to a three-year period, with a maximum award of \$1,000,000.

Through the Using Data Grant Program, IES seeks to expand state education agencies' use of their state longitudinal data systems (SLDS) to provide evidence for use when making policy decisions. SEA's can apply for these grants, on their own or in collaboration with other organizations, to analyze the data in their own SLDS in order to examine long-term trends in key issues, programs, and policies affecting learner outcomes. SLDSs are designed to help states, districts, schools, educators, and other stakeholders to make data-informed decisions to improve student learning and outcomes as well as to facilitate research to increase student achievement and close achievement gaps.

This grant opportunity includes one absolute priority, which is to expand the research use of a SLDS to examine long-term learner outcomes and pathways in order to provide evidence for state education policymaking. To meet eligibility requirements under this priority, applicants must (a) be an SEA, (b) the Principal Investigator must be from the SEA, and, (c) the research must include measures of learner outcomes.

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the National Center for Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research (CALDER) at the American Institutes for Research, intend to partner on a proposal to

study various aspects of the Oregon Mentorship Program (OMP). The OMP is a comprehensive system of supports centered on mentoring beginning teachers.

A study of OMP is of practical importance and timely for three primary reasons. First, while there is widespread belief in the promise of mentoring programs, and generally supportive evidence suggesting they improve teacher retention, there is less evidence (and certainly less positive evidence) on the student achievement effects of mentoring programs.

Second, information on the efficacy of the OMP is particularly relevant to ODE now. Like all states, Oregon's budget is under great pressure due to the economic consequences of the COVID-19 crisis. Given the situation, it is not surprising that school districts are anticipating budget cuts. According to the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis, tight state and district education budgets are likely to be an issue over the next 4 to 7 years, putting a premium on having quantifiable information about the student achievement effects of programs like OMP.

Third, gaining a nuanced understanding of the OMP is particularly important now because many of the teacher candidates who will enter Oregon's schools in the 2020-21 school year (and possibly beyond) will have missed their student teaching, which is considered to be a key component of pre-service teacher preparation. The study proposed under this grant application will help us determine if in-service mentoring programs, like OMP, can help to improve instructional practice and perhaps make up for the absence of student teaching opportunities.

If ODE's grant application is successful, deliverables created in whole or in part with funds would be openly licensed to the public, and ODE would be required to have a plan to disseminate these public grant deliverables. In addition, ODE would be required to submit annual progress reports and a final performance report to the USDOE, including financial information. As part of receiving this grant, ODE is not required to meet any state matching requirement.

This size of the funding award for the Using Data Grant Program will depend on the scope of the project; however, ODE intends on applying for the maximum award of \$1 million.

#### **Agency Request**

Approve the ODE request for retroactive approval to apply for a federal grant of up to \$1,102,000 from the U.S. Department of Education's (USDOE's) Institute of Education Sciences (IES) grant for "Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking" to study various aspects of the Oregon Mentorship Program (OMP).

#### **Legislation Affected**

None

Thank you for considering the approval of this request.

Sincerely,



Colt Gill  
Agency Director



August 5, 2020

The Honorable Senator Peter Courtney, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek, Co-Chair  
State Emergency Board  
900 Court Street NE  
H-178 State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301-4048

Re: Retroactive Approval to Apply – Cooperative Agreement – United States Geological Survey – 2020 Water Use Data and Research Program

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

**Nature of the Emergency/Request**

The Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) requests retroactive approval to apply for a United States Geological Survey (USGS) grant through the USGS Cooperative Agreements 2020 Water Use Data and Research Program. The Department submitted the required 10-day notification letter of its intent to apply on May 27, 2020. Applications for funding awards for the current grant cycle (FY 2020) were due by June 11, 2020. No specific match rate is required; however, some match of agency in-kind services to USGS funding is suggested and is used as part of the evaluation criteria for proposals. The maximum award amount is \$125,000. The Department applied for the grant opportunity on June 10, 2020 and has since been notified that the application has been recommended for funding in the amount of \$112,332.98. The Department intends to submit a permission to expend federal funds letter upon receipt of the award.

In 2016, the USGS awarded OWRD a Water Use Data and Research (WUDR) grant to develop a workplan that identifies potential improvements to OWRD's Water Use Reporting Program. The workplan set forth a number of goals in the areas of data quality (improving the quantity, availability, reliability, and integrity of the water-use data) and accessibility for on-line users.

