

ANALYSIS

Consent Agenda – Various Agencies Requests for Approval to Apply for Federal Grants

The following four state agencies seek retroactive approval to submit seven grant applications to various federal agencies. Retroactive approval is necessary for grant applications with deadlines that fell before the submittal dates for the September 2021 meeting of the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means and for which prior legislative approval had not been obtained. All agencies submitted advance notification to legislative leadership of their intent to apply for the grants as required by the Department of Administrative Services and Legislative Fiscal Office.

Item #2: Higher Education Coordinating Commission – Comprehensive and Accessible Reemployment

Analyst: Doug Wilson

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Labor in the amount of \$3,000,000 over a period of two years to assist dislocated workers.

Analysis: The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) is seeking retroactive authority to apply for a federal grant from the Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor. The grant is funded through the Comprehensive and Accessible Reemployment through Equitable Employment Recovery (CAREER) National Dislocated Worker Grant initiative. The purpose of the grant is to assist dislocated workers most affected by the employment and economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic to be reemployed. HECC will use the funds to enhance online systems that connect dislocated workers to employment-related services by hiring a vendor to develop an electronic Eligible Training Provider List, Performance Reporting system, and a Rapid Response tracking system.

The grant was announced on June 28, 2021 and the application was due August 31. HECC submitted a 10-day notification letter on August 10. There is no state match requirement. If the grant is awarded, the agency will return to the Legislature or the Emergency Board later for Federal Funds expenditure limitation.

Item #3: Higher Education Coordinating Commission – Fostering Access, Rights, and Equity

Analyst: Doug Wilson

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Labor in the amount of \$350,000 over a period of 18 months to assist vulnerable, low-income, and marginalized women workers.

Analysis: The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) is seeking retroactive authority to apply for a federal Fostering Access, Rights, and Equity (FARE) grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. The purpose of the grant is to assist low-income women of color, particularly women who have been

low-paid, underserved, and marginalized, and work in female-dominated sectors hard hit by the pandemic. HECC will work with Oregon Employment Department on this grant. Grant funds will be used for Unemployment Insurance community outreach and assistance, targeting workers with limited English proficiency. The agencies will use the funds to continue, or expand to other areas of the state, a current program with WorkSystems Inc., which is the local Workforce Development Board serving Multnomah and Washington counties. This existing program includes a language access hotline for Unemployment Insurance application assistance.

The grant was announced on June 15, 2021 and the application was due on July 15. HECC submitted a 10-day notification letter on June 24. There is no required state or local match. If the grant is awarded, the agency will return to the Legislature or the Emergency Board later for Federal Funds expenditure limitation.

Item #4: Higher Education Coordinating Commission – AmeriCorps Volunteer Generation Fund

Analyst: Doug Wilson

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to AmeriCorps in the amount of \$250,000 over a period of one year to increase volunteerism.

Analysis: The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) is requesting retroactive authority to apply for a 12-month, \$250,000 federal grant from the AmeriCorps program. The grant is through the AmeriCorps Volunteer Generation Fund, which provides funding to state AmeriCorps commissions to expand volunteering, assist in recruiting and retaining skill-based volunteers, and to develop strategies to address community needs. HECC would use the funds to hire one limited duration position to coordinate activities and assist local organizations to manage and increase volunteerism, with a focus on disaster preparedness and response. Grant match would be met with in-kind services and donations.

The grant was announced on May 24, 2021 with applications due on June 23; the grant application was submitted on that date but unfortunately was not accepted since the deadline was not met. HECC submitted a 10-day notification letter on June 10. Since HECC did apply for the federal grant, they still must seek retroactive approval to apply from the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Item #5: Oregon Department of Education – Preventing School Violence

Analyst: Doug Wilson

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$2,000,000 over a period of three years to improve school safety and security.

