

ANALYSIS

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

The following state agencies seek approval to submit grant applications to various federal agencies. Some of the requests below request retroactive approval; retroactive approval is necessary for grant applications with deadlines that fell before the submittal dates for the May 2024 meeting of the Emergency Board 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: Secretary of State – Overseas Voters

Analyst: Paul Siebert

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Defense in the amount of \$750,000 to improve the voting process for uniformed and overseas voters.

Analysis: The U.S. Department of Defense has made \$5.3 million in funding available through the Effective Absentee Systems for Elections grant program to improve the voting experience for voters covered by the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). The Oregon Secretary of State (SOS) is requesting authorization to apply for \$750,000 of the available grant funding. SOS would use this funding to hire a limited duration position to better support UOCAVA voters by providing training and support to county officials, creating and editing educational materials, and implementing technology improvements.

The grant does not have a state match requirement, and there is no obligation to continue the grant-funded position after the funding period ends in 2026. The deadline to apply for the grant was April 30, 2024. SOS provided a 10-day notification of the Secretary's intent to apply on April 23, 2024. If awarded, SOS may need to return to the Legislature for additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation.

Item 3: Judicial Department – Domestic and Sexual Violence Training

Analyst: John Borden

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, Criminal Justice Response Program in the amount of \$1,000,000 for domestic and sexual violence training over a period of three federal fiscal years, beginning October 2024 and ending September 2027.

Analysis: The Oregon Judicial Department is requesting retroactive permission to apply for a U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, Criminal Justice Response Program grant in the amount of \$1 million for domestic and sexual violence training. The grant was announced on

February 21, 2024, with an application deadline of May 2, 2024. On April 22, 2024, the Department provided a 10-day advance notification to legislative leadership of the Department's intent to apply for the grant.

The grant would be used to develop two comprehensive training programs for circuit court judges and staff to improve responses to cases involving domestic or sexual violence, including stalking and dating violence, in both criminal and civil proceedings. Two trainings are anticipated, with the first focused on national best practices and the second focused on Oregon-specific best practices. The training program would be developed in cooperation with two victim service non-profit entities.

The grant will span the 2023-25, 2025-27, and 2027-29 biennia. The grant has no state match requirement. If awarded, the Department would need to return to the Legislature or the Emergency Board with a request for Federal Funds expenditure limitation and authorization for one part-time, limited duration position (0.50 FTE). The Department anticipates that grant work will be accomplished through a contract vendor and that the grant may not be proportionally expended each year, as a larger portion of the grant would be needed to fund upfront program costs during the first year.

Item 4: Judicial Department – Veterans Treatment Court

Analyst: John Borden

Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$2,500,000 for veterans treatment courts over a period of up to four federal fiscal years beginning October 2024 and ending September 2028.

Analysis: The Judicial Department is requesting permission to apply for a U.S. Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Assistance grant in the amount of \$2.5 million for veterans treatment courts. The grant was announced on April 23, 2024, with an application deadline of June 27, 2024.

This grant would be used for the following purposes: (a) improve access to existing veterans treatment courts by reducing barriers to entry, expanding eligibility requirements, and increasing program awareness; (b) map resources for justice-involved service members, veterans, and their families to better navigate available resources; (c) develop and enhance training opportunities in collaboration with the federal government; (d) institute a statewide mentorship program; and (e) establish data collection standards for use in veterans treatment courts. This grant will be undertaken as part of the Judicial Department's Veterans Treatment Court Strategic Plan, with data being collected and analyzed using the Department's Oregon Specialty Court Case Management System.

The grant will span the 2023-25, 2025-27, and 2027-29 biennia. Funding for each year of the grant may be up to \$625,000. The grant has no state match requirement. If awarded, the Department would need to return to the Legislature or the Emergency Board with a request for Federal Funds expenditure limitation and authorization for two limited duration positions (0.67 FTE).

Item 14: Oregon Health Authority – Civil Commitment Outpatient Services

Analyst: Matt Stayner

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in the amount of \$2,000,000 to provide financial support to community mental health programs to implement outpatient civil commitment services.

Analysis: The grant program seeks to build capacity within communities for civil commitment services to treat individuals not requiring treatment and services provided in a hospital setting, while ensuring those individuals do not pose a danger to the community. If awarded, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will distribute grant funding to those community mental health programs implementing multi-disciplinary outpatient civil commitment programs in their communities.

This federal funding opportunity allows applicants to choose an award level dependent on the anticipated number of clients served with grant dollars. The OHA grant request of \$2 million represents requested funding of \$500,000 per-year over a four-year period for a program to support up to 50 clients. The grant application deadline was April 26, 2024. OHA submitted a letter indicating its intention to apply for the grant funding on April 15, 2024. No state matching funds are required. The agency indicates that it would use existing positions to support the program and no additional positions would be required. It is notable that the grant program requires a minimum of two key personnel for the program to serve as Project Director and Program Evaluator, each with a minimum level of effort of 0.50 FTE. It is assumed that the use of existing staffing, or staffing provided by participating community mental health programs will fulfill this requirement. Additionally, a steering committee must be established within six months of funding being award. OHA intends to seek additional federal funds expenditure authority for the grant funds should funding be awarded.

Item 16: Oregon Health Authority – Advancing Oral Health

Analyst: Matt Stayner

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the amount of \$1,140,000 to address disparities by supporting interventions and practices to address oral disease in specified populations.

Analysis: The funding is to be used to prioritize strategies addressing groups experiencing persistent health disparities and inequities that increase access to evidence-based preventative dental services, increase access to community water fluoridation, and improve oral health and chronic disease surveillance through the use of secondary data sources, and increase awareness of infection prevention and control guidelines.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) grant request of \$1.14 million represents requested funding of \$380,000 per-year over a three-year period. The grant application deadline is May 23, 2024. OHA submitted a letter indicating its intention to apply for the grant funding on April 29, 2024. No state matching funds are required. OHA indicates that no additional positions are required, but it will seek additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation should funding be awarded.