Among the recommendations, the workplan identified the need to explore the use of emerging measurement tools to help fill data gaps and improve accuracy of water use information. For example, the use of evapotranspiration (ET) data developed from satellite imagery is an emerging measurement tool that helps us determine the location, timing, and quantity of irrigation water use across large areas and time histories to improve estimates in the Irrigation – Crop category. This grant request would assist OWRD in engaging in the use of this technology and accomplish a vital component of the workplan.



### **Agency Action**

The Oregon Water Resources Department is a current data collector and provider of information on water use in Oregon. The goal of the grant proposal is to expand the scope of, and provide the information needed for planning, management, and development of water supplies to meet current and future water needs and ecosystem requirements. Work to be accomplished under this proposal includes tasks that the Department has deemed important but has not had sufficient resources.

### **Action Requested**

The Oregon Water Resources Department requests retroactive approval to apply for the 2020 USGS Water Use Data and Research Program funding. Once the funding has been awarded, the Department intends to submit a permission to expend federal funds letter for legislative action.

### **Legislation Affected**

None

Thank you for your consideration of this request. For additional information, please contact Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Division Administrator, at (503) 986-0921.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Byler  
Director

cc: LFO LegRequests, Legislative Fiscal Office  
CFO LegRequests, Chief Financial Office  
Matt Stayner, Legislative Fiscal Office  
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April 30, 2020

The Honorable Senator Peter Courtney, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek, Co-Chair  
State Emergency Board  
900 Court Street NE  
H-178 State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

### **Nature of the Request**

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) intends to apply for a USDA Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP) grant in partnership with the Northwest Cider Association (NWCA). FSMIP offers grants with a one-to-one dollar match to assist in exploring new market opportunities for U.S. food and agricultural products, and to encourage research and innovation aimed at improving the efficiency and performance of the marketing system.

Grant guidelines require that applicants must be state agencies, such as state departments of agriculture, and the NWCA is requesting that ODA become the grant submitting agency. The grant application deadline is May 11, 2020. The grant will be applied to the development of efficiencies in the production and supply chains to improve the marketability of ciders. ODA is still working out the details with NWCA, but it is expected we will apply for the maximum award of \$250,000. If awarded, NWCA will provide the \$120,000 of the matching funds and ODA will provide the remaining \$5,000 in-kind match of staff time.

### **Agency Action/Background**

Since March 15th, and as the COVID-19 pandemic has unfolded, Oregon cideries have lost 60-80 percent of their business due to the closure of restaurants, bars, and their own tasting rooms. In response, the NWCA has been hosting town halls, webinars and panels for the cider industry in the Pacific Northwest. Goals have been to identify industry needs, quickly respond by curating and creating new resources.

The NWCA is a member-based nonprofit that supports all facets of the cider industry in Oregon, Montana, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia. NWCA began in 2010 with 10 members and now supports nearly 100 cidemaker members. There are 65 cidemakers in Oregon.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture has worked with the NWCA for years to develop a market for cider. A Trade Manager joined the NWCA board for two years to provide technical assistance, while ODA awarded a Specialty Crop Block Grant to determine the best apple varieties grown in Oregon for the production of cider. ODA further sponsored marketing

activities in Japan that coincided with FEAST, including a declaration from the Governor marketing that week officially Cider Week. ODA further organized inbound missions of European buyers that resulted in the first sales of Oregon ciders to the Netherlands.

**Action Requested**

The ODA respectfully requests permission to apply for a USDA Federal-State Market Improvement Grant as the submitting agency in partnership with the NWCA to improve the marketability of hand-crafted ciders in Oregon, Washington, and California. If approved, the ODA will be requesting retroactive approval at the next scheduled meeting of the Emergency Board or the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

**Legislation Affected**

If the grant application is successful, ODA may return to the Legislature for increased federal funds expenditure limitation in the 19-21 biennium if ODA is not able to accommodate the grant within existing budget authority.

Sincerely,

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Alexis M. Taylor, Director  
Oregon Department of Agriculture



June 29, 2020

The Honorable Senator Peter Courtney, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek, Co-Chair  
State Emergency Board  
900 Court Street NE  
H-178 State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

### **Nature of the Request**

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) intends to apply for a United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Multipurpose Grant. Multipurpose funds are intended to be used by state and tribal co-regulator partners for high-priority activities to complement activities funded under established environmental statutes.