Analysis: The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is requesting retroactive authority to apply for a \$2 million federal grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance of the U.S. Department of Justice. This is a 36-month grant from the Bureau's Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence grant program. The funds will be used to assist with development of an integrated statewide model of equity in student safety, and will augment existing efforts, specifically in the areas of student behavioral safety concerns and mental health crises. The goal is to expand the relationships between education,

mental health, social service, community and cultural-based organizations, and justice system partners. Anticipated outcomes from the use of the grant funds include: (1) development of Student Safety Threat Systems support materials; (2) development of implementation guidance for student safety assessment, focusing on equity and cultural responsiveness; (3) additional effective training of existing state/local staff working in this area, and (4) evaluation of student safety efforts. A portion of the funding will be used to hire four limited duration positions (3.16 FTE) at ODE.

The availability of these grant funds was announced on June 2, 2021 and ODE applied for the grant on August 18, 2021. The agency submitted a 10-day notice letter on July 30. There is no state matching requirement and the grant period starts October 1, 2021. If the grant is awarded, ODE will return to the Legislature or the Emergency Board for Federal Funds expenditure limitation and position authority.

Item #16: Department of Agriculture – Pesticide Outreach and Training

Analyst: John Terpening

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$27,801 to fund existing pesticide program activities.

Analysis: In late May, the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) was notified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) about additional available funding under the Multipurpose Grant (MPG) program. The program supports 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.

States had to notify EPA of intent to accept or decline MPG funds by June 8, 2021 and grant applications were due July 9. The agency notified legislative leadership of its intent to apply for the grant on June 3, but due to the timing of session, review of the request was delayed until the interim. 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.

Item #17: Department of Agriculture – Animal Disease Response

Analyst: John Terpening

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$300,071 over a period of 17 months to enhance preparedness and response capabilities for foreign animal diseases.

Analysis: The Department of Agriculture (ODA) is requesting retroactive approval to apply to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for a federal grant in the amount of \$300,071 as part of USDA's National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program. The grant will fund three projects intended to enhance Oregon's ability to respond and control foreign animal disease outbreaks. The

projects include updating and exercising existing disease response plans, improving ODA's ability to rapidly collect disease surveillance information, and development of a framework to support business continuity for livestock producers or processors in the event of an outbreak.

The federal grant application deadline was August 6, 2021 and ODA sent in a notice of intent to apply on July 22. This is a competitive grant, but no match or cost-share is required to receive the funding. If awarded, ODA anticipates needing to establish two grant-support limited duration positions, including a program analyst and a district veterinarian position. ODA does not anticipate needing additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation currently.

Item #19: Department of State Lands – Wetland Program Development

Analyst: Matt Stayner

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$275,371 to develop an electronic geographic information system dataset for wetland and waters delineation and determination records.

Analysis: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides annual funding opportunities under the Region 10 Wetland Program Development Grant program. The program assists state, territorial, tribal, local government agencies, and interstate/intertribal entities in developing or refining programs to protect, manage, and restore wetlands.

The total project costs under the Department of State Lands (DSL) grant application are estimated to be \$367,161. A non-federal matching requirement of 25% of total project costs will be met using in-kind, related existing budgeted expenditures. DSL will use the funding to work in conjunction with the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) to prepare documents and datasets for inclusion a statewide wetlands geographic information system (GIS) dataset. LCOG previously received funding under this same grant to develop methodologies for the creation and management of the dataset and initial pilot projects. The completed dataset will allow DSL to display wetland information on existing web-based mapping platforms including the Statewide Wetlands Inventory map. DSL anticipates using a portion of the funding to support a limited-duration position for the preparation of documents and datasets.

The grant application deadline was June 28, 2021. DSL provided notice to the Legislature on June 17 of its intent to apply for the grant funding. Projects funded under the grant program are expected to be completed over one to three years. Awards are expected to be announced by October 1, 2021.

Recommendation: The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means approve the 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 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 Coordinating Commission (HECC) respectfully requests retroactive permission for the application of the Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration's CAREER (Comprehensive and Accessible Reemployment through Equitable Employment Recovery) National Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG) initiative. The funding opportunity was announced June 28, 2021 and is authorized under section 170 of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and administered according to 20 CFR part 687. The application is due before August 31, 2021 with awards being given by September 30, 2021. The period of performance will be two years, with an anticipated start date of September 30, 2021 and end date of September 30, 2023. HECC will apply for the grant by the grant deadline August 31, 2021 and will request \$3,000,000.