Item 17: Department of Human Services – Disability Innovation Fund

Analyst: Gregory Jolivet

Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Education for a Disability Innovation Fund grant in the amount of \$10,000,000, over a period of 5 years, to improve access to early intervention and workforce reintegration strategies.

Analysis: The Department of Human Services (DHS) requests permission to apply to the U.S. Department of Education for a Disability Innovation Fund grant of up to \$10 million to be expended over five years. If awarded, the grant will be administered by DHS' Office of Vocational Rehabilitation to improve access to early intervention and workforce reintegration strategies for youth and adults with acquired disabilities. More specifically, the grant money would be used to make sub-grants to career navigators and coordinators statewide with the aim of establishing a provider network to serve the target population. The grant would also be used to support two new positions at DHS to develop and implement new program rules and procedures intended to expedite access to services, administer the grant and related contracts, as well as collect data and report outcomes. If the grant is awarded, the agency will request Federal Funds limitation and position authority at a later date. The application due date is July 8, 2024, and there is no state match requirement.

Item 19: Department of State Police – Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness

Analyst: John Terpening

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, in the amount of up to \$128,000 over a period of two years for the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Grant.

Analysis: The Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Grant provides funding to assist with access to and delivery of mental health and wellness services for law enforcement. Eligible projects can include training, technical assistance, demonstration projects, or the implementation of promising practices related to peer mentoring.

This fiscal year 2024 grant has \$9.8 million in funding available that is anticipated to fund up to 47 project awards over a two-year period, beginning October 1, 2024. This is a competitive grant, and no state match is required. The Department would utilize this grant to fund contracts with two organizations that specialize in providing intensive "train-the-trainer" courses that will enhance situational awareness, physical health, and promote work-life balance.

Item 20: Department of State Police – Criminal History Program

Analyst: John Terpening

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, in the amount of up to \$75,000 over a period of two years for the Criminal History Improvement Program grant.

Analysis: The Criminal History Improvement grant provides funding with the goal of improving the completeness, automation, and transmittal of criminal history reporting data to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NCIS). This is a competitive grant, and no state match is required. The Department would utilize this grant funding to defray the costs of hosting a Criminal Justice Information Services Conference in 2025 and 2026 for Department employees and statewide partner agencies. The Criminal Justice Information Services Conference will provide updated information and training for users of criminal history background check data sources and related topics, including the Law Enforcement Data System, Firearms Instant Check System, National Data Exchange System, processing of fingerprints, and more.

Item 24: Housing and Community Services Department – Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative

Analyst: Michelle Deister

Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$25,000,000 over a six-year period to preserve, repair, and replace manufactured housing.

Analysis: The Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD) proposes to utilize equal shares of any grant award for the preservation of manufactured housing parks and for the agency's Manufactured Housing Repair and Replacement Program. Assuming the Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement Grant application is fully funded, HCSD estimates serving 450 households through preservation, though no specific parks have been identified for preservation funding. Up to 300 households could be served through a \$12.5 million allocation to the Manufactured Housing Repair and Replacement Program. Grant applications are due on June 24, 2024, and no state match is required. However, if the application is successful, HCSD intends to allocate an additional \$3 million in Oregon Affordable Housing Tax Credit funding to increase the preservation period and the impact of the award.

Item 27: Oregon Business Development Department – State Trade Expansion Program

Analyst: Michelle Deister

Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Small Business Administration in the amount of \$600,000 to support small businesses seeking to begin or grow international sales.

Analysis: State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) grants are competitive funding opportunities administered by states. Funds are granted to companies for up to 50% of eligible expenses that support international sales, such as trade show participation, international e-commerce platform design, language translations, and consulting fees. The Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) estimates that if the application is successful, grants would be awarded to 75-100 qualifying businesses for approved activities on a first come, first served basis. A 25% match is required, which will come from a \$150,000 pledge of Industry Competitive Funds. The grant application is due June 6, 2024, and award notices may be announced in August or September of 2024. OBDD would not require additional staff to administer this grant award.

Item 29: Department of Geology and Mineral Industries – Mine Waste Mapping

Analyst: Wendy Gibson

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Geological Survey in the amount of \$302,400 to conduct the Earth Mapping Resources Initiative for mine waste mapping.

Analysis: The U.S. Geological Survey is offering competitive grants under the Earth Mapping Resources Initiative (Earth MRI). The program awards grants to state geological surveys to establish a framework of geophysical, geologic, and topographic data on vital areas containing potential critical minerals. The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) intends to utilize the funding for geologic mapping of mine waste inventory in Grant County and mine waste assessments in Malheur County. The grant will also provide funding for the Department's geographic information system staff to attend the annual Earth MRI Workshop. The grant has no matching funds requirement, and the application deadline was April 2, 2024.

Item 30: Department of Geology and Mineral Industries – Geologic Mapping

Analyst: Wendy Gibson

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Geological Survey in the amount of \$330,000 to support the geological mapping program.

Analysis: The U.S. Geological Survey is offering non-competitive grants under the Earth Mapping Resources Initiative (Earth MRI). The program awards grants to state geological surveys to establish a framework of geophysical, geologic, and topographic data on vital areas containing potential critical minerals. The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) intends to utilize the funds to conduct geologic mapping and mineral resource evaluation of the Quartzburg Mining District in Grant County. The grant has no matching funds requirement; however, DOGAMI intends to provide a \$74,510 in-kind match to increase the chances of future grant awards. The application deadline was May 1, 2024.

Item 31: Department of Fish and Wildlife – Hatchery Improvements

Analyst: Wendy Gibson

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) in the amount of \$4,550,000 to conduct deferred maintenance projects at Umatilla Hatchery.

Analysis: The Umatilla Hatchery is owned by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and operated by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). The Department requested \$4.6 million from the BPA's Reserve Distribution Clause funds to conduct deferred maintenance projects on the hatchery, including expanding the incubation capacity, replacing well pumps and backup generators, and upgrading fuel storage tanks. According to ODFW, the projects align with the conservation goals for the Umatilla River basin, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation support the work.