States must notify the EPA of intent to accept or decline MPG funds by July 2, 2020, and grant applications are due July 31, 2020. States will not be required to provide a match, cost-share, or maintenance of effort for the MPG funds. The grant is a non-competitive grant; there is \$13 million available and EPA uses an allocation to distribute to state and tribal partners. The department has received notification that \$30,027 is available for ODA.

### **Agency Action/Background**

The Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 provides funding from the State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) appropriation for the Multipurpose Grant program (MPG). EPA is issuing FY20 funds to supplement certain environmental programs implemented by states and tribes. Because the programs support the foundational, programmatic work of state and tribal environmental programs, recipients have flexibility to direct funds to priority areas. Eligible activities include those under the following programs: Pesticide Cooperative Enforcement, Pesticide Applicator Certification and Training, and Pesticide Program Implementation.

This grant would allow ODA to complete additional outreach and education activities to pesticide users, both certified and non-certified, to improve compliance, increase awareness about strategies to protect health and safety, and increase awareness about pesticide application strategies and requirements to protect the environment.

ODA requested and received permission to apply for \$54,639 under the FY18 and FY19 grant at the September 2019 meeting of the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means.

*The Honorable Senator Peter Courtney, Co-Chair*  
*The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek, Co-Chair*  
*June 29, 2020*  
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**Action Requested**

The ODA respectfully requests permission to apply for the EPA Multipurpose Grant. If approved, the ODA will be requesting retroactive approval at the next scheduled meeting of the Emergency Board or the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

**Legislation Affected**

ODA anticipates having sufficient federal funds expenditure limitation.

Sincerely,

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Alexis M. Taylor, Director  
Oregon Department of Agriculture



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May 18, 2020

Senator Peter Courtney, Co-Chair  
Representative Tina Kotek, Co-Chair  
900 Court Street NE  
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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

### **Nature of the Request**

The purpose of this letter is to request legislative approval regarding two federal grant applications. The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) proposes to apply for two federal grants with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requesting a total of \$702,000 under the Cooperating Technical Partnership (CTP) RiskMAP program. Funding would support outreach to Oregon communities, geological hazard mapping and risk assessments. The grant proposals are due to FEMA by June 1, 2020.

The proposed grants provide funding for two projects:

Project 1 – \$65,000 in funding will be requested to support outreach and technical assistance for Oregon communities and the creation of outreach tools such as Story Maps that will be used while engaging Oregon communities.

Project 2 – \$637,000 in funding will be requested to support the geological hazard mapping and risk assessment projects listed below:

- Earthquake impact analysis for the greater Eugene-Springfield area
- Channel migration zone mapping in Lane, Clackamas, and Multnomah County
- Landslide mapping and risk reduction guidance in Wasco County
- Landslide mapping in Grant County
- Multi-hazard risk assessment in Washington County

This funding opportunity supports DOGAMI's mission and goals to provide earth science information to make Oregon safe and prosperous. These grants do not have a match requirement and do not require additional staffing to fulfill.

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**Agency Action**

Under DOGAMI's funding model it is essential that the Agency pursue relevant federal grant funding opportunities as they become available to satisfy biennial budget projections. DOGAMI has developed improved grant management tools including identification of available staff with appropriate expertise and required financial resources.

**Action Requested**

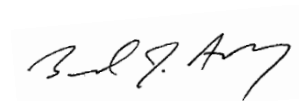
The department is requesting approval to apply to FEMA for the above 2020 CTP grants. DOGAMI requests a federal fund limitation increase if funding is awarded.

**Legislation Affected**

Legislation affected by these grant proposals is SB 5511 (2019).

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact me at 971-673-1550.

Sincerely,

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Brad J. Avy  
Director

cc: Ken Rocco, Legislative Fiscal Officer  
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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

### **Nature of the Request**

The purpose of this letter is to request legislative approval regarding a federal grant application. The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) proposes to apply for a grant with the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program (NTHMP) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for \$492,191. DOGAMI has been awarded this competitive grant since 2002. The grant application is due May 29, 2020.