The original 10-day grant notification was submitted to the Legislative Fiscal Office on August 10, 2021.

The purpose of the grant is to provide funds to help reemploy dislocated workers most affected by employment and economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic. HECC will do so by enhancing online systems and platforms that connect dislocated workers to career, training, and supportive services.

Agency Action

HECC will use grant funds to contract a vendor to build a state-of-the-art electronic Eligible Training Provider List and Performance Reporting system. In order to be eligible to receive WIOA funds, training providers and their programs must be approved by HECC for inclusion on the Eligible Training Provider List. This is a requirement of WIOA statute. This new platform will be both public-facing and have staff/ETP access and controls. Current plans include using cloud-based technology and a modular/component architecture that would allow nearly-infinite customization options.

In addition, HECC will contract with the same vendor to create an enhanced Rapid Response tracking system, built with the same architecture as the ETP Solution, resulting in better coordination, delivery, and tracking of Rapid Response activities, better alignment with Trade Affected individuals and businesses, and a significant increase in the ability to perform and track outreach efforts to dislocated workers.

This grant would directly support one of the three pillars of the HECC's mission: "Improve Oregon's economic competitiveness and quality of life," as well as the HECC's equity lens.

Action Requested

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission requests retroactive permission in the application of the \$3,000,000 of Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration's CAREER DWG grant.

If the grant is approved, HECC may request federal limitation at a later date.

Sincerely,

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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of Request

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) respectfully requests retroactive permission for the application of the Department of Labor's Fostering Access, Rights, and Equity (FARE) grant initiative. The funding opportunity was announced June 15, 2021 and is available through FOA-WB-21-02. The application is due on July 15, 2021 and the grant period is 18 months, with an anticipated start date of September 30, 2021 and end date of March 31, 2023. HECC applied for the grant on July 14, 2021. There is no required state match.

The original 10-day grant notification was submitted to the Legislative Fiscal Office on June 24, 2021.

The purpose of the grant will fund projects that will benefit and assist working women, with a particular focus on low-paid, underserved, and marginalized women workers in female-dominated sectors hard-hit by the pandemic. Grant-funded projects will assist low-income women of color working in Oregon, with a focus on community outreach and enrollment assistance for Unemployment Insurance benefits.

Agency Action

HECC is partnering with the Oregon Employment Department (OED), which will be a critical and primary partner in the HECC's work under this grant. Together, our agencies bring extensive experience in administering adult training programs, managing grants, and providing subject matter expertise on Unemployment Insurance benefits.

Besides our years of experience partnering in workforce services, our agencies have recent experience over the past year in creating new partnerships to provide Unemployment Insurance community outreach and application assistance specifically targeted towards Limited English Proficient (LEP) workers. This 12-month project, which has been conducted in partnership with several community-based organizations under the WorkSystems, Inc. umbrella, created a language

access hotline for Unemployment Insurance application assistance to supplement OED's main hotlines. This project has been an incredible success in serving over 9,500 Oregonians, 47% of whom have been women of color. As the Oregon labor force is only 23% people of color overall, this project shows great success in reaching women of color.

HECC and OED intend to use grant funds to expand on the success of this project by either extending the project (it is currently scheduled to end in summer 2021) or initiating similar projects with other community-based organizations. For example, OED has also partnered over the past few months with 6 community-based organizations who conduct outreach at churches, vaccination sites, and other venues to assist LEP workers in learning about and accessing unemployment insurance benefits. This program has also served an astounding 47% women of color, making it a second ideal option for meeting the goals of the FARE initiative. HECC and OED are also committed to using grant funds to expand awareness of Unemployment Insurance for underserved and marginalized working women.

This grant would directly support one of the three pillars of the HECC's mission: "Improve Oregon's economic competitiveness and quality of life," as well as the HECC's equity lens.

Action Requested

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission requests retroactive permission in the application of the \$350,000 Department of Labor's Fostering Access, Rights, and Equity (FARE) grant.

If the grant is approved, HECC may request federal limitation at a later date.