The grant has no state match requirement, and the Department applied on May 1, 2024. If awarded, the funding will become available on June 1, 2024.

Item 32: Department of Fish and Wildlife – Chronic Wasting Disease

Analyst: Wendy Gibson

Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$498,546 for increased prevention efforts to reduce the incursion of chronic waste disease.

Analysis: The U.S. Department of Agriculture is making \$5.5 million available for chronic wasting disease (CWD) prevention efforts in wild cervid. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) intends to request \$498,546 of the available funding to complete two CWD projects. The first project focuses on early detection through sample collection training programs and coordinated efforts with Oregon State University to develop raid testing and reporting systems. The second project is a collaborative study with the University of Illinois and University of Montana to determine how genetically vulnerable Oregon's Columbia River Valley white-tailed deer population is to CWD. Both projects enhance efforts to prevent and control the spread of CWD amongst Oregon's wild cervid.

This is a competitive grant with no state match requirement. The application deadline is June 10, 2024. If successful, the funding will become available in September 2024.

Item 34: Department of Agriculture – Invasive Weeds

Analyst: Wendy Gibson

Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Forest Service in the amount of \$350,000 to stop the spread of invasive weeds in burned areas.

Analysis: The U.S. Forest Service is offering a non-competitive grant to the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) in exchange for assistance with recovering burned lands in the Willamette and Mt. Hood National Forests. ODA intends to utilize the funding to address invasive weed infestations on the burned lands by conducting surveys, treatment, and monitoring activities. Recovering these areas to their natural state will enhance water quality and conserve fish and wildlife habitat. The initial award amount is anticipated to be \$350,000; however, the amount may increase over time as federal funding becomes available. The grant has a 5% in-kind match requirement, which ODA will meet with existing staff time. The application deadline is June 30, 2024.

Item 35: Department of Environmental Quality – Toxics Monitoring

Analyst: April McDonald

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$3,000,000 over a period of five years to improve the understanding of toxics and their effects on water quality in the Columbia River Basin.

Analysis: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is offering 2024 Science and Monitoring grants through the Columbia River Basin Restoration Funding Assistance Program of up to \$3 million for entities interested in increasing the number, type, and scientific rigor of toxics monitoring projects in the basin. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) intends to apply for \$3 million for three projects to enhance fish monitoring efforts in river tributaries, collect and analyze mercury monitoring data to track basin recovery, and study the fate and transport of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) through biosolids in different basin ecosystems. The application deadline was May 17, 2024, and DEQ provided timely notification of their intent to apply. The grant requires a 25% non-federal funding match based on the total project amount which is equal to \$1 million. DEQ anticipates the match requirement to be met largely through staff time and funding support from participating partners. If awarded, DEQ will return to the Legislature to increase their Federal Funds expenditure limitation, but it will not need additional funding or staff resources to deliver the grant.

Item 36: Department of Energy – Energy Efficient Technologies

Analyst: Wendy Gibson

Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Energy in the amount of \$2,000,000 to provide training for residential energy contractors.

Analysis: The U.S. Department of Energy is offering competitive grants of up to \$2 million to support workforce programs for residential energy contractors. The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) is intending to apply for a \$2 million grant to increase available contractor resources for the ongoing state Residential Heat Pump program and the implementation of the federal Home Energy Rebate program. ODOE anticipates standing up the new rebate program in the fall of 2024, which will increase demand for trained residential energy contractors. If awarded, the funding will supplement the state-funded Energy Efficiency Technologies Information and Training Program, established in HB 3409 (2023), and be sub-granted to existing training programs within the energy community. The grant has no state match requirement, and the application deadline is July 12, 2024.

Item 37: Department of Energy – Energy Audits

Analyst: Wendy Gibson

Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Energy in the amount of \$2,000,000 to provide training for energy audits.

Analysis: The U.S. Department of Energy is offering competitive grants of up to \$2 million to support workforce programs for commercial and residential energy auditors. The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) intends to apply for a \$2 million grant to increase available energy auditor resources for implementing the federal Home Energy Rebate program. ODOE anticipates standing up the new rebate program in the fall of 2024, which will create a demand for trained energy auditors to conduct thousands of residential and commercial energy audits. If awarded, ODOE will subgrant the funds to existing training programs within the energy community. The grant has no state match requirement, and the application deadline is June 28, 2024.

Item 42: Department of Transportation – Commercial Driver’s License Modernization

Analyst: Ben Ruef

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Commercial Driver License Program, in the amount of \$530,000 to fund modernization improvements for the state’s Commercial Driver’s License program.

Analysis: If awarded, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will fund two CDL program improvement projects. The first project will modernize the CDL skills test to align with the American Association of Motor Vehicles Administrators CDL skills test and is projected to cost \$350,000. The second project is projected to cost \$180,000 and focuses on the implementation of the federally required Medical Examiner’s Certification Integration rule which changes how medical examiner’s certification information is transmitted and managed.

ODOT provided notice of intent to apply on April 9, 2024, and the grant application was due on April 19, 2024. If funding is awarded, ODOT will request an increase in expenditure limitation, as needed. No additional positions will be required. No grant match is required.

Item 45: Department of Transportation – Passenger Rail Planning

Analyst: Ben Ruef

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation in the amount of \$1,500,000 to provide additional passenger rail planning support to the Oregon Rail Advisory Committee inventory and the Oregon State Rail Plan.

Analysis: If awarded, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will use grant funds to provide additional support to ODOT's passenger rail planning efforts, focused specifically on scoping and design of infrastructure improvements, including crossing safety measures, from the Rail Advisory Committee inventory. ODOT will prioritize and progress concepts and designs of shovel-ready and worthy projects identified in the Rail Needs Inventory, ensuring they are ready to apply for upcoming federal grants. The grant funds will also assist ODOT in updating the Oregon State Rail Plan, ensuring alignment with federal programs such as the Corridor Identification and Development Program.