DOGAMI, Oregon Emergency Management and local communities work in partnership to build a resilient Oregon coast against a great earthquake and accompanying tsunami occurring on the Cascadia Subduction Zone. The tsunami proposal to NOAA places a priority on sustaining support for outreach efforts on the coast, improving access to evacuation guidance, while building on additional risk awareness and hazard mitigation activities through new evacuation modeling and exposure analyses.

The funding opportunity supports DOGAMI's mission and goals to provide earth science information to make Oregon safe and prosperous. This grant does not have a match requirement and does not require additional staffing to fulfill.

### **Agency Action**

Under DOGAMI's funding model it is essential that the Agency pursue relevant federal grant funding opportunities as they become available to satisfy biennial budget projections. DOGAMI has developed improved grant management tools including identification of available staff with appropriate expertise and required financial resources.

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**Action Requested**

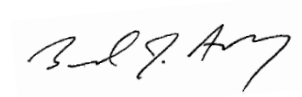
The department is requesting approval to apply to NOAA for the above NTHMP grant. DOGAMI requests a federal fund limitation increase if funding is awarded.

**Legislation Affected**

Legislation affected by this grant proposal is SB 5511 (2019).

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact me at 971-673-1550.

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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

## **NATURE OF THE REQUEST**

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Public Transportation Division requests retroactive approval to apply for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Accelerating Integrated Mobility (AIM) Discretionary Grant not to exceed \$750,000 (\$600,000 in Federal Funds with \$150,000 in match). The project, if awarded, would be delivered during the 2019-21 Biennium.

## **BACKGROUND**

The primary purpose of the AIM program is to fund development and demonstration projects that improve the design, service, and financing of transit systems, and models to improve mobility and enhance the transit rider experience. Funding is provided through competitive grants. The national notice of funding opportunity for the federal fiscal year 2020 competitive program was announced on March 18, 2020, for a total amount of \$11,000,000. Eligible applicants are providers of public transportation, including public transportation agencies, state/local government departments of transportation, and federally recognized Indian tribes. The grant application is due May 18, 2020. As public transportation providers are eligible to apply directly for this opportunity, ODOT's application focuses on projects of statewide significance that will benefit the statewide transportation network as a whole. This grant, if awarded, will build on ongoing outreach and coordination with Oregon transit providers.

ODOT applied for \$750,000 for the development and enhancement of software to improve the availability of information about transit travel options. In particular, this work will enable door-to-door trip planning for transit trips using demand response transit service and/or fixed route transit service, and help to match riders with appropriate eligibility restricted transit services.

Matching funds will be provided by state administration resources identified for projects of statewide significance as well as project partner contributions.

## **AGENCY ACTION**

ODOT applied for an Accelerating Integrated Mobility Discretionary Grant not to exceed \$750,000.

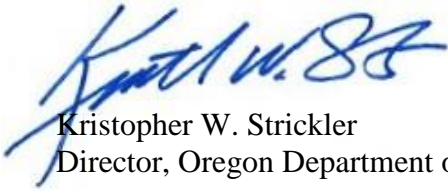
**ACTION REQUESTED**

ODOT requests retroactive approval to submit a grant application to the Federal Transit Administration for up to \$750,000 for the Accelerating Integrated Mobility Discretionary Grant Program.

**LEGISLATION AFFECTED**

None.

Sincerely,



Kristopher W. Strickler  
Director, Oregon Department of Transportation



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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

## **NATURE OF THE REQUEST**

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Public Transportation Division, requests retroactive approval to apply for a Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant through the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to improve safety, efficiency and reliability of Oregon's freight and passenger rail system. The grant request will be for \$4,783,782, with \$2,600,000 in matching funds from the Connect Oregon Program, for a total of \$7,383,782 for improvements in Oregon City, Oregon on the Brooklyn Subdivision of Union Pacific Railroad.

The announcement of the grant was published on April 23, 2020 and the application is due June 19, 2020.

## **BACKGROUND**

FRA has made available \$311.77 million in competitive grant funding for states to invest in freight and passenger rail infrastructure to reduce congestion and facilitate growth in intercity passenger travel in heavily-traveled rail corridors, and improve movement of interstate commerce. The FRA grant guidelines encourage states to improve or build infrastructure to increase safety, efficiency and reliability for both passenger and freight rail service.

