

Analysis

Consent Agenda – Various Agencies

Requests for Approval to Apply for Federal Grants

Nine state agencies seek approval to submit a total of 13 grant applications to various federal agencies, and non-governmental bodies awarding grants from federal funding sources, as outlined below. These agencies include the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (1), Oregon Health Authority (3), Oregon Business Development Department (1), Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (1), Department of Land Conservation and Development (1), Oregon State Marine Board (1), Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (3), Oregon Department of Transportation (1), and Department of Human Services (1).

Of the requests, three are for authorization to apply for grant funding. The remainder of the requests are for retroactive approval to apply for grant funding. Retroactive approval is necessary for grant applications with deadlines that fell before the submittal dates for the December 2020 meeting of the Emergency Board, and for which prior legislative approval has not been obtained. For all but one of the 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.

2. Higher Education Coordinating Commission – Dislocated Worker Grant

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 \$19.5 million, to create temporary employment opportunities and provide training for dislocated workers.

Analysis: The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) requests retroactive approval to apply for a federal grant from DOL's Employment and Training Administration for an emergency Disaster Dislocated Worker Grant. This grant is in response to the Major Disaster Declaration approved in September relating to the wildfires. The grant will be used to create temporary employment opportunities to assist with clean-up, recovery, and humanitarian activities and to provide training and employment services to dislocated workers. Grant funding will be distributed to Local Worker Development Boards with jurisdiction in the counties included in the Declaration.

Grants were due October 9, 2020 and the agency submitted a ten-day notification letter on September 30, 2020. At the end of November, HECC was notified that they had been awarded the full \$19.5 million in grant funding. No additional HECC staff is required, there is no state or local match required, and no additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation is required to be approved by the Emergency Board at this time since these dislocated worker grants are generally spent as non-limited expenditures.

4. Oregon Health Authority – Maternal and Child Health Telehealth Grant

Analyst: Tom MacDonald

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a grant application to the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP), in the amount of \$100,000, to improve and expand the use of telehealth services in maternal and child health programs.

Analysis: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Public Health Division requests retroactive approval to apply for a \$100,000 competitive grant from the AMCHP. The purpose of this opportunity is to help states respond to the COVID-19 pandemic by enhancing telehealth services for families receiving maternal and child health program services. OHA submitted a timely letter of intent to apply for the grant to the Legislative Fiscal Office on September 24, 2020 and has since learned the full \$100,000 has been awarded for the grant period of November 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.

The Public Health Division's proposal is to use these funds to improve the timeliness of infant hearing screenings, diagnoses, and interventions, the rates for which have worsened since the start of the pandemic. The Division's plan is to prioritize most of the grant award for three activities: 1) telehealth coaching for primary care providers, public health nurses, and birth facilities; 2) the purchase of hearing screening equipment for targeted health care providers; and 3) support for organizations working to strengthen parental engagement and reduce barriers to services for at-risk populations.

Because AMCHP is not a federal government agency, the grant award is not considered federal revenue from a state budgeting perspective. However, OHA submitted this request according to the federal grant application approval process because the funding available from AMCHP was awarded from federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funds for the purpose of supporting state programs. The grant does not require a state match or cost-sharing and OHA is not requesting new positions or an increase in expenditure limitation.

5. Oregon Health Authority – Provider Relief Funds

Analyst: Tom MacDonald

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for reimbursement of the Oregon State Hospital's (OSH) health care expenses or lost revenues attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Analysis: Through two separate appropriations, Congress approved \$175 billion in Provider Relief Funds to offer pandemic-related financial relief to offset health care providers' expenditures or lost revenues attributable to the pandemic. HHS has since allocated over \$120 billion for two phases of general distributions, as well as targeted distributions for providers in high-impact outbreak areas. Without requiring applications, HHS directly paid the first phase of general distributions totaling \$50 billion to providers who bill for Medicare fee-for-service. OSH received \$3 million from this initial distribution. The hospital has experienced a variety of reimbursable costs related to the pandemic, including, among other things, creating protective and quarantine units for patients, establishing new medical protocols as part of the patient admissions process, and screening patients twice a day for COVID-19 symptoms.

In October 2020, HHS announced a third phase of general distributions totaling \$20 billion, available to providers through an application process. After OHA submitted a timely notification to the

Legislative Fiscal Office, OSH applied for funding available under this opportunity by the November 6, 2020 federal deadline. The application process does not allow applicants to request a specific award amount, but the potential award available to OSH will presumably be less than the hospital's \$3 million award under its initial direct distribution based on the much smaller amount of overall funding available.

If granted an award, OSH will use the funds to continue covering its health-related expenses attributed to COVID-19. The grant does not require a state match or cost-sharing and will not be used to hire new staff. Awards are expected to be announced by December 31, 2020. Any amount received by OSH will be recognized as part of OHA's next budget rebalance.

21. Oregon Business Development Department – Economic Development Administration CARES Act Grant

Analyst: Steve Bender

Request: Approve, retroactively, the re-submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) in the amount of \$3.52 million, to plan and implement economic recovery strategies in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Analysis: On July 20, 2020, the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) notified the Co-Chairs of the Emergency Board of intent to apply for a \$8.95 million grant from the EDA, funded by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The purposes of the grant were to plan and implement economic recovery strategies in response to the coronavirus pandemic. The CARES Act includes \$1.5 billion for the EDA's Economic Adjustment Assistance program for these specific purposes.

The Co-Chairs expressed no objections to the application at that time, and 10 days after sending the letter the Department applied for the grant. EDA did not approve OBDD's application, and the request for permission to apply was never presented to the Emergency Board or Legislative Assembly as the issue had become moot. EDA raised several questions relating to the original grant application, and had concerns that the proposed fund uses could not be shown to comply with the conditions that Congress approved to limit funds to specifically addressing COVID-19 related economic impacts.

OBDD received notice from EDA on October 5th that EDA would accept a re-application if certain adjustments were made. On October 30th, OBDD submitted a revised application for a smaller, \$3.52 million grant. Unlike the original application, OBDD agreed to provide a state match of \$50,000, with an additional \$44,000 match from the Oregon Manufacturing Extension Partnership and \$360,022 of in-kind staff support. These match requirements can be met within the agency's existing budget, with no additional state support required.

Grant funds will support a strategic study to position the state for long-term economic recovery, finance a virtual site selection platform to attract businesses to Oregon, and help businesses adapt to the new conditions imposed by the pandemic. Most of the grant funds will be allocated to a Business Resiliency and Community Recovery Program that will supply grants to public and non-profit institutions to develop solutions for businesses to address operations in the current health environment.