Sincerely,

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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of Request

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) respectfully requests retroactive permission for the application of the AmeriCorps Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) grant. The funding opportunity was announced on May 24, 2021 and was available via CFDA Number 94.02. The application was due on June 23, 2021 and the grant period was for 12 months or October 1, 2021 thru October 1, 2022. HECC applied for the grant on June 23, 2021. There is no required state match.

The original 10-day grant notification was submitted to the Legislative Fiscal Office June 10, 2021.

Agency Action

Oregon Volunteers (OV), operating within the HECC, is the state commission for AmeriCorps in Oregon. The VGF grant provides funding to state commissions to support effective approaches that expand volunteering, strengthen the capacity of volunteer organizations to recruit and retain skill-based volunteers, and develop strategies to effectively address community needs. HECC is applying for \$250,000 in federal funds, for which OV is automatically eligible as the state service commission. The first year of the grant requires a twenty-percent match of \$50,000 and the second year of the grant requires a thirty-percent match of \$75,000, which may be provided through in-kind donations and services. The funding would be utilized to hire one Limited Duration Program Analyst 3 (1.0 FTE) to coordinate and deliver activities. The VGF grant is a two-year grant, with second-year funding based on availability of funds and performance. There are no maintenance of effort requirements associated with the grant.

OV will use the funds specifically to increase the capacity of local organizations to effectively manage volunteers and increase volunteerism across Oregon, with a focus on disaster preparedness and response, through 1) implementation of statewide recruitment tools, 2) development of a communication and response plan for national service and unaffiliated volunteers, and, in partnership with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM), 3) bring much needed donations and volunteer management training to community organizations, prioritizing communities historically underserved, and disproportionately affected by disaster. The VGF grant supports the goals and strategies identified in Oregon Volunteers' required 2022-2024 State Service Plan, and advances OV's ability to facilitate coordination of national and community service disaster response activities, a responsibility OV is assigned under OEM's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan - Support Function 16: Volunteers and Donations. OV's mission is to advance volunteerism, service and civic engagement to enrich lives and strengthen Oregon communities. This grant will enable OV to address critical community needs, especially in communities where systemic inequities and unmet resource needs have hindered disaster recovery efforts, and will further support HECC's goal to achieve economic and community impact.

Agency Requested

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission originally planned on requesting for retroactive permission in the application of the \$250,000 application of the AmeriCorps Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) grant.

However, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission was not awarded the grant of \$250,000 because the application was submitted after the deadline.

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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) respectfully requests retroactive approval to apply for a federal grant for \$2,000,000 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), for the Student, Teachers, and Officer Preventing (STOP) School Violence Grant Program. There is no match required. The grant application was submitted to BJA on the deadline of August 18, 2021.

Agency Action

On June 2, 2021 the BJA announced the availability for state governments to submit a grant application up to \$2,000,000 for the Student, Teachers, and Officer Preventing (STOP) School Violence Program to improve efforts of reducing violence in and around K-12 school settings. The 10-day Intent to Apply was submitted on July 30, 2021. ODE submitted the grant application on August 18, 2021, for \$2,000,000. If awarded the grant period begins October 1, 2021, for 36 months duration.

BJA resources will assist Oregon in developing an integrated, statewide model of equity in student safety. Over the past several decades in Oregon, school safety policies and practices have been developed to address increasing numbers of student behavioral safety concerns and mental health crises. Until recently, these systems have largely relied on dyadic partnerships between education and law enforcement agencies which have produced strong, evidence-based results. We can now expand on those outcomes through integrating the increasing understanding of the importance of equity, particularly racial equity, as well as mental health, in student safety throughout the threat assessment process. This grant will allow Oregon to expand the breadth of approaches to student safety systems, the depth of engagement with mental health and social service agencies, as well as support the protection of student Civil Rights in safety policies and practices.

This statewide system will deepen and expand relationships between education, mental health, social service, community and cultural-based organizations, affinity groups, and justice system partners—at the state, regional, and local levels. Oregon is well-poised to lead this work, both from an implementation and from a policy viewpoint. The passage of Oregon's landmark Student Success Act

(SSA, 2019) helped establish a School Safety and Prevention System (SSPS) designed to implement a comprehensive approach to student safety—including behavioral safety (threat) assessment, suicide prevention, and bullying, harassment, and intimidation prevention which has been underway for more than a year statewide. Further, SSA legislation requires the SSPS to develop through culturally responsive community engagement that is designed to prevent disproportionate justice system impacts for students of color and historically and currently underserved students (OAR 581-029-001).

