



**COALITION OF
OREGON SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATORS**



April 8, 2021

TO: Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
FR: Lori Sattenspiel, OSBA and Morgan Allen, COSA
RE: SB 5505 - Support for K-12 projects funded by OSCIM and SRGP

Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Holvey and members of the Subcommittee:

On behalf of the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators (COSA) and the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) we are asking for your support for \$138 million in Article XI-P bonds for the Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching Program (OSCIM) managed by the Oregon Department of Education and \$110 million of Article XI-M bonds for the Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program (SRGP) managed by the Oregon Business Development Department. Both requests are included in the Governor's Recommended Budget.

We have submitted the lists of OSCIM and SRGP projects that have been funded so far in the 2019-21 biennium, pending the May 2021 bond elections and pending the award of an additional \$50 million in grants for the SRGP program this Spring.

There are 28 K-12 and community college seismic rehabilitation projects in process as a result of \$65 million awarded so far. Currently, there is an additional \$50 million to be awarded to eligible applicants in April, 2021. Please note that there are over \$200 million in applications for the remaining \$50 million, demonstrating the continued need to provide seismic upgrades throughout our K-12 and community college system. And as many as 27 school districts will receive a bond matching grant through the OSCIM program as a result of the investments you made during the 2019-21 biennium (pending May 2019 election results.)

These investments are making much needed improvements in K-12 facilities across Oregon and have made an immeasurably positive impact across the state for students and local communities. But there is still a significant need for further investments.

We urge your support for investing \$110 million in the SRGP and \$138 million in the OSCIM bonding programs during the 2021-23 biennium. We want to be able to report back in two years another list of schools made seismically safe for students and communities that were able to pass a bond as a result of state matching funds. The investments in SB 5505 are critical to that effort.

Attachment A - 2019-21 K-12 OSCIM Bond Matching Grant Awardees - Data Provided by ODE
Attachment B - 2019-21 K-12 Seismic Grant Awardees - Business Oregon Memo