If successful, the agency will request additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation in its 2019-21 and 2021-23 biennial budgets to accommodate expenditure of the grant funds.

22. Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs – CARES Act Provider Relief Fund

Analyst: Amanda Beitel

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for Oregon Veterans' Homes healthcare-related expenses and lost revenues attributable to COVID-19.

Analysis: The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) requests retroactive approval to apply for the Phase 3 General Distribution of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Provider Relief Fund (PRF), available to healthcare providers for expenses and lost revenue due to COVID-19. Oregon's Veterans' Homes, located in The Dalles and Lebanon, provide qualified veterans and their spouses skilled nursing, rehabilitative, and memory-related care. As a result of the coronavirus, the Veterans' Homes have experienced additional costs for personal protective equipment, testing, infection control, and increased staffing. Lower census levels have also resulted in decreased revenues. Due to the Veterans' Homes existing Medicaid and Medicare certification, ODVA has received a total of \$2.2 million through earlier phases of PRF general and targeted distributions from HHS to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Although previous payments were automatically distributed, ODVA was required to apply for the third phase of PRF distributions.

The grant application deadline was November 6, 2020. ODVA sent a letter of intent to apply on October 14, 2020 and submitted the application on October 30, 2020. HHS did not allow applicants to apply for a specific dollar amount. Awards will be based on changes in patient care revenues and expenditures and take into consideration previous PRF distributions. No state matching funds or additional staff are required to administer the grant. Grant awards are expected to be announced by December 31, 2020. If successful, ODVA will submit a future request for Federal Funds expenditure limitation.

25. Department of Land Conservation and Development – NOAA Adaptation Sciences Grant

Analyst: Matt Stayner

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Adaptation Sciences program, in the amount of \$300,000, to advance climate adaptation and coastal community resilience.

Analysis: On November 10, 2020, the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) provided notification to the Emergency Board of its intent to apply for a federal grant funding opportunity from NOAA. Grant proposals were due by November 30, 2020. Requested grant funding of \$300,000 does not require matching non-federal monies.

The purpose of the grant will be to fund the development of new habitat and coastal hazard zone maps. DLCD will use the funding to support existing staff to work on the project and to provide sub-grants to the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, Oregon State University, and Portland

State University to assist in the project work.

Grants are expected to be awarded in April 2021. If awarded funding under the grant program, DLCD would begin work in September 2021. Additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation, if needed, can be included in the agency's budget for the 2021-23 biennium.

27. Oregon State Marine Board – FEMA Grant for Debris Removal

Analyst: Tim Walker

Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in the amount of \$750,000, to remove navigational hazards and obstructions in the waterways within fire zones.

Analysis: The Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) is requesting permission to apply for a federal grant under the FEMA Major Disaster declaration FEMA-4562-DR. The grant covers the removal of navigational hazards and obstructions, such as trees and root wads, from waterways within the September 2020 wildfire affected areas. These areas include Clackamas, Marion, Linn, Lane, and Douglas counties. The disaster declaration was declared on September 15, 2020 and the application deadline has been extended to December 13, 2020. OSMB submitted notification of its intent to apply for the grant on November 4, 2020.

Under ORS 830.160 the Board is charged with removing logs, rocks, or other debris resulting from natural causes from the waters of the state if the Board finds the obstruction(s) to be a hazard to boating safety. Typically, waterway obstruction removal activities are funded by OSMB through intergovernmental agreements with 32 county sheriff's offices throughout the state. Due to the devastating nature of the September wildfires, it is expecting an extraordinary amount of downed trees and other debris will wash into rivers and reservoirs in these counties. Downed trees and root wads will create navigational issues and dangerous conditions for boaters. This is especially true in swift water conditions.

OSMB will be required to provide a 25% match to the eligible costs and OSMB estimates the Board's share would not exceed \$250,000. Matching funds will be a combination of Other Funds from the Law Enforcement Program, in-kind contributions, and volunteer hours from non-profits. If the grant application is successful, OSMB may need to submit a future request for additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation.

30. Department of Geology and Mineral Industries – 3D Elevation Program (McKenzie River)

Analyst: John Terpening

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), in the amount of \$151,000, for the 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) initiative.

Analysis: The 3DEP initiative is a collaborative approach between the USGS, federal agencies, and state, tribal, and local governments working together to build on existing programs to complete the national collection of 3D elevation data. Previous 3DEP projects undertaken by the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) and its partners include mapping the Coos and Willowa

County areas, the Upper John Day area, the Silver Creek sub-basin area of the Harney Basin, and other portions of Harney County.

For this project, DOGAMI and the Oregon Lidar Consortium (OLC) have teamed up with local partners to collect 612 square miles of lidar data in portions of Lane and Linn counties, including some portions of areas burned in the 2020 Holiday fire. The grant has a 25% matching requirement, which will be fulfilled by contributions from other OLC partners, including the Eugene Water and Electric Board, City of Springfield, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The grant application deadline was November 13th, and the agency provided the required advance notification of its intent to apply on November 2nd. Grant funding is anticipated to be awarded by May 2021, with the lidar acquisition to begin in June and the project completed by December 2022. There is no additional General Fund appropriation or position authority, or Federal Funds limitation needed.

31. Department of Geology and Mineral Industries – 3D Elevation Program (Two Rivers)

Analyst: John Terpening

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), in the amount of \$310,000, for the 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) initiative.

Analysis: The 3DEP initiative is a collaborative approach between the USGS, federal agencies, and state, tribal, and local governments working together to build on existing programs to complete the national collection of 3D elevation data. Previous 3DEP projects undertaken by the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) and its partners include mapping the Coos and Wallowa County areas, the Upper John Day area, the Silver Creek sub-basin area of the Harney Basin, other portions of Harney County, and the previous grant proposal for the McKenzie River area.

This grant proposes to collect 829 square miles of lidar data in Baker County, including 606 square miles of new area not previously mapped by lidar. The grant has a 25% matching requirement, which will be fulfilled by in-kind contribution of lidar data collected from previous years. The grant application deadline was November 13th, and the agency provided the required advance notification of its intent to apply on November 2nd. Grant funding is anticipated to be awarded by May 2021, with the lidar acquisition to begin in June and the project completed by December 2022. There is no additional General Fund appropriation or position authority, or Federal Funds limitation required.

32. Department of Geology and Mineral Industries – State Map Program

Analyst: John Terpening

Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), in the amount of \$174,165, for the 2021 State Geological Survey project.