Implementation began during school year 2020 - 2021 through the hiring of 11 SSPS Specialists based at Education Service Districts (ESDs) statewide. These individuals have been provided comprehensive student safety system training including trauma-informed, strengths-based, equity and racial equity-centered, and Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)-oriented approaches to student safety systems through the ODE Integrated Model of Mental Health (IMMH). They have begun operationalizing the model to engage mental health, justice system, affinity group, and social service partners in the development of regional systems including behavioral safety assessment teams, crisis response flights teams (suicide postvention), and professional learning communities. ODE Safe & Inclusive Schools team has provided implementation support through the development of an ODE-OHA suicide prevention partnership to further support an integrated student crisis response system. That partnership provides an additional 5 new statewide positions (4 regional leaders and 1 program manager) to assist in the implementation of *Adi's Act* (ORS 339.343, OAR 581-022-2510), which requires that all school districts have comprehensive and culturally responsive student suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention plans.

Projected Outcomes

BJA support through the (STOP) School Violence Grant Program provides the resources to help develop integrated student safety systems in Oregon and a national model for centering equity and racial equity in student safety. Projected outcomes through the BJA grant include:

- 4 ODE limited duration employees (3 years at Program Analyst 4 level) dedicated to partnership with 11 ESDs as a training and technical assistance resource
- The development of Student Safety (Threat) Systems support materials: Culturally Responsive Behavioral Safety Assessment Guidance, Student Safety & Civil Rights Toolkit, SSPS Family and Community-based Partnerships Toolkit
- Development of implementation guidance for supplemental forms for student safety (threat) assessment process to center equity and cultural responsiveness as well as mental health, equity and racial equity
- Measurable impact of the BJA staff on the training and development of Behavioral Safety Assessment Teams (11 ESDs), Crisis Response Flight Teams (at least 4 ESDs), and Student Safety Professional Learning Communities (at least 3 ESDs)
- Measurable impact of the BJA staff on the implementation of Oregon student safety legislation: *School Safety and Prevention System* (Section 36 of SSA), *Senate Bill 52* (Adi's Act, requiring school district suicide prevention plans), *Every Student Belongs* (prohibiting the display of hate symbols in Oregon schools), and *Carson's Law* (requiring family notification of bullying)

- Measured effectiveness of BJA program training, provided to ESDs, their constituent school districts, and community partners (including mental health, affinity group, law enforcement, and social services)
- Through an evaluation focus group, measured school building administrator engagement with district safety policy and equity in decision-making
- Measured building administrator student safety engagement with school-community System of Care partners

BJA-ODE Project Timeline, 2021-24

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Systems Outcomes
Hire 3 BJA staff (ODE)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 ODE LD Specialists • Resource for 11 ESD partners & districts statewide
Develop strategic program plan	BJA/ODE/ESD monitoring/reporting	BJA/ODE/ESD monitoring/reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System goals • Performance measures
Develop training program (Safety Assessment; Student Civil Rights and Transformative Justice)	Implement training program in ESDs & school districts	Establish train-the-trainer model through ESDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable student safety systems infrastructure (measurable impact on Safety Assessment & Crisis Response team development) and • Long-term regional training capacity
Provide technical assistance toward development of student safety systems district policies and teams (<i>Every Student Belongs; Adi's Act; Carson's Act</i>)	Provide technical assistance toward development of student safety systems district policies and teams	Provide technical assistance toward development of student safety systems district policies and teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurable impact on policy development & implementation • Impact on development of district & regional team MOUs
Development of student Safety Systems support materials: Transformative Justice & Civil Rights Toolkit, Family & Community Based Partnerships Toolkit, Mental Health Considerations in	Implementation of BSAT forms; Implementation of Transformative Justice & Civil Rights Toolkit	Refine culturally responsive BSAT forms & guidance based on data collected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ODE culturally responsive student safety guidance and implementation support materials