ODOT provided notice of intent to apply on April 29, 2024, and the grant application was due on May 28, 2024. If funding is awarded, ODOT will request an increase in expenditure limitation, as needed. No additional positions will be required. The 25% match requirement of \$500,000 will be provided by the Transportation Operating Fund, which ODOT earmarked for grant match to leverage federal funds.

Item 46: Department of Transportation – Rural Highway Improvements

Analyst: Ben Ruef

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Rural Surface Transportation Grant program, in the amount of \$29,800,000 for the OR126 Huston to Lakeside Drive Project in Lane County in the City of Veneta.

Analysis: If awarded, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will allocate grant funds to the OR126: Huston to Lakeside Drive Project in Lane County in the City of Veneta. The project aims to enhance safety, connectivity, freight movement, access for disadvantaged communities, and reduce congestion along the OR 126 highway corridor.

The total project cost is currently estimated at \$37.8 million. The \$8 million match requirement will come from the \$40 million in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act flexible funds set aside by the Oregon Transportation Commission for use as match on federal discretionary grants.

ODOT provided notice of intent to apply on April 26, 2024, and the grant application was due on May 6, 2024. If funding is awarded, ODOT will request an increase in expenditure limitation, as needed. No additional positions will be required.

Item 48: Department of Transportation – Crash Data System

Analyst: Ben Ruef

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in the amount of \$12,000,000 for the replacement of the existing ODOT Crash Data System.

Analysis: If awarded, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will use the grant funds to replace the existing ODOT Crash Data System (CDS), which collects, stores and reports on state vehicle crash data. This data is used by federal, state, and local government agencies to help transportation

officials, law enforcement agencies, researchers, and policymakers understand the causes and trends of traffic accidents, identify high-risk areas, and develop strategies for improving road safety.

The updated system will streamline operations and eliminate the need for multiple systems. The new CDS will intake electronic data, implement quality control measures, and seamlessly interface with safety systems. The CDS upgrade will also align crash data with the National Traffic Safety Administration's Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria.

The total project cost is estimated at \$16 million. The 20% match requirement (\$4 million) will be provided by in-kind staff hours, which are paid for by the State Highway Fund.

ODOT provided notice of intent to apply on April 29, 2024, and the grant application was due on May 15, 2024. If funding is awarded, ODOT will request an increase in expenditure limitation, as needed. No additional positions will be required.

Item 50: Department of Transportation – Low Carbon Construction

Analyst: Ben Ruef

Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the Federal Highway Administration in the amount of \$100,000,000 for a low carbon construction program.

Analysis: If awarded, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will use grant funds to expand the existing low carbon construction program development efforts as well as implement emission assessment requirements in ORS 184.879. ODOT will also use grant funds to offset the costs to establish a greenhouse gas reduction program introduced in the 2022 legislative session (HB 4139).

ODOT provided notice of intent to apply on April 29, 2024, and the grant application is due on June 10, 2024. If funding is awarded, ODOT will request an increase in expenditure limitation, as needed. No grant match is required. Grant funds are available for obligation through September 30, 2026, and available for expenditure before September 30, 2031.

Item 51: Department of Transportation – Eastern Oregon Multi-Use Path

Analyst: Ben Ruef

Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the Federal Highway Administration, Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program, in the amount of \$12,000,000 to construct a multi-use path within ODOT right-of way beneath the Snake River Bridge in Ontario.

Analysis: If awarded, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will use grant funds to construct a multi-use path within the ODOT right-of way beneath the Snake River Bridge in Ontario, connecting sidewalks on both sides of East Idaho Avenue (US30) and providing access to the City's planned trail network. Additionally, it will enhance connectivity to various amenities and businesses, promoting commerce and improving access for residents, particularly those west of I-84. This project aligns with

Ontario's Transportation System Plan, prioritizing safe mobility options and addressing the needs of underserved populations.

ODOT provided notice of intent to apply on April 29, 2024, and the grant application is due on July 17, 2024. If funding is awarded, ODOT will request an increase in expenditure limitation, as needed. No additional positions will be required. The 20% grant match of \$3 million will come from funds set aside by the Oregon Transportation Commission to use as match on federal discretionary grants.

Item 53: Department of Transportation – Wildlife Corridor

Analyst: Ben Ruef

Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, America the Beautiful Challenge grant, in the amount of \$1,270,000 design a wildlife corridor across Highway 20 near Black Butte in Central Oregon.

Analysis: If awarded, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will use grant funds for the design phase for a wildlife corridor bridge across Highway 20 near Black Butte in Central Oregon. ODOT will seek future grant funding under the Federal Highway Administration's Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program for the construction phase of this project at a future date.

ODOT provided notice of intent to apply on April 29, 2024, and the grant application is due on July 16, 2024. If funding is awarded, ODOT will request an increase in expenditure limitation, as needed. No additional positions will be required. The 10% grant match of \$230,000 will come from the Oregon Wildlife Foundation (\$50,000), Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (\$60,000), Roundhouse Foundation (\$40,000), Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (\$50,000), and ODOT in-kind staff hours (\$30,000).

Recommendation: The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that the Emergency Board 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 expenditure limitation increases and/or position authority.



Cheryl Myers

Deputy Secretary of State & Tribal Liaison

April 26, 2024

The Honorable Senator Rob Wagner, President of the Senate
The Honorable Representative Julie Fahey, Speaker of the House
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Dear Senator Wagner and Representative Fahey:

Nature of the Request

The office of the Oregon Secretary of State (SOS) is constantly seeking to improve upon the exceptional quality of election administration in Oregon, and as part of this process seek grant funding where available. The federal Department of Defense (DOD) has made grant funding available with the EASE 4.0 grant to "improve the voting experience and reduce impediments for Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) voters." Should the SOS successfully obtain grant funding under this program, the agency will seek to improve the UOCAVA voting experience by augmenting staff resources, as well as procuring, deploying, and supporting maintenance of sustainable technology solutions to serve UOCAVA voters and county election administrators by providing increased personnel resources to provide instruction and support to county officials and UOCAVA voters and improved technology solutions to allow for improved ballot duplication processes for UOCAVA ballots. Staff augmentation is key to this goal, as it will ensure that the SOS builds and maintains a stable program on which voters and county election administrators can rely for both technological solutions and state-specific support.