Analysis: The State Map Program, through the USGS, is part of the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program established in 1992. Each federal fiscal year, one proposal from each state will be accepted to further geologic mapping efforts. The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) has participated and received funding from this USGS project since 1992. The 2021 fiscal year grant will provide funding for geologic mapping of certain areas of the Walla Walla Basin in northeast Oregon and to upgrade existing geologic map databases for parts of Hood River and Wasco

counties. The final grant proposals are due to USGS by December 18th, and the Department submitted the required advanced notification of intent to apply on November 19th. This annual grant requires a 1:1 match, which the Department will meet \$160,000 of by utilizing existing staff, with the remainder provided through donations of time by volunteers assisting with the mapping project. No additional General Fund or position authority, or Federal Funds limitation is necessary.

34. Oregon Department of Transportation – Nationally Significant Federal and Tribal Lands Grant

Analyst: Gregory Jolivette

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the Federal Highway Administration, in the amount of \$56.7 million, to restore and reconnect the Historic Columbia River Highway as a state trail.

Analysis: The Nationally Significant Federal and Tribal Projects Program was established by the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) to provide funding for the construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of nationally significant transportation projects in and nearby Federal and tribal lands.

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes to use the grant funds to complete the restoration and reconnection of the Historic Columbia River Highway. The project will construct the final five miles required to connect the trail, as well as provide an off-interstate connection between Gorge communities that can serve as an alternative for emergency vehicles when I-84 is closed. ODOT considers the project a good candidate for the grant because the Columbia River Highway state trail provides bicycle and pedestrian access to nationally significant lands in the Columbia River Gorge.

The match must be at least 10% of the total project costs. A state match of \$6.3 million will be provided using State Highway Fund monies. The grant application was due on November 2, 2020. The Department provided the required 10-day notice on October 19, 2020.

45. Department of Human Services – Wildfire Disaster Case Management

Analyst: Laurie Byerly

Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in the amount of up to \$8 million over two years, to support wildfire disaster case management services.

Analysis: The Department of Human Services (DHS) seeks approval to apply for federal funding to help deliver post-disaster case management services to individuals impacted by the September 2020 wildfires. Under the associated federal major disaster declaration, federal dollars are available through FEMA. The funding application must be made within 90 days of disaster declaration date, which was September 15, 2020. No state match is required for this FEMA supplemental program.

The agency’s detailed application and budget are still under development but DHS plans to request up to \$8 million over two years to help disaster survivors; initial estimates assume 24 case managers will provide long term case management services to approximately 800 people. Assistance includes assessing survivors’ disaster-caused unmet needs, developing plans to achieve recovery, coordinating

resources for meeting needs, and monitoring progress toward reaching recovery. Services will be delivered by agency staff and through agreements with local governments or other partners; DHS indicates it may need up to four limited duration employees to support and implement the program.

The grant application is due on December 13, 2020 with a decision on the application expected in January 2021. If the agency's application is successful, a future request for any needed Federal Funds expenditure limitation or position authority will follow.

46. Oregon Health Authority – Strengthening Surveillance of Birth Anomalies

Analyst: Tom MacDonald

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in the amount of up to \$3,125,000 over a five-year period, to strengthen the surveillance of birth anomalies to improve health outcomes for infants and their mothers.

Analysis: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) requests retroactive approval to apply for a competitive grant from the CDC that aims to improve the ability of public health birth anomaly surveillance programs to respond to emerging threats to mothers and babies. The relevant surveillance system used by OHA's Public Health Division is the Birth Anomalies Surveillance System (BASS). BASS tracks children from birth to age six who have at least one of 50 birth anomalies, links existing information from Medicaid claims, hospital discharges, and other data, and connects affected children and their families with information, resources, and referrals.

OHA's grant proposal seeks to strengthen the effectiveness and use of BASS through two different grant components, one required and one optional. The required component provides a maximum annual award of \$325,000 for five years to conduct surveillance for birth anomalies by using case findings, improving surveillance methodologies, enhancing data quality monitoring, and using data to identify at-risk populations. As part of this work, the Public Health Division will share de-identified data sets with the CDC for analysis and to develop measures for data quality. Existing agency staff will carry out these activities if this component is funded. The optional component offers a maximum annual award of \$300,000 for five years to develop a comprehensive interoperability plan for the exchange of birth anomaly information from electronic health records to BASS. The agency will need to hire one position to develop this plan if this component is funded.

OHA submitted its grant application request letter to the Legislative Fiscal Office on December 1, 2020 but failed to provide a timely 10-day notification ahead of the federal application deadline of December 8, 2020. The five-year grant period is from March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2026. The grant opportunity does not require a state match or cost-sharing. OHA will need to return to request additional position authority if this grant is awarded.

Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that the Emergency Board approve these requests to apply for federal grants, 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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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of Request

The Higher Education Coordination Commission (HECC) respectfully request retroactive permission to apply for \$19,500,000 in federal funds through the emergency Disaster Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG) through the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The funding request is in response to the Emergency Disaster Declaration and the Major Disaster Declaration approved by President Trump on September 10 and September 15, 2020 after wildfires damaged many regions of Oregon. This funding is issued under the Stafford Act and is governed by the [Training and Employment Guidance Letter \(TEGL\) 12-19](#).

The application deadline was October 9, 2020. HECC met the deadline and submitted the grant application on October 9, 2020.

Additionally, HECC anticipates awards will be made by November 23, 2020. The typical grant period would be 24 months.

Our 10-day notification was submitted on September 30, 2020.

Background

The overall purpose of DWGs is to provide funding to create temporary employment opportunities to assist with clean-up, recovery and humanitarian efforts as well as to provide training and employment services to dislocated workers. DWGs are available when an area impacted by a disaster is declared eligible for public assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or otherwise recognized by a Federal agency with authority or jurisdiction over Federal response to the emergency or disaster.

Grant funds will be used to make sub-awards to the Local Workforce Development Boards as well as other entities that have the capacity and experience to conduct this work. The following counties are included in the declaration and the funds will be distributed based on need: Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Coos, Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake,

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Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Tillamook, Wasco, Washington and Yamhill. Grant funds will also be used for staff time to conduct grant oversight and monitoring, reporting and project management at both the state and local levels. No additional staff are needed at HECC to conduct this work.

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. There are no matching fund or maintenance of effort requirements associated with the grant, and no additional limitation is necessary.

