

Analysis

Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

LIDAR Acquisition

Analyst: John Terpening

Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the amount of up to \$250,000 for the acquisition of new LIDAR data.

Analysis: The Department requests approval to apply for a federal grant from BLM to acquire new LIDAR data in Coos and Douglas counties as well as coverage of the Elliott State Forest. DOGAMI currently has a five-year non-competitive grant award with BLM with a maximum funding amount of \$3 million. To-date the Department has allocated \$936,667 of that funding for existing LIDAR projects. While this is non-competitive, DOGAMI does still need to submit a formal grant application for the additional funding opportunities as they arise. There is no match requirement for the grant and the Department does not anticipate needing additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation.

Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation: Approve the request.

Department of Geology and Mineral Industries Klein

Request: Authorization to apply for a grant of \$250,000 for lidar data collection from the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Discussion: The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) has requested authorization to apply for a grant with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The Department currently has an ongoing five-year non-competitive grant award with BLM with total funding of \$3.0 million. To date, DOGAMI has utilized \$936,667 to fund existing lidar data collection projects. This request of \$250,000 would fund collection of 535 square miles of lidar data in Coos and Douglas counties, including covering the Elliot State Forest.

This grant does not require any matching funds from DOGAMI. The Department's funding model relies on funding opportunities like this to be able to perform lidar data collection activities. At this time, the Department anticipates having adequate Federal Funds expenditure limitation during the 2021-23 biennium for this grant, but will request additional limitation at a later time, if needed.



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The Honorable Senator Betsy Johnson
The Honorable Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward
The Honorable Representative Dan Rayfield
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE, H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

The purpose of this letter is to request legislative approval regarding a federal grant application. The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) proposes to apply for a federal grant with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requesting up to \$250,000. Funding would support acquiring 535 square miles of new lidar data in Coos and Douglas counties as well as collection of lidar covering the Elliott State Forest.

DOGAMI currently has a five-year non-competitive grant award with BLM with a maximum funding amount of \$3,000,000. DOGAMI has allocated \$936,667 of this funding to existing lidar projects. The additional amount of up to \$250,000 will be allocated from the non-competitive grant total with performance of the work targeted for summer 2021.

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

Agency Action

Under DOGAMI's funding model it is essential that the Agency pursue relevant federal grant funding opportunities as they become available to satisfy biennial budget projections. Grant work will be done by existing DOGAMI staff.

Action Requested

The Department is requesting approval to apply to BLM for the grant. If this grant is awarded, the Agency may need additional Federal Fund limitation, which will be requested at a later time.

Co-Chairpersons

May 11, 2021

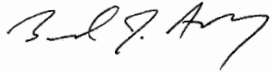
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Legislation Affected

Legislation affected by this grant proposal is HB 5010 (2021) if additional Federal Fund limitation is necessary.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad J. Avy", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Brad J. Avy

Director

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