The Federal government requires state support for UOCAVA voters includes (as listed by the Federal Voting Assistance Program, or FVAP):

- Accepting the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for simultaneous voter registration and absentee ballot request;
- Transmitting ballots to voters at least 45 days before federal elections;
- Offering voters the option of receiving their ballot electronically (states can choose to offer email, fax, or online portal); and
- Accepting the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) as a backup ballot for all federal elections.

Oregon Currently meets Federal requirements by providing relevant instructional information to counties, as well as providing an electronic ballot delivery system for county elections Officials and UOCAVA voters.

This grant would allow the Elections Division to dedicate personnel to providing best practice training and support to county officials, the production of improved educational materials, better support to UOCAVA voters, and improved technology to improve the voting experience for UOCAVA voters and election administrators.

Federal Grant Information

The Effective Absentee Systems for Elections (EASE) grants have the goal of increasing the percentage of ballots successfully returned by voters covered by the Federal Voting Assistance Program. Our records show Oregon was awarded money under a previous version of the EASE grant back in 2012.

If approved by the legislature and if we are successful in procuring the EASE grant, we estimate approximately \$750,000 would be funded through the Department of Defense (DOD) with a performance period running through December 31, 2026. The current deadline to apply for the grant is April 30, 2024 and does not have a state match requirement.

While not directly applicable to agency KPIs, should the SOS be awarded grant funds, those funds will provide improvements to technologies used by overseas and military voters, as well as improved agency personnel resources to provide greater uniformity and consistency in the voting experience across the state.

If the grant application is approved and funding provided, a portion of this funding will be used to provide personnel to administer the program. Currently, Oregon only has sufficient resources to dedicate portions of staff time to UOCAVA voters and does not have any FTE fully dedicated to UOCAVA voters or processes. Oregon also has a software tool used by UOCAVA voters which allows for electronic ballot distribution. This grant will provide increased personnel resources to provide instruction and support to county officials and UOCAVA voters while improving technology solutions to allow for improved ballot duplication processes for UOCAVA ballots improving the agency's overall quality of service to absentee voters by providing improved staffing, equipment, and services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "LaVonne Griffin-Valade".

LaVonne Griffin-Valade
Oregon Secretary of State



OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
Office of the State Court Administrator

April 29, 2024
(SENT BY EMAIL)

The Honorable Rob Wagner, President of the Senate
The Honorable Julie Fahey, Speaker of the House
Joint Emergency Board
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Re: Retroactive Approval – Federal Grant Application DOJ OVW Grant to Improve the
Criminal Justice Response (ICJR) Program

Dear President Wagner and Speaker Fahey:

Nature of Request

The Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) requests retroactive approval to apply for a \$1,000,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ's) Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). The grant was announced on February 21, 2024, and the deadline to submit the grant application is May 2, 2024, which did not allow adequate opportunity to make this request at a meeting of the Emergency Board before the deadline. OJD submitted a notice of our intent to apply to legislative leadership on April 22, 2024.

Background

OJD's Office of the State Court Administrator desires to apply for a Criminal Justice Response Program (ICJR Program) grant from the Department of Justice – Office on Violence Against Women. The ICJR Program assists state, local, and tribal governments, and courts to improve the criminal justice response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law, and to seek safety and autonomy for victims.

The grant, if awarded, is for a period of 36 months, beginning this biennium in October 2024, continuing through the 2025-2027 biennium, and ending in September 2027 (2027-2029 biennium). The funding request will be heavily weighted to the first year (FY 2024-2025) of the grant up to \$527,000. Much smaller funding requests approximately \$236,500 will occur in each of the subsequent years of the grant (through September 30, 2027). There is **no** state funding match requirement associated with the grant.

The grant proposal is to develop a comprehensive training program for judges, courts, and court-based personnel in criminal and civil courts to improve the justice system's response to cases involving domestic or sexual violence. If awarded the grant, OJD's Juvenile and Family Court Programs Division (JFCPD), in partnership with the Civil and Criminal Programs Division (CCPD) will implement a project that focuses on the education of judges, pretrial release assistance officers, and court staff regarding the handling of cases involving domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The first phase of the project will see OJD procure services to bring the *Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases Workshop* training conducted by the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence to Oregon for immediate judicial training. The second part of the project will see OJD work with two direct victim service organizations, Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and Clackamas Women's Services, to develop and deliver a comprehensive Oregon-specific training program for judges, courts, and court-based personnel in criminal and civil courts to improve the justice system's response to cases involving domestic or sexual violence.

Under the grant, OJD would hire one 0.5 FTE limited-duration management assistant position to assist with the following:

- One 0.5 FTE limited-duration management assistant position, to be recruited in the first quarter of the grant, to support the programmatic execution, including facilitation of education programs for judicial personnel on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and to improve judicial handling of such cases.

Action Requested

OJD requests retroactive approval to apply for this federal grant. If awarded the grant OJD will return at a future meeting of the legislature to request an increase in federal funds limitation of approximately \$527,000 along with the requisite positional authority.

President Wagner
Speaker Fahey
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April 29, 2024

Legislation Affected

None.

Sincerely,

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Nancy J. Cozine
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OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
Office of the State Court Administrator

April 29, 2024
(SENT BY EMAIL)

The Honorable Rob Wagner, President of the Senate
The Honorable Julie Fahey, Speaker of the House
Joint Emergency Board
900 Court Street NE
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Re: Federal Grant Application DOJ BJA FY24 Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary
Grant Program

Dear President Wagner and Speaker Fahey:

Nature of Request

The Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) requests approval to apply for a \$2,500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ's) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The grant was announced on April 23, 2024, and the deadline to submit the grant application is June 27, 2024.