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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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Public Health Division is submitting this letter to request retroactive approval to apply for the Maternal and Child Health Telehealth Capacity in Public Health Systems Direct Award funding opportunity from the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP). AMCHP received a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as part of the CARES Act Covid-19 pandemic response and is awarding maternal and child health programs funds to build, improve, expand, and sustain the use of telehealth.

AMCHP plans to award at least 18 competitive, direct grants to eligible MCH programs of up to \$100,000 each, with work beginning November 1, 2020, and ending April 30, 2021. This grant funding requires no state matching funds and does not have a federal requirement for maintenance of effort. Existing staff will carry out the work for the project. OHA learned of this funding opportunity August 21, 2020. Applications are due October 16, 2020.

AMCHP notified OHA on October 29, 2020, that it awarded the full \$100,000 for the Telehealth work.

Agency Action

The Maternal and Child Health, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program is focused on partnering with medical home providers who serve a high proportion of families with characteristics putting their infants at greater risk of not obtaining hearing screening and follow up. Multi-year analysis of infant screening and diagnosis rates indicates some shared characteristics of families most at risk.

Those characteristics include maternal race and ethnicity, maternal education, and maternal age.

This new funding opportunity will help strengthen the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) system of services and reduce health disparities for infants and their families. With this funding, we will place equipment with identified providers, provide live tele-coaching for screening, results counseling and care coordination, and model tele-use of interpreters. This project will seek to provide services to infants and their families from diverse racial/ethnic groups, diverse linguistic groups, and those living in areas of the state with limited options for screening and follow up.

Funds will be used to purchase and place equipment, and provide support to providers in areas of the state where hearing services are limited, where families impacted by historical racism and trauma live, and where there is potential for significant reach and impact for underserved families and communities. This project will result in increased rates of hearing screening and follow up for infants who do not pass the newborn hearing screening, as well as increased capacity among health care providers to provide hearing screenings and appropriate counseling and care coordination within the EHDI system with a focus on increasing equitable access to culturally responsive services.

For infants needing screening or follow up who do not have a medical home and are historically underserved, we are exploring the possibility of consulting with culturally specific Community Based Organizations to help us explore community knowledge, attitudes, barriers to accessing services, and connect families with medical homes, use of telehealth and ultimately hearing screenings and follow up support to ensure equitable access and care.

The OHA mission is to help people and communities achieve optimum physical, mental and social well-being through partnerships, prevention and access to quality, affordable health care. The aim of the public health system is to promote health and prevent disease and disability. Given advances in technology and constraints on families, providers and systems due to the COVID-19 pandemic, wildfires, and economic insecurity, optimizing use of telehealth is critical for promoting health. Investments in telehealth access and best practices can support health equity and access to care, providing a positive impact on the lifelong trajectory of health, education and opportunity for Oregonians in need.

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Action Requested

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Public Health Division requests retroactive approval to apply for the Maternal and Child Health Telehealth Capacity in Public Health Systems Direct Award funding opportunity from AMCHP.

Legislation Affected

None.

For additional information, please contact Cate Wilcox, Maternal and Child Health Section Manager, at cate.s.wilcox@state.or.us or by phone at (971) 673-0299.

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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) requests retroactive approval for the Oregon State Hospital to apply for a Provider Relief Fund Phase 3 General Distribution payment from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) made possible by the CARES Act and Paycheck Protection and Health Care Enhancement Act. This financial relief is to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, and shall reimburse the Oregon State Hospital only for health care related expenses or lost revenues that are attributable to coronavirus. This relief shall not be used to reimburse expenses or losses that have been reimbursed from other sources or that other sources are obligated to reimburse.

Applications for Phase 3 General Distribution payments were due by November 6, 2020. This grant funding requires no state matching funds or in-kind services. No additional positions are requested. The Oregon State Hospital submitted its application on November 4, 2020, and it is still pending.

Agency Action

In April 2020, HHS made available to providers that bill Medicare, an allocation based on their 2018 cost reporting data to provide relief for increased costs and lost revenue due to emergency and sustained coronavirus response. The Oregon State Hospital met the eligibility requirements for this emergency allocation, which came in two installments totaling \$3,051,733. The Oregon State Hospital has generated unbudgeted costs due to coronavirus that exceeds the initial Provider Relief Fund allocation.

On October 1, 2020, HHS announced an additional \$20 billion in new funding through the Provider Relief Fund and invited eligible providers to apply for an allocation of funds. This funding will be paid first to providers that have not yet received an allocation of funding that equals 2 percent of patient care revenue as reported on their 2018 Medicare

Cost Report. The Oregon State Hospital has already received an allocation that equals 2 percent of patient care revenue as reported on the 2018 Medicare Cost Report. The remaining funding will be paid to providers that have already received the payment that equals 2 percent of patient care revenue and an equitable add-on payment will be calculated that considers the following:

- A provider's change in operating revenues for patient care
- A provider's change in operating expenses from patient care, including expenses incurred related to coronavirus
- Payments already received through prior Provider Relief Fund distributions

The Oregon State Hospital remains eligible for this funding because it:

- Billed Medicare in 2019;
- Provided care for individuals with possible or actual cases of COVID-19;
- Is not currently terminated from participation in Medicare or precluded from receiving payment through Medicare Advantage or Part D;
- Is not currently excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid, and other Federal health care programs; and,
- Does not currently have Medicare billing privileges revoked.

Unless otherwise restricted, the Oregon State Hospital will recognize any new Provider Relief Fund payments as part of the agency's next budget rebalance.

Action Requested

The Oregon Health Authority requests retroactive approval for the Oregon State Hospital to apply for Phase 3 Provider Relief Funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Legislation Affected

None.

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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Business Development Department (Department) respectfully requests retroactive approval of the submission of updated application materials to the Economic Development Administration (EDA), for grant funds to plan and implement economic recovery strategies in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

States and communities are able to apply for this funding from funding the EDA received from the CARES Act of \$1.5 billion for EDA to administer grants through its established Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program.

Agency Action

The EDA was established under the Public Works and Economic Development Act (PWEDA) of 1965 and is the only federal agency exclusively focused on coordinating and implementing economic development policy.

This grant provides funding through its established EAA program by which eligible applicants include EDA-designated Economic Development Districts (EDDs); Indian tribes or a consortium of Indian tribes; states and local governments; institutions of higher education or a consortium of institutions; and nonprofit organizations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a state.