School Safety Toolkit, Upstream Prevention and MH Toolkit; Transformative Justice & Student Safety Toolkit			
Develop program evaluation structure (evaluation of the perceptions of and outcome measures relevant to school building administrators)	Data collection & reporting	Data collection & final reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measured effectiveness of program training & resources • Measured engagement with school district policy & equity in decision-making • Measured engagement with School Community System of Care
Develop BJA program advisory	Supports updated ODE/SSPS guidance	Supports ODE/SSPS student safety systems sustainability plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened ODE Safety Systems guidance • Sustainability plan (OR)

Action Requested

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) respectfully requests retroactive approval to apply for a federal grant for \$2,000,000 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), for the Student, Teachers, and Officer Preventing (STOP) School Violence Grant Program. No match is required.

If awarded, an estimated additional 3.16 Full Time Equivalent will be needed, for four limited-duration Program Analyst 4 positions, and \$1,200,000 in Federal Funds expenditure limitation.

Legislation Affected

None at this time.

Thank you for considering approval of this request.

Sincerely,



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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) requests retroactive approval 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 had to notify the EPA of intent to accept or decline MPG funds by June 8, 2021, and grant applications were due July 9, 2021. 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 \$10 million available and EPA uses an allocation to distribute to state and tribal partners. The department has received notification that \$27,801 is available for ODA.

Agency Action/Background

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 provides funding for the Multipurpose Grant program (MPG). EPA is issuing FY21 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 support pollinator protection work through our partnership with Oregon State University, and to provide educational information to schools to support integrated pest management (IPM) consistent with Oregon's school IPM law.

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ODA requested and received permission to apply for \$54,639 under the FY18 and FY19 grant and \$30,027 under the FY20 grant.

Action Requested

The ODA respectfully requests retroactive approval to apply for the EPA Multipurpose Grant.

Legislation Affected

ODA anticipates having sufficient federal funds expenditure limitation.

Sincerely,



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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) requests retroactive approval to apply for three United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP) grants. NADPRP funds are intended to be used by state and tribal animal health agencies and universities to enhance preparedness and response capabilities for foreign animal diseases and emerging high-consequence animal diseases.

The grants will fund three projects intended to enhance Oregon's ability to respond and control a foreign animal disease (FAD) such as Foot and Mouth Disease, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, or African Swine Fever to quickly control the outbreak, while minimizing the impact of control measures on Oregon's livestock industry. The first project will focus on updating and exercising existing disease response plans to incorporate new and emerging disease threats and changes to Oregon's livestock industry, while working with the Oregon State University Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (OVDL) to enhance existing capabilities to rapidly detect FAD cases. The second project will enhance ODA's ability to rapidly collect disease surveillance information in the field, enabling electronic transmission of data between ODA and OVDL to support real-time disease control decisions, and minimizing the impact of a FAD outbreak on interstate and international trade. The third project will focus on the development of framework to support continuity of business for livestock producers and processors, enabling the movement of animals and animal products such as eggs and milk from farms under movement restrictions during a FAD outbreak, but not infected with disease.

ODA applied for \$300,071 funding for the disease response plan project, the electronic surveillance information project, and the continuity of business project. The projects will be 17 months long, ending June 30, 2023. Grant applications were due August 6, 2021. States will not be required to provide a match or cost-share for the NADPRP funds. The grant is a competitive grant; there is \$10

million available and USDA uses a competitive review process to allocate funds to state and tribal partners. If successful, ODA would need to establish two limited duration positions supported by the grant, a full-time Program Analyst 1 (0.71 FTE) and a half-time District Veterinarian (0.35 FTE).

Agency Action/Background

The 2018 Farm Bill established the National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program to boost the nation's efforts to keep high-consequence animal diseases from entering and spreading in the United States. This program allows USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to collaborate with animal health partners throughout the nation to implement high-value projects that enhance prevention, preparedness, detection, and response to the most damaging emerging and foreign animal diseases that threaten U.S. agriculture.