Background

The Civil and Criminal Programs Division (CCPD) within OJD's Office of the State Court Administrator intends to apply for a Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Grant from the Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). With this grant, the BJA seeks to provide financial and technical assistance to plan, implement, and enhance the operations of veterans treatment courts (VTCs), including service coordination, participant service and supervision coordination, fidelity to the VTC model, and recovery support services.

The grant, if awarded, is for a period of 48 months, beginning this biennium in October 2024 continuing through the 2023-2025 biennium, and ending in September 2028 (2027-2029 biennium). The funding level request for the first year (FY 2024-2025) is for

up to \$625,000. Similar funding level requests for subsequent years of the grant would follow (through September 30, 2028). There is **no** state funding match requirement associated with the grant.

CCPD seeks a statewide (also known as Category 3) BJA veterans treatment court grant to bolster growth and support for VTCs in Oregon. Statewide grants are intended to improve, enhance, or expand VTC services statewide. CCPD's goals include improving access to VTCs, emphasizing accessibility and eligibility for service members and veterans. Work will be informed by an existing strategic plan, developed in collaboration with statewide partners and a national technical assistance provider, and will focus on planning and implementation efforts associated with the strategic plan's seven goals. Examples of this work include, but are not limited to, reducing barriers to entry into VTCs, expanding eligibility criteria, establishing data collection standards, mapping resources for justice-involved service members, veterans, and their families (SMVF), growing opportunities to collaborate with state and federal partners, strengthening state and federal efforts to develop and enhance local and regional training opportunities, and instituting a statewide VTC mentorship program. CCPD commits to scaling up VTC program capacity, providing technical assistance to VTCs, and implementing data collection and analysis processes. The CCPD team will utilize best practices and will collaborate with local and national subject matter experts to support equitable statewide services. This initiative aims to strengthen and expand upon existing VTC efforts in Oregon and prepare for future growth and enhancement.

Under the grant, OJD would hire one full-time limited-duration Analyst 4, and one full-time limited-duration Analyst 2 position to assist with the following:

- One full-time limited-duration Treatment Court Analyst 4 position (0.375 FTE) beginning in October 2024, to support the programmatic implementation of OJD's VTC Strategic Plan report, including expansion efforts and VTC awareness across the state.
- One full-time limited-duration Analyst 2 position (0.292 FTE) beginning in December 2024, to be recruited in the first quarter of the grant, to support programmatic data efforts in OJD's statewide management information system (SCMS), resource navigation, and technical system mapping to improve services for all treatment courts serving the SMVF population.

President Wagner
Speaker Fahey
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Action Requested

OJD requests approval to apply for this federal grant. If awarded the grant, OJD will return at a future meeting of the legislature to request an increase in federal funds limitation of approximately \$625,000 along with the requisite positional authority.

Legislation Affected

None.

Sincerely,

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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of Request

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Behavioral Health Division requests retroactive approval to apply for a federal grant through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): *Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Program for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness*. OHA first learned of the funding opportunity on February 26, 2024, and the application is due April 26, 2024. OHA submitted a 10-day notification letter to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House on April 15, 2024.

This new competitive grant will expand civil commitment services to include outpatient civil commitment (OCC) whereby people who are placed under civil commitment access treatment and services in the community instead of on an inpatient unit at a community hospital. It will support community mental health programs (CMHPs) who wish to provide this service and have the court's support to do so in establishing effective commitment monitoring programs to promote fewer hospitalizations, fewer interactions with law enforcement, and lower rates of homelessness.

If approved, OHA anticipates receiving up to \$500,000 annually, for a total of \$2.0 million. These funds will be available beginning July 31, 2024, and it is renewable yearly for four years. There is not a maintenance of effort requirement and matching funds are not required.

Agency Action

The new grant from SAMHSA for OCC will help ensure Oregon's behavioral health care system meets the needs of people who are placed under civil commitment by expanding access to treatment and supports in the community. While some individuals need the structure and intensive treatment available in hospital settings, many others can be better served by providers in the community with less disruption to their lives. Additionally, with limited hospital capacity in the state, alternatives to hospitalization are needed to ensure those who most need inpatient treatment can access it. This grant will provide individuals in the community and under civil commitment with ongoing professional supports that help engage them in mental health services and monitor their progress to ensure they are meeting their health and safety needs and not posing a danger in the community.

Most civil commitments in Oregon end at hospital discharge with individuals moving from a highly structured and monitored setting to a living situation with fewer routines and less support to meet their needs. OCC provides the supports necessary for individuals to avoid crises and transition successfully. OCC has been associated with lower incidence of homelessness, decreased substance use, reduced victimization, less violence, fewer arrests, and shorter involuntary hospitalizations.¹ With consistent intensive supportive services in the community and case monitoring, individuals in an OCC program who need to admit to an inpatient unit for crisis stabilization can generally access the care quickly by way of the civil commitment order and before they become too unwell to participate voluntarily or appropriately.

OCC supports these positive outcomes by being a least restrictive option that can allow for multiple treatment needs to be addressed concurrently and holistically. For example, while inpatient psychiatry is heavily concentrated on acute symptom alleviation and management of mental illness, additional services, such as substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, are rarely available on such units. The types of services and

¹ Treatment Advocacy Centers. (2021, June). *Assisted outpatient treatment: Improving outcomes and saving money*. <https://www.treatmentadvocacycenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/TAC-AOT-Research-Summary-1.pdf>.

activities to be funded include program coordination between multidisciplinary partners; community outreach and education; commitment case monitoring; family support and reconnection; and program evaluation.