As of May 8, 2020 EDA began to accept applications for grants to support a wide variety of assistance including:

- Planning and Technical Assistance
- Capitalization and Recapitalization of Revolving Loan Funds (RLFs), which provide access to capital for businesses
- Construction of infrastructure and other economic development projects
- Innovation grants

As such, the Department received approval and applied for an \$8.95 M grant as outlined below on July 30, 2020:

- Coronavirus Economic Recovery Plan - \$450,000: includes a strategic study to position Oregon for long-term economic recovery.
- Infrastructure Readiness - \$5.75m: includes the following:
 - Needs and Issues Assessment (\$500k) – develop regional inventory of infrastructure projects statewide.
 - Infrastructure Preparedness (\$2.25m) – fund public jurisdictions with limited capacity to execute infrastructure preparation tasks.
 - Industrial Site Readiness (\$3m) – funding industrial site shovel ready projects to include planning and technical assistance.
- Business Adaption -\$2.75m: includes the following:
 - Digital Marketing Strategy (\$500,000) – e-commerce training and technical assistance for small businesses affected by COVID-19 and digital marketing strategy development for Business Oregon to reach key stakeholders virtually
 - Supply Chain Adaption (\$2.25m) – technical assistance and planning for key industry sectors disrupted by COVID-19.

Based on feedback received from staff at EDA, Department revised the grant materials and submitted an updated proposal on October 30, 2020 for a new grant of \$ 3.52 million, with the Department providing a cash match of \$50,000, third parties, including the Oregon Manufacturing Extension Partnership, providing \$44,000, and in-kind staff support totaling \$360,022. The updated proposal is outlined below:

- Coronavirus Economic Recovery Plan - \$222,000: includes a strategic study to position Oregon for long-term economic recovery
- Business Resiliency and Community Recovery Program - \$2,200,000: awards will be made to public and nonprofit entities, excluding private sector enterprises, which help advance innovative solutions that address public health requirements and keeps business operating safely. Eligible projects must support multiple businesses and help satisfy state public health guidance requirements. Overhead is not an allowable expense
- Virtual Site Selection - \$452,122: create a virtual site selection proposal and response platform to attract business to Oregon and create traded sector jobs
- Business Adaption -\$1,112,800: includes the following:
 - Digital Engagement Strategy (\$500,000) – e-commerce training and technical assistance for small businesses affected by COVID-19 and digital marketing strategy development for Business Oregon to reach key stakeholders virtually
 - Supply Chain Resiliency and Recovery (\$612,800) – technical assistance and planning for key industry sectors disrupted by COVID-19.

This is a competitive grant opportunity. Funds must be obligated by September 30, 2022 and projects complete by September 30, 2023. EDA will generally fund awards at 80% federal grant rate with 20% state matching required. However, the grant application states the EAA grants for disaster economic recovery activities may be funded with up to 100% federal cost share. The Department’s updated application requested an 88.6% federal cost share in order to increase the likelihood of receiving EDA funds.

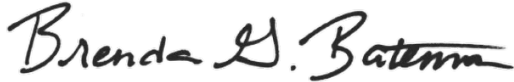
Action Requested

The Department respectfully requests retroactive approval of the submission of updated application materials to the EDA for a \$3.52 million federal grant from the CARES Act.

Legislation Affected

The request to apply for this grant does not affect current legislation.

Sincerely,

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Brenda Bateman, Ph.D.

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November 4, 2020

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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of Request

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) requests retroactive permission to apply for a grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The grant relates to the CARES Act, Phase 3 of the General Distribution of the Provider Relief Fund, which is intended to offer financial support to healthcare providers for expenses and lost revenues attributable to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Background

On October 14, 2020, ODVA provided notice of its intent to apply for an HHS grant for financial support to healthcare providers for expenses and lost revenues attributable to COVID-19.

Due to COVID-19, the Oregon Veterans' Homes have experienced increased costs due to purchases of additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), testing of residents and staff, more stringent infection prevention measures, and increased staffing. Additionally, resident census levels decreased by approximately 16%, which has had a significant impact on revenues. Receipt of federal funds would help offset the increased costs and loss of revenue.

ODVA has previously been the recipient of \$2,168,534 of HHS distributions from the Provider Relief Fund. ODVA was a recipient of these funds due to the Veterans' Homes existing Medicaid and Medicare certification, which automatically qualified the Veterans' Homes as entities to receive funding. However, in order to be eligible for Phase 3 General Distributions from the Provider Relief Fund, ODVA was required to apply for funding.

HHS did not allow entities to apply for a certain dollar amount. Applicants will be eligible to receive payments based on a percentage of their change in patient care operating revenues minus operating expenses. Payments will also take into account funds received as part of

previous distributions. HHS has stated that it will determine final payment amounts for applicants after all applications have been received and reviewed.

The opportunity to apply for federal funds was announced on October 2, 2020, and the deadline to submit an application was November 6, 2020. ODVA submitted the grant application on October 30, 2020, and anticipates notification of a grant award by December 31, 2020.

No State matching funds are required for this grant and ODVA does not anticipate needing any additional FTE to administer the grant.

Action Requested

ODVA requests retroactive permission to apply for the HHS grant for Phase 3 Provider Relief Funds. If Provider Relief Funds are awarded, ODVA will request increased Federal Funds expenditure limitation.

Legislation Affected

None.

Sincerely,

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Kelly Fitzpatrick
Director



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RE: Emergency Board Request for Retroactive

Approval to Apply for a Federal Grant

Dear Speaker Kotek and President Courtney,

This letter is to request retroactive approval to apply for a federal grant. The Oregon Coastal Management Program (OCMP) applied for an Adaptation Sciences (AdSci) Program: Advancing Climate Adaptation and Coastal Community Resilience grant in order to accelerate resilience planning to climate impacts along the Oregon Coast. This grant program seeks to expand and enhance the effectiveness and scale of adaptation and resilience planning and implementation in the face of complex challenges in coastal settings, and is funded through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Program Office. The OCMP provided a 10-day notification to the legislature prior to applying for the grant.

The OCMP proposal focuses on accelerating resilience planning on the Oregon coast by bringing together decision makers, practitioners, and researchers to ensure the co-production of knowledge for coastal hazard zones developed specifically for implementation needs. The project seeks to develop new habitat and coastal hazard zone maps for the coastal strip in three Oregon counties that will incorporate the latest climate data for sea level rise impacts and which can be used in conjunction with new model coastal hazard land use ordinance and implementation strategies. A project advisory committee will ensure the data products are developed in a way that can be immediately used by local governments and coastal management practitioners. The Oregon coast is experiencing increased impacts from flooding, erosion, and sea level rise. However, many of these communities lack the resources and capacity to establish clearly delineated priorities, goals, and plans to increase social, economic, and environmental resilience to these changes. Identification of specific coastal hazard zones to support the implementation of resilience objectives will help prepare communities and mitigate risk. This project takes a comprehensive planning approach

that will enable successful local resilience action.

