

ANALYSIS

Item 41: Department of Land Conservation and Development Coastal Zone Management Capacity Building

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Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the amount of up to \$450,000 to fund a position to help agency partners access funding for projects that conserve or restore coastal natural habitats and build coastal resiliency.

Analysis: The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) seeks retroactive approval to apply for a federal grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Zone Management Habitat Protection and Restoration Capacity Building Non-Competitive Cooperative Agreements under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). No additional state funding for match is required.

Funding will be used to hire a new position that will help to create, develop, and manage the Oregon Coastal Habitat Conservation and Restoration Program. This position will work with local jurisdictions, state agencies, tribes, and community organizations to access IIJA funding for projects that conserve or restore coastal natural habitats and build coastal resiliency. The position will coordinate up to three Letters of Intent each year for restoration, restoration planning, or land acquisition projects of up to \$6 million each through NOAA and will also be able to coordinate additional applications to other IIJA funding opportunities, if applicable.

A Planner 3 position (0.25 FTE) that would be funded by this grant is included in the request to the Emergency Board. The position is anticipated to start in January 2023 and to be funded through December 2025, though the position may be extended for another two years if additional grant funding is provided for this work.

The deadline for this grant application was August 4, 2022. DLCD did not provide notification before applying for the grant or under the IIJA Federal Funds receipt notification process, so the request was not included in the September Emergency Board meeting agenda. DLCD was notified on October 25 that they will be receiving this funding from NOAA. No additional Federal Funds limitation is required.

Recommendation: The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that the Emergency Board approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in the amount of \$450,000, and authorize the establishment of one limited duration full-time position (0.25 FTE) for the Department of Land Conservation and Development to develop projects that conserve or restore coastal natural habitats and build coastal resiliency.

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Request: Retroactive authorization to apply for an Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) grant of \$450,000 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for coastal zone management habitat protection and restoration; and establish one limited duration position (0.25 FTE).

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Discussion: The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) submitted a \$450,000 grant request to NOAA under the IIJA. DLCD seeks to use the funding if awarded to work with partners to access funding and prioritize projects funded through IIJA that protect or restore high priority natural ecosystems, protect or enhance species or habitat diversity, and help build coastal resiliency. Match is not required by NOAA, however DLCD is including \$76,604 of state funding for this work to increase competitiveness of the grant application.

This request includes creating a limited duration position (0.25 FTE) using existing Federal Funds limitation in the current 2021-23 biennium. DLCD has also submitted a policy package in the 2023-25 Agency Request Budget, which includes this role continuing into the next biennium. DLCD is requesting the position be established now to engage in project proposal development for future on-the-ground projects.



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The Honorable Senator Peter Courtney, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Dan Rayfield, Co-Chair
Joint Emergency Board
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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) is appearing before the Emergency Board to request retroactive approval for a \$450,000 grant submitted through the Coastal Zone Management Habitat Protection and Restoration Capacity Building Non-Competitive Cooperative Agreements under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). We also respectfully request authority to establish the new position for the remainder of the 2021-23 biennium, with the position start date in January 2023. This position is also included as part of a policy option package in DLCD's agency request budget.

This funding will allow the Ocean and Coastal Management Program (OCMP) at DLCD to create, develop, and manage the Oregon Coastal Habitat Conservation and Restoration Program (Program) to work with partners to prioritize projects funded through the IIJA and to access funding for on the ground projects that protect or restore high priority natural ecosystems, protect or enhance species or habitat diversity, and help build coastal resiliency.

Agency Action

Summary of Grant Application Information

Source of Grant: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding through National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Amount Being Requested: \$450,000

Purpose of the Grant: remove barriers to mass produced mass timber housing in development codes, leading with fire-affected areas

Grant application deadline: August 4, 2022

Description of any state match required for the grant: Matching funds are included in the amount of \$76,604 to increase competitiveness of the application though match is not required by NOAA.

Description of impact the match will have on budgeted services and performance measures:

The proposed matching funds are not anticipated to have an impact on budgeted services nor performance measures.

Estimate of any additional FTE that the grant will require: one limited duration FTE for the remainder of the biennium. DLCD has submitted this role as Policy Option Package 206, but the

role needs to be filled sooner to allow additional proposals to be submitted to NOAA for on the ground projects that protect or restore high priority natural ecosystems, protect or enhance species or habitat diversity, and help build coastal resiliency.

Description of how the grant supports the agency mission and goals: DLCD's mission is to help communities plan for, protect and improve the built and natural systems that provide a high quality of life. 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. The proposed activities and strategies also align with statewide land use planning goals. Successful completion of this project will help local jurisdictions, state agencies, tribes, and community organizations implement quality coastal resilience projects.

Action Requested

DLCD respectfully requests retroactive approval for the \$450,000 federal grant application for a capacity funds under NOAA's IJJA opportunity and authority to establish a .25 FTE position at the Planner 3 classification level for the remainder of the 2021-23 biennium, with the position start date in January 2023. This position is also included as part of a policy option package in DLCD's agency request budget for the 2023-2025 biennium. DLCD expects to receive the class/comp analysis from the DAS Chief HR Office in December.

Legislation Affected

No legislation is affected.

If you would like to discuss this request, please contact DLCD's Ocean and Coastal Management Program Manager, Lisa Phipps, at (503) 812-5448 or email, Lisa.phipps@dlcd.oregon.gov.

Respectfully,



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