ODOT intends to use the funds to construct a siding in Oregon City on Union Pacific's Brooklyn Subdivision to improve the efficiency of intercity passenger and freight rail operations between Portland's Union Station and Salem, and reduce delays and congestion in the corridor. Estimated total cost of the project is \$7.4 million. Using \$2.6 million of Connect Oregon funding dedicated to passenger rail improvements at this site by the Legislature in HB 2017 presents an opportunity to leverage \$4.7 million of federal grant funding.

**AGENCY ACTION**

ODOT applied for a CRISI grant through the FRA for \$4,783,782, with \$2,600,000 in matching funds from the Connect Oregon Program, for a total of \$7,383,782 for the Union Pacific Brooklyn Subdivision in Oregon City, Oregon.

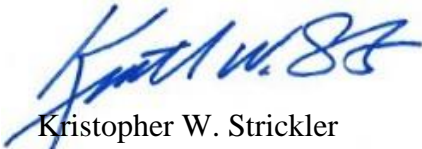
**ACTION REQUESTED**

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**LEGISLATION AFFECTED**

None.

Sincerely,



Kristopher W. Strickler  
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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

## **NATURE OF THE REQUEST**

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Public Transportation Division, requests retroactive approval to apply for a US DOT ITS4US (Complete Trip ITS4US Deployment Program) Competitive Grant not to exceed \$5,000,000 (\$4,000,000 in Federal Funds with \$1,000,000 in match). The project, if awarded, would begin at the end of the 2019-2021 biennium, and extend into the next Biennium, and is a joint project with two other state departments of transportation (DOTs).

## **BACKGROUND**

The US DOT Complete Trip - ITS4US Deployment [Program](#) aims to solve mobility challenges of all travelers, regardless of location, income, or disability, in accessing jobs, education, healthcare, and other activities.

ODOT is in conversations with the California and Washington State DOTs to be party in a joint ITS4US grant application to extend existing open source software (Open Trip Planner) to more fully support travel by people with disabilities. The proposed project will build on previous work to develop the capacity to plan trips that include demand response transit, as well as provide travelers with information about travel options that meet their special needs (for example oversized/weight wheelchairs, door-to-door or door-through-door support) and for which they may be eligible riders. This grant, if awarded, will lead to a more equitable transportation system in Oregon through improvements in transit trip planning capacity.

In the event the application receives funding, ODOT's share of match is likely to be significantly less than one-third of the total matching funds required. The fully implemented project may lead to additional ongoing Public Transportation Division costs of \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year. Matching funds and ongoing costs will be provided by state administration resources identified for projects of statewide significance as well as project partner contributions.

## **AGENCY ACTION**

ODOT applied for a joint ITS4US grant application with California and Washington State DOT.

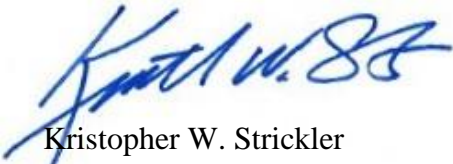
**ACTION REQUESTED**

ODOT requests retroactive approval to submit a grant application to the Federal Transit Administration for up to \$5,000,000 (\$4,000,000 in federal funds and \$1,000,000 in matching funds) for the ITS4US Grant Program. The grant application is expected to be for project activities benefiting Oregon, Washington, and California with respective DOTs sharing in match costs and project benefits.

**LEGISLATION AFFECTED**

None.

Sincerely,



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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

## **NATURE OF THE REQUEST**

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Public Transportation Division requests retroactive approval to apply for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program Discretionary Grant not to exceed \$2,064,632 (\$1,734,000 in Federal Funds with \$330,632 in local match). Although the application would take place during the 2019-21 biennium, projects, if awarded, would be delivered during the 2019-21 and 2021-23 biennia.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program makes federal resources available to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities. Funding is provided through formula allocation and competitive grants. The national notice of funding opportunity for the federal fiscal year 2020 competitive program was announced on January 30, 2020 for the amount of \$454,600,000. States are eligible to apply on behalf of public transit providers including rural and small urban transit districts, cities, counties, and non-profit transit providers. The grant application is due March 30, 2020. ODOT has elected to focus its grant application for this cycle on the needs of rural transportation providers, since urban providers, who are direct FTA recipients, can apply directly to FTA.