The award amount being requested through the AdSci competition is for \$298,895. This funding opportunity does not require match of non-federal dollars. The requested funds will be used primarily to pay for staff time and sub-awards with the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, Oregon State University, and Portland State University to perform grant tasks. No additional permanent FTEs will be required for this grant. Full proposals are due November 30, 2020, with results anticipated to be announced in April 2021. If selected, project work would start September 2021 and be completed within 24 months.

The proposed project meets DLCD agency mission and goals by seeking to assist coastal communities in the protection of their coastal natural resources, and to become more resilient in the face of a changing environment through the adoption of new planning maps and implementing regulations in beach and dune areas. The proposed resilience goals and strategies also align with statewide land use planning goals and other ongoing coordinated efforts in coastal and natural hazards planning. Successful completion of this project will help local jurisdictions and community organizations understand coastal resilience threats and needs and empower them to implement coastal resilience activities.

Action Requested

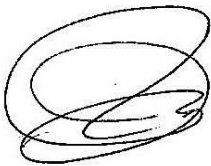
The Department requests retroactive approval to apply for a grant under the Adaptation Sciences (AdSci) Program: Advancing Climate Adaptation and Coastal Community Resilience grant opportunity.

Legislation Affected

None.

If you would like to discuss this proposal please contact DLCD's Coastal Shores Specialist, Meg Reed, at (541) 514-0091 (email: Meg.Reed@state.or.us).

Respectfully,

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Re: Application by Oregon State Marine Board for Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance through the Major Disaster declaration FEMA-4562-DR

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of Request

The Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) is seeking approval to apply for public assistance in the amount of \$750,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in response to Major Disaster declaration FEMA-4562-DR. OSMB will use the public assistance to augment the agency's resources to remove navigational hazards and obstructions such as trees in the waterways within the fire zones. The disaster declaration was made on September 15, 2020, and applications for public assistance for FEMA-4562-DR have been extended December 13, 2020.

Agency Action

The agency routinely budgets about \$10,000 per biennium for the direct costs of removing waterway obstructions (logs, rocks, and other debris resulting from natural causes) that the agency finds to be extraordinarily hazardous to boating safety. In addition, waterway obstruction assessment, monitoring, and removal coordination activities are routine parts of the activities funded by OSMB through the intergovernmental agreements with 32 county sheriff's offices.

The wildfires and straight-line winds that occurred starting September 7, 2020 damaged or killed tens of thousands of trees along boated waterways in Clackamas, Marion, Linn, Lane, and Douglas counties. As a result, OSMB is projecting that there will be an extraordinary increase in the number of downed trees and other debris that will wash into the rivers and reservoirs in these counties. Downed trees and root wads in swift water are very dangerous for boaters and have been known to cause accidents such as capsizing and sinking and fatalities. Debris in reservoirs is also hazardous to navigation and will need to be addressed.

The federal share of assistance will not be less than 75 percent of the eligible costs; therefore OSMB's share will be at most \$250,000. OSMB matching funds would come from Other Funds appropriated to the Law Enforcement Program. The amount budgeted for the interagency law enforcement agreements with Clackamas, Marion, Lane, Linn, and Douglas counties total \$1,448,033. Additionally, OSMB staff

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The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek, Co-Chair
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already participate in law enforcement training, coordination of obstruction removal, and public information regarding boating obstructions.

OSMB predicts that there will be a need to increase the amount of staff time and law enforcement personnel time dedicated to obstruction removal in the coming years as fire debris enters the river systems. There will likely also be a corresponding decrease in staff time dedicated to normal patrol activities like equipment checks, registration and permit enforcement, and boating safety law enforcement, as recreational boating will likely decrease until the obstructions are mitigated. Whereas obstruction removal work in the past has been incidental, OSMB estimates that in the next few years it could encompass up to 15% of staff and patrol time in the effected counties, which will be enough to cover the required match.

Action Requested

The Oregon State Marine Board requests approval to apply for public assistance for debris removal activities related to Major Disaster declaration FEMA-4562-DR. If the application is submitted by OSMB and funded by FEMA, OSMB will return to the legislature with more specific information and to request Federal Funds limitation.

Legislation Affected

None. These activities are already authorized under ORS 830.160 Board authority to remove obstructions from water: In addition to any other authority to promote safe boating pursuant to this chapter, the State Marine Board may cause the removal of any obstruction consisting of logs, rocks or other debris resulting from natural causes from the waters of this state if the board finds the obstruction to be an extraordinary hazard to boating safety. The board may pay the cost of such removal from amounts reserved therefor in the account created by ORS 830.140.

Sincerely,



Larry Warren
Director, Oregon State Marine Board

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Dear Co-Chairs:

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 submit to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for a grant relating to the 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) initiative in the amount of \$151,000.

DOGAMI would like to propose the Oregon Lidar Consortium (OLC) McKenzie River 2021 3DEP project (612 square miles) as part of the lidar program collection effort in 2021. This lidar project covers portions of Lane and Linn counties as well as portions of the 2020 Holiday fire. DOGAMI proposes to submit a grant application to the USGS in November of 2020. If successful, DOGAMI will be awarded funding from the USGS in the first quarter of 2021. DOGAMI would begin the lidar acquisition project in June 2021 and complete the project by December of 2022.

The grant has a 25% match requirement to be fulfilled by other OLC McKenzie River project funders including Eugene Water and Electric Board, City of Springfield, and US Army Corp of Engineers. The match has no impact on budgeted services or performance measures. DOGAMI does not need to request federal fund limitation or position authority if funding is awarded.

This grant opportunity supports DOGAMI's mission and goals to provide earth science information and regulation to make Oregon safe and prosperous.

Action Requested

The department is requesting approval to apply to the USGS for the 2020 3DEP McKenzie River grant.

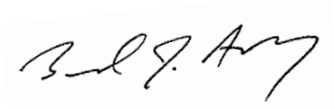
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Legislation Affected

No legislation is affected with this request.

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

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Dear Co-Chairs:

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 submit to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for a grant relating to the 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) initiative in the amount of \$310,000.

