

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Department of Environmental Quality
Air Quality Program Grant**

On February 12th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Environmental Quality to the Environmental Protection Agency for up to \$5,000,000 to address air quality in Klamath County.

This grant opportunity is designed to help communities with severe air quality conditions across the country. The Department would utilize the funding from this grant to partner with Klamath County to build upon current woodstove change-out programs, provide outreach and education, and collect data around other potential emission-reducing strategies, like upgrades to public transportation buses.

The grant does not require matching funds and the Department can utilize existing staff to administer the grant, passing through most of the funds to Klamath County. Grant awards are expected be announced in the summer. If the full amount of funds are awarded, the Department may need to request additional Federal Funds limitation in the future.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.