To expand access to OCC, OHA would distribute funding to interested CMHPs who would implement OCC in their communities, including coordinating a local multidisciplinary team (MDT) with representatives from hospitals, mental health providers, prescribers, the court system, law enforcement, and others. CMHPs would use grant funding to hire necessary staff, such as case monitors and psychiatric nurse practitioners, who would be part of the MDT. CMHPs could also use funds to pay for client needs to stay in the community, such as rental and utility assistance, furniture, vital records and identification, clothing, expungement, and up to two weeks of crisis respite admissions. OHA would use multiple existing positions to support this project, and no new positions would be required. Over the course of the grant, OHA aims to gain a better understanding of the funding required to provide OCC statewide. In coordination with other work to study the costs to provide CMHP services, such as the study required by House Bill 4092 (2024), OHA would aim to ensure funding in CMHPs' County Financial Assistance Agreements (CFAA) can support OCC after the funding period, which may include cost-sharing with CMHPs and county partners.

This funding opportunity directly aligns with the mission of OHA and of the Behavioral Health Division, promoting access to care that allows individuals to contribute to their communities and increasing financial and service efficiency of OHA services. It is in line with the Governor's behavioral health priority and directly calls for interrupting the harmful cycle whereby individuals move between streets, hospitals, and jails due to unmet needs.

Action Requested


OHA requests retroactive approval to apply for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) *Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Program for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness* grant.

Senator Rob Wagner
Representative Julie Fahey
April 29, 2024
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Legislation Affected

None.

Sincerely,

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Sejal Hathi, MD MBA
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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of Request

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Public Health Division is requesting retroactive approval to apply for a competitive federal funding opportunity from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention *State Promotion of Strategies to Advance Oral Health*. OHA learned of the funding opportunity March 25, 2024 and the application is due May 28, 2024. OHA submitted a 10-day notification letter to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House on May 1, 2024.

This three-year cooperative agreement addresses oral health disparities by supporting interventions and practices to address oral disease in populations of focus, including improving access to data, community water fluoridation, and dental services.

If approved, OHA anticipates receiving \$0.4 million annually, for a total of \$1.14 million, which will be available from Sept 1, 2024 to Aug. 31, 2027. This grant requires no matching funds nor are there requirements for maintenance of effort.

Agency Action

Oral health is paramount for overall well-being, yet disparities persist among children, adolescents, and adults, influenced by factors such as race, ethnicity, geographic location, household income, and more. Based on the 2017 Oregon Smile Survey of children 6 to 9 years old, children of historically marginalized racial and ethnic groups are more likely to experience decay, untreated decay, and rampant decay compared to white children. Hispanic and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander students had the

highest cavity rates overall including the highest rates of untreated cavities. These disparities persist because there is inequitable access to oral health services.

The intent of this three-year cooperative agreement is to address oral health inequities by supporting interventions and practices to address oral disease, such as untreated cavities, in populations of focus. Interventions include:

- Increasing access to community water fluoridation;
- Improving data analysis to support medical dental integration among individuals with type 2 diabetes who have risk factors for negative health outcomes;
- Increasing access to school dental sealant programs, which is an evidence-based preventive dental service; and
- Increasing awareness of infection prevention and control guidelines in traditional and non-traditional settings.

These grant activities support OHA's strategic goal of eliminating health inequities in Oregon by 2030. Outcomes include improving the oral health of Oregonians and increasing access to oral health care, especially among marginalized communities experiencing oral health inequities.

If funded, OHA will request expenditure limitation only. Multiple existing staff will support grant activities through both direct and in-kind support from other funding sources. No new position authority will be requested.

Action Requested

OHA requests retroactive approval to apply for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), *State Promotion of Strategies to Advance Oral Health* grant.

Legislation Affected

None.

Sincerely,

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Sejal Hathi, MD MBA
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May 1, 2024
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April 29, 2024

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RE: Disability Innovation Fund Grant Application Notification

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (OVRs) Program respectfully requests permission to apply for the U.S. Department of Education's [Disability Innovation Fund \(DIF\)](#). The DIF grant will develop strategies or programs to transition youth and adults with disabilities to Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE).

The ODHS requests permission to apply for federal grant funds up to \$10,000,000. Specifically, OVRs intends to focus its application on topic five of the required priority areas of the grant that will address early Intervention and Workforce Reintegration Strategies for Youth and/or Adults with Acquired Disabilities that Lead to competitive integrated employment.

Federal Grant Information

The grant timeframe is up to 60 months. October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2029. Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) is expected to award up to 29 grants. The application due date is July 8, 2024. This opportunity became available on April 9, 2024. The application announcement is [available at this link](#). The U.S. Department of Education (Department) issued a notice inviting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2024 for the Disability Innovation Fund (DIF)—Creating a 21st Century Workforce of Youth and Adults with Disabilities Through the Transformation of

"Assisting People to Become Independent, Healthy and Safe"

Education, Career, and Competitive Integrated Employment Model Demonstration Project, Assistance Listing Number 84.421F. This notice relates to the approved information collection under OMB control number 1894–0006, Applications for New Grants under the RSA.

Background

Disconnected youth and adults with disabilities often face multiple barriers (e.g., criminal records, lack of academic accreditation) that prevent them from actively participating in education, employment, or training, and can be at risk of experiencing negative outcomes such as unemployment, poverty, and social disconnection (Lewis et al., 2019). There are several factors that can contribute to youth and adults becoming disconnected. For example, disconnected youth and adults may not have completed a specific level of education, such as high school or college for various reasons, limiting opportunities for further education or CIE. Economic factors, such as poverty, limited job opportunities, or financial instability, can make it difficult for disconnected youth and adults to find and maintain CIE. Disconnected youth and adults may not have had the opportunity to receive the necessary training to enter the workforce or pursue further education. This can be due to limited access to quality education or training programs.

Lastly, mental health challenges, substance abuse, and involvement in the juvenile justice and criminal justice systems can also contribute to youth and adults with disabilities becoming disconnected. Addressing the issue of disconnected youth and adults with disabilities requires a comprehensive and multifaceted approach.