DOGAMI would like to propose the Oregon Lidar Consortium (OLC) Two Rivers 2021 3DEP project (829 square miles) as part of the lidar program collection effort in 2021. This lidar project covers portions of Baker county in eastern Oregon. DOGAMI proposes to submit a grant application to the USGS in November of 2020. If successful, DOGAMI will be awarded funding from the USGS in the first quarter of 2021. DOGAMI would begin the lidar acquisition project in June 2021 and complete the project by December of 2022.

The grant has a 25% match requirement to be fulfilled by an in-kind contribution of purchased lidar from previous years; no additional funds are needed. The match has no impact on budgeted services or performance measures. DOGAMI does not need to request federal fund limitation or position authority if funding is awarded.

This grant opportunity supports DOGAMI's mission and goals to provide earth science information and regulation to make Oregon safe and prosperous.

Action Requested

The department is requesting approval to apply to the USGS for the 2020 3DEP Two Rivers grant.

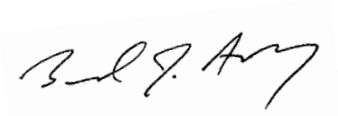
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Legislation Affected

No legislation is affected with this request.

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

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November 18, 2020

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Representative Tina Kotek, Co-Chair
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Dear Co-Chairs:

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 submit a grant application specific to the STATEMAP component of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program in the amount of \$174,165.

This is an annual grant which DOGAMI has applied for and been awarded each year since the program's inception in 1992. To date Oregon has received \$4,598,509 in federal funds in support of DOGAMI's geologic mapping program. The final grant proposal is due to USGS by December 18, 2020. DOGAMI would begin this project in June 2021.

This grant provides funding for two projects to conduct geologic mapping in the following areas:

Project 1 – Geologic mapping in the Weston 7.5' Quadrangle in the Walla Walla Basin, northeast Oregon;

Project 2 – Convert recent (< 5 years) map publications to GeMS-compliant (Level 3) geologic map databases – Northern part of Flag Point, Fivemile Butte, Ketchum Reservoir, and Brown Creek 7.5' quadrangles, Hood River and Wasco Counties, Oregon.

The primary goals that will be achieved by these projects include completion of geologic maps for the specified areas that are essential to characterize and assess the state's mineral, energy, and water resources and serve as the foundation for derivative geologic and other natural hazard studies.

This grant requires a 1:1 funding match to be fulfilled by General Fund of \$160,000 and in-kind match. General Fund that currently supports DOGAMI personnel will be used to meet this

requirement. No additional funds are needed for the match. DOGAMI does not need to request federal fund limitation or position authority if funding is awarded.

This grant opportunity supports DOGAMI's mission and goals to provide earth science information and regulation to make Oregon safe and prosperous and supports Key Performance Measure #2 (KPM) – Detailed Geologic Map Completion.

Action Requested

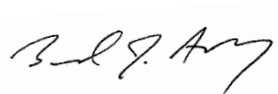
The department is requesting approval to apply to USGS for the above STATEMAP grant.

Legislation Affected

No legislation is affected with this request.

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

Sincerely,



Brad J. Avy
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November 4, 2020

The Honorable Senator Peter Courtney, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek, Co-Chair
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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

NATURE OF THE REQUEST

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Delivery and Operations Division requests retroactive approval to apply for the Nationally Significant Federal and Tribal Lands Program grant for \$63 Million (\$56.7M from Federal Funds, \$6.3M in matching funds).

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the grant program is to provide funding for the construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of nationally-significant projects within, adjacent to, or accessing Federal and tribal lands. The Program provides an opportunity to address significant challenges across the nation for transportation facilities that serve Federal and tribal lands. Grant funds can be used for Construction and Construction Engineering of a continuous project. Federal funds can be used for up to 90% of project costs, and there is a minimum 10% match requirement. ODOT submitted a grant application in 2018 for this same funding program, and this year's notification came out on September 1, 2020. The application was due on November 2, 2020, and the likely date of award is in February 2021.

ODOT has identified a project that meets program criteria.

The Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail project is an excellent candidate for the Nationally Significant Federal and Tribal Lands Program as it provides bicycle and pedestrian access to Nationally Significant lands in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. The National Scenic Area federal legislation signed into law by President Reagan requires the Oregon Department of Transportation to restore and reconnect the Historic Columbia River Highway as a state trail. The State Trail is also included in the National Scenic Area Management Plan, and per Senate Bill 766 (1987), ODOT was directed by the Oregon Legislature to work on the State Trail. On February 20, 2014, the OTC adopted a resolution supporting the completion of the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail Project.

The Historic Columbia River Highway spans 73 miles between Troutdale and The Dalles, with some segments shared with vehicles, and some exclusively bicycle and pedestrian trail. There are 22 miles of bicycle and pedestrian segments of the Historic Highway State Trail, with only 5 miles left to construct before the Historic Highway is completely reconnected.

This project provides an off-Interstate connection between Gorge Communities and also provides an emergency route alternative to the Interstate in the event of a shut-down. This allows emergency vehicles to travel to locations within the Gorge if I-84 is closed which has happened a number of times in the past three years due to inclement weather, fires, and other emergencies.

We are utilizing momentum from successful trail segment completions of Wyeth-Lindsey Creek that opened in August 2019 and Mitchell Point that will start construction in 2021. And, we still have interest and enthusiasm from the 2016 centennial celebrations for the Historic Columbia River Highway. This is also an opportunity for FHWA to provide the “last dollar in,” completing a reconnection 30 years in the making.

All users in the Gorge will benefit. In an area with limited transportation options, those who are unwilling or unable to travel on I-84 will now have an off-interstate option to travel through the Gorge on the Oregon side. Cyclists and other recreationalists benefit from a separated facility to experience the views and beauty of the Gorge while the traveling public will benefit from the safety of the rockfall mitigation completed by this project and the physical separation from cyclists on the I-84 shoulder.

ODOT has an existing MOU with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) for the day-to-day maintenance and operation of the State Trail and associated trailheads. ODOT is only responsible for structures and large emergency maintenance events that ORPD is unable to address.

Total Project Cost: \$63M
Grant Request: \$56.7M
Matching Funds: \$6.3M

Matching funds will come from State Highway funds from Region 1’s Construction program.

AGENCY ACTION

ODOT applied for \$63 million in Nationally Significant Federal and Tribal Lands Program funds and matching funds.