The grants would allow ODA to undertake critical preparedness and response planning work through partnerships with Oregon State University and Oregon livestock producers to better prepare to respond to and control emerging disease threats such as the cases of SARS-CoV-2 that were seen in mink in 2020, or the emergence of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease in Clackamas and Deschutes counties in 2021.

ODA has not previously applied for NADPRP funds, and is one of few states which have not applied for funds since the creation of the NADPRP program under the 2018 Farm Bill.

Action Requested

The ODA respectfully requests retroactive approval to apply for the National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program grant and establishment of two limited duration positions (1.06 FTE) 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 if ODA is not able to accommodate the grant within existing budget authority.

Sincerely,



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Dear Co-Chairs,

Nature of the Emergency:

Department of State Lands request retro-active approval to apply for a 2021 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Wetland Program Development Grant (WPDG). The Agency submitted their 10-day notification letter on June 17, 2021

Agency Action:

The purpose of the project is to create a statewide Esri geographic information system (GIS) dataset representing the study areas for all Department of State Lands (DSL) wetland and waters delineation and determination (WD) records.

The DSL respectfully asks for approval to apply for a 2021 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Wetland Program Development Grant (WPDG) in coordination with the Lane Council of Governments' (LCOG) separate EPA WPDG application. LCOG completed two pilot projects under their previous EPA grants to create methodology for this proposed project. The 2021 DSL and LCOG grant applications are to expand the extent of the study area mapping project. This will give DSL the ability to display WD locations on GIS and internet (web) based mapping platforms already developed, specifically the Statewide Wetlands Inventory (SWI) web map (<https://maps.dsl.state.or.us/swi/>). These records are considered an intrinsic part of the SWI to meet goals under Oregon Revised Statute 196.674 but are not currently available in an accurate GIS format dataset and many of the records are only available on paper.

The DSL EPA WPDG application supports a limited duration position to prepare documents and datasets to provide to LCOG for this project. This work will include correcting data entry errors in the DSL database and the document archive system, and properly entering and scanning remaining paper documents into a digital archive system. The project will involve nearly 15,000 records statewide.

The LCOG EPA WPDG application will fund the digitizing work to create the GIS dataset by leveraging the methodology developed under the previous EPA funded pilot projects. The LCOG methodology integrates automation that efficiently minimizes manual digitization by combining DSL's database and the Oregon Department of Revenue's ORMAP compliant datasets. LCOG will complete 15 counties to

add to the work completed under the pilot for Lane County. LCOG and DSL will seek additional funding opportunities to add WD records for the remaining counties to the GIS dataset.

The project outcomes will be increased efficiency in DSL customer service and new WD submittal reviews, increased public awareness of aquatic resources and compliance with the Removal-Fill Law, and more accessible and complete information available to inform development, land transactions, and planning.

This project supports DSL's strategic plan for public service by making WD records available electronically for both external and internal users, increasing the accuracy of data, and preparing records for both storage and purging under the department's records retention schedule and migration to a new database system. This new database is supported in DSL's 2021-23 budget. The project also supports our strategic plan goal of protecting Oregon's waters by continuing to add information to the SWI for individual delineations. Oregon's Wetland Program Plan (WPP) goals are similarly supported by this project through improved data sharing, mapping and SWI enhancement, and the utilization of technological advances to improve program effectiveness.

This project makes DSL WD records more easily accessible for local government planning, consultants, watershed councils, landowners, and all others for proactive project planning and scoping. Currently, this information is made available through individual public records requests and resource-intensive research and file preparation by DSL staff. Integration of the dataset into the SWI web map allows easy identification of where previous studies of wetland locations have been approved by DSL and provides direct access to maps and other information via links within the dataset.

The non-federal match requirement of 25% of the total project costs equals \$57,263 in Other Funds that will be provided by in-kind personal services and overhead expenditures of existing Agency staff already included in the department's 2021-23 budget. This match is not expected to affect performance measures.

Action Requested:

The Agency is requesting retro-active approval to apply for the 2021 Environmental Protection Agency Wetland Program Development Grant.

Legislation Affection

If the grant application is successful, DSL will return to the Legislature for increased federal funds expenditure limitation.

Thank you for your interest and assistance. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Straight at (503)986-5227.

Sincerely,



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