There are numerous strategies that can be used to help re-engage individuals:

1. Providing accessible and relevant education and training programs that provide the skills and qualifications needed for CIE;
2. Offering mentoring programs and support services that provide guidance, encouragement, and assistance in navigating education and CIE opportunities;
3. Creating high-quality job placement programs, apprenticeships, and internships that provide hands-on experience and opportunities for skill development;
4. Providing comprehensive support services, such as counseling, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, and housing assistance;
5. Implementing targeted outreach efforts to identify and engage disconnected youth and adults with disabilities, including those who may be unknown or hard to reach; and

6. Collaboration among government agencies, community organizations, educational institutions, and employers to re-engage disconnected youth and adults with disabilities.

By addressing the barriers and providing the necessary supports and opportunities, it is possible to reengage disconnected youth with disabilities and disconnected adults with disabilities to transition into education, employment, and training, leading to improved outcomes.

Agency Action

To address these components, the ODHS OVRs would like to expand upon the program's mission and vision, that every Oregonian with a disability who desires to work is given the mean and opportunity. This 60-month federal grant will provide the opportunity for the program to:

- Identify support services and resources to create or enhance Competitive Integrated Employment for grant participants;
- Partner with service providers supporting project participants to achieve their goals for CIE;
- Enhance and expand upon pre-employment related activities such as career exploration, resume writing and job search skills, interview preparation, soft skills development, job readiness training, networking and mentoring, internships, apprenticeships, and job trials, to prepare project participants for the workforce by developing essential skills, knowledge, and abilities needed to obtain and maintain CIE;
- Develop and implement professional development trainings specific to the professionals serving project participants; and
- Sub-grant funds to support Transition Coordinators/Career Navigators to provide a wide variety of services to project participants pertaining to early intervention and reintegration, including career planning, exploration, and counseling; educational planning; support to navigate systems; learner skill building; and CIE placement.

Staffing:

If awarded the ODHS OVRs plans to hire one full time equivalent (FTE) Grant Program manager, and one FTE Data Coordinator, with classifications to be determined. The Program Manager will be responsible for the project management elements of the grant including the development of the Annual Performance Report (APR) covering project

performance throughout the life of the grant. This manager will also be the contract administrator for the sub-contracts supporting the grant activities. The Data Coordinator will be responsible for tracking all the measurable goals, strategies and priorities for the grant and will assist in the development of the APR. Both staff will be working in conjunction with the contracted partners and the non-contracted workforce partners to develop sustainable systems change to improve access for people with disabilities into the public workforce system in Oregon.

It is estimated that the \$10,000,000 award will be split close to 50% to support ODHS staff and activities to support clients and 50% to be sub-contracted to fulfill other required elements of the grant (e.g., third party evaluation, training and technical assistance).

Action Requested

The ODHS OVRs Program requests permission to apply for up to a total of \$10,000,000 for 60 months in response to The U.S. Department of Education's Disability Innovation Fund. One of the key goals of this grant is to develop system changes that can leverage and align existing programs in the public workforce system to create access for people with disabilities. Ideally this system change will not require long-term investments because the system and access changes would be sustainable at no cost after the conclusion of the grant. There is no State General Fund match requirement, nor is there a Maintenance of Effort requirement.

Legislation Affected

None. If awarded the ODHS will request Federal Fund limitation increase and position authority accordingly in the future.

If you have questions, please contact Keith Ozols at keith.s.ozols@odhs.oregon.gov.

Sincerely,



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ODHS Director

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April 29, 2024

The Honorable Senator Rob Wagner, President of the Senate
The Honorable Representative Julie Fahey, Speaker of the House
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Dear Senator Wagner and Representative Fahey:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon State Police (OSP) is requesting retroactive approval to apply to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), for the Fiscal Year 2024 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Competitive Grant in an amount up to \$128,000.

This grant provides funding to assist public governmental agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, for-profit (commercial) organizations, non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations. LEMHWA funds are used to improve the delivery of, and access to, mental health and wellness services for law enforcement through training and technical assistance, demonstration projects, and implementation of practices related to peer mentoring mental health and wellness programs.

The COPS Office expects to make up to forty-seven project awards of up to \$200,000 to statewide agencies for a 24-month period of performance, beginning on October 1, 2024. The solicitation release date was February 28, 2024. The grant application deadline is April 30, 2024.

Agency Action

This grant program would further the agency's goal of reducing mental health injury claims and develop a more resilient workforce through training sessions. It is anticipated the proposed trainings would enhance situational awareness, physical health, cognitive performance (including sense-making and decision-making), leadership, and balancing operational demands with life beyond work. If awarded, grant funds would be utilized by contracting with two train-the-trainer organizations who specialize in this subject matter to provide intensive training courses; the modules would then be provided to the agency's sworn employees through future trainings by those who participated in the train-the-trainer courses.

The grant does not require matching funds.

Action Requested

Approve OSP's request to apply for the Fiscal Year 2024 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program Competitive Grant through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

Legislation Affected

None

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Casey Coddling
Superintendent
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Dear Senator Wagner and Representative Fahey:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon State Police (OSP) is requesting permission to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) for the FY 2024 National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) competitive grant.

This competitive grant opportunity provides funding priorities for two purposes: 1) to improve the reporting of dispositions and 2) to improve the reporting to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) of persons prohibited from possessing firearms for reasons related to mental health.

The grant award is a maximum 24-month period with a start date on or after October 1, 2024, and must be completed by September 30, 2026. OSP anticipates the requesting of grant funding up to \$75,000.

The grant does not require a match. No additional FTE will be required.

The grant application deadline is May 20, 2024.

Agency Action

Approve OSP's request to apply for the 2024 National Criminal History Improvement Program Competitive Grant through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Background

This grant program would further the agency's goal of providing partner agencies criminal justice information and delivering high-quality services that support and enhance public safety. The NCHIP grant program aims to improve the nation