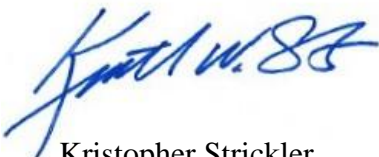
ACTION REQUESTED

ODOT requests retroactive approval to apply for a Nationally Significant Federal and Tribal Lands Program grant through the Federal Highway Administration for \$56.7M in federal grant funds and \$6.3M in matching funds (State Highway funds) for a total of \$63 million.

LEGISLATION AFFECTED

None.

Sincerely,



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December 1, 2020



The Honorable Senator Peter Courtney, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek, Co-Chair
State Emergency Board
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Re: Request to apply for the Emergency Management Program/Disaster Case Management Program for Oregon Wildfire & Straight Wind Emergency Response DR-4562-OR grant

Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

This is to alert you that the Department of Human Services (ODHS), Emergency Management unit requests permission to apply for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant funding to support a Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP). The funds sought for this program will be up to \$8,000,000 over a two-year period.

This program is available to federal disaster declared states and is due no later than 90 days after the state federal emergency declaration. The due date for this application is December 13, 2020, however it is our intent to submit this grant proposal as soon as possible to avoid survivor frustration due to delay in the process. This grant requires no state matching funds. ODHS may, as authorized by the grant, hire limited duration employees (up to 4) to support and implement the grant.

Agency Action

If funded, the Department of Human Services will use the funds to:

- Effectively deliver post-disaster case management services
- Facilitate and integrate local government and non-government partnership efforts

"Assisting People to Become Independent, Healthy and Safe"

- Provide DCM to all Oregon residents directly affected by this disaster, regardless of their FEMA registration status
- Effectively support the unmet disaster-related needs of those affected
- Offer a single point of contact to coordinate a variety of wraparound services

The Disaster Case Management Program is a federally funded program administered by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Catalog of Domestic Federal Assistance (CFDA) number for this event is 97.088 - Disaster Assistance Projects. More information can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/media-collection/disaster-case-management-toolbox>.

The DCMP will enable a whole community and give a holistic approach, through funding and technical support, to voluntary, faith-based, and nonprofit organizations.

Action Requested

Acknowledge receipt of report and approve ODHS to apply for the grant. The Department of Human Services (ODHS) will return to the legislature for any limitation or FTE needs if this grant is awarded.

Legislation Affected

None.

If you have any questions, please call Ed Flick at 503-307-6038 or via email at Edwin.Flick@dhsosha.state.or.us.

Sincerely,



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December 1, 2020

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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Public Health Division is submitting this letter to request retroactive approval to apply for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advancing Population-Based Surveillance of Birth Defects competitive cooperative agreement. The CDC plans to award up to 12 competitive awards to eligible birth anomalies (i.e., defects) surveillance programs of up to \$325,000 per year for five years. Oregon intends to apply for a supplemental component, which would bring up to an additional \$300,000 per year for five years to develop and demonstrate interoperability of birth anomalies data between electronic health records and the state surveillance system. If fully funded for both the core and supplemental component, the total five-year award would be \$3,125,000 over the period from March 1, 2021, to February 29, 2026.

This cooperative agreement funding requires no state matching funds and does not have a federal requirement for maintenance of effort. Existing staff will carry out the work for Component A. One Informaticist positions would be requested if Component B is funded. OHA learned of this funding opportunity on October 5, 2020. Applications are due December 8, 2020. OHA is, unfortunately, late in submitting this letter 10 days prior to the date the grant application is due for this funding opportunity.

Agency Action

Birth anomalies are a leading cause of infant mortality in the United States and contribute substantially to health care costs and life-long disabilities. In Oregon each year, approximately 2,100 infants in families of every race, ethnicity, health history and economic status are affected by birth anomalies. Birth anomalies are common, costly and critical in the lives of Oregon's children and families. Timely

and accurate surveillance data quantify the public health impact of birth anomalies, identify modifiable risk factors and inform policy decisions that can drive effective interventions that improve health outcomes and reduce disability and health care costs for affected children and their families.

The Oregon Birth Anomalies Surveillance System is a public health surveillance system that tracks children from birth to age 6 who have at least one of 50 different birth anomalies. Its purpose is to: (1) collect information on birth anomalies and other adverse reproductive outcomes; (2) report the incidence, trends and causes of birth anomalies and other adverse reproductive outcomes; (3) report information for the development of prevention strategies to reduce the incidence of birth anomalies and other adverse reproductive outcomes; and (4) develop strategies to improve the access of children with birth anomalies to health and early intervention services.

The Birth Anomalies Surveillance System links administrative data from existing data sets (Medicaid claims, hospital discharge, birth and death certificates, and Early Hearing Detection and Intervention) to identify cases and assess the prevalence of birth anomalies. Under this program, Public Health partners with Oregon Family to Family Health Information Center, Oregon Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs, 211 Information, and other maternal and child health programs and services to support families of affected children with information and resources.

This funding opportunity would strengthen the capacity of Oregon's Birth Anomalies Surveillance System to improve surveillance capacity and data quality, identify and address mechanisms contributing to health disparities, and improve health outcomes among affected populations. Over the five-year funding period, Oregon would improve birth anomalies surveillance capacity, including leveraging electronic health records and interoperability capabilities to enhance surveillance of birth anomalies; improve birth anomalies surveillance data quality; and use the surveillance data to improve health outcomes of affected populations.

Funds from this federal grant would be used to conduct surveillance and perform case verification, implement strategies to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of surveillance methods, improve the quality of surveillance data, increase knowledge about the epidemiology of birth anomalies, use data to identify at-risk populations and develop data driven prevention strategies, and perform evaluations of project activities that can be published for the improvement and enhancement of birth

anomalies surveillance. In addition, if funded for the supplemental component, Oregon's Birth Anomalies Surveillance System would develop a comprehensive plan for interoperability in the exchange of birth anomalies information from electronic health records to the state surveillance system and demonstrate the feasibility of data exchange.

The OHA mission is to help people and communities achieve optimum physical, mental and social well-being through partnerships, prevention and access to quality, affordable health care. The aim of the public health system is to promote health and prevent disease and disability. An essential function of the public health system is to provide data and information about the health of Oregonians. Most of the information about the frequency of risk factors for deaths, illnesses and injuries across the state comes from the public health system's activities to track disease and health behaviors. The funding to conduct this CDC cooperative agreement would contribute to the larger public health and health care systems' knowledge and inform strategies to improve the health of Oregonians with birth anomalies.

Action Requested

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Public Health Division requests retroactive approval to apply for the CDC Advancing Population-Based Surveillance of Birth Defects cooperative agreement.

Legislation Affected

None.

Sincerely,



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