ODOT applied for \$2,064,632 to purchase 12 replacement buses and develop bus stops for the following rural transit providers:

- Curry Public Transit (8 Replacement Vehicles)
- City of Canby (Oregon 99E Bus Stops)
- Coos County Area Transit (1 Replacement Vehicle)
- Yamhill County (3 Replacement Vehicles)

Matching funds will be provided by the local agencies on whose behalf ODOT is applying. For this program, the FTA requires a local match of at least 15 percent of the cost of acquiring vehicles and 20 percent of the net project costs for other projects such as the development of bus stops.

This grant would fund the purchase of 12 buses to be deployed throughout Oregon in addition to funding the development of bus stops along Oregon 99E. The replacement of older buses would decrease the proportion of the statewide transit fleet that exceeds the federal standard for useful life, an ODOT Key Performance Measure. Decreasing the proportion of the statewide transit fleet that exceeds federal useful life standards will also aid in meeting FTA Transit Asset Management goals for Oregon.

**AGENCY ACTION**

ODOT applied for a Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program Discretionary Grant not to exceed \$2,064,632.

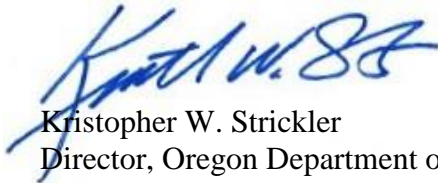
**ACTION REQUESTED**

ODOT requests retroactive approval to submit a grant application to the Federal Transit Administration for up to \$2,064,632 for the Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program Discretionary Grant Program.

**LEGISLATION AFFECTED**

None.

Sincerely,



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Director, Oregon Department of Transportation





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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

## **NATURE OF THE REQUEST**

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Transportation Development Division requests retroactive approval to apply for a State Transportation Innovative Council (STIC) incentive grant for \$75,000 (\$60,000 in Federal Funds with \$15,000 in match) from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

## **BACKGROUND**

The FHWA STIC Incentive program provides resources to help STICs foster a culture of innovation and make innovations standard practice in their states. Through the program, FHWA makes available funding up to \$100,000 per state per federal fiscal year to support or offset the costs of standardizing innovative practices in a state transportation agency or other public sector STIC stakeholder. The program is administered by FHWA's Center for Accelerating Innovation (CAI). The grant application is due August 7, 2020.

STIC Incentive funding may be used to conduct internal assessments; build capacity; develop guidance, standards, and specifications; implement system process changes; organize peer exchanges; offset implementation costs; or conduct other activities the STIC identifies to address Federal Technology and Innovation Deployment Program goals.

ODOT has identified a project that meets program criteria.

## **Snow Plow Technology**

The Maintenance and Operations branch is tasked with keeping Oregon's state highway network functional no matter the weather. Heavy winter storms and low visibility conditions often challenge both ODOT snowplow drivers and our traveling public to operate safely. Currently, ODOT snowplow operators rely on visual cues such as guardrails and road paint together with professional judgment to guide equipment. When large storm events cover these visual cues or reduce visibility to near zero, guardrails can be damaged, plow drivers can lose their orientation to the road and dangerous and costly road departures can result. Road departures are a serious hazard to the driver, require expensive emergency towing, incur costly repairs and remove a needed plow truck from service when it is needed most.

Further, such low visibility conditions can delay plowing, resulting in economic loss in commerce. To optimize ODOT's winter operations, reduce risk to our operators and the traveling public and to ensure commodity flow, a more updated, the agency needs precision guidance technology. Considering that GPS precision technology for snowplow guidance may also be applied to summertime maintenance operations, both equipment applications will be assessed in this STIC project. This effort will support ODOT's efforts to improve our road weather management using advanced vehicle-based technologies and will deliver standard operating procedures, an implementation plan, and training to facilitate use of this innovation throughout ODOT Maintenance Districts.

Total Project Cost: \$75,000  
STIC Request: \$60,000  
ODOT's 20% Match: \$15,000

Matching state funds for this project will be provided by ODOT's Statewide Project Delivery Branch.

**AGENCY ACTION**

ODOT applied for \$75,000 in State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) incentive funds and matching funds.


**ACTION REQUESTED**

ODOT requests retroactive approval to submit a grant application to FHWA for \$75,000 in STIC incentive funds and matching funds.

**LEGISLATION AFFECTED**

None.

Sincerely,



Kristopher W. Strickler  
Director, Oregon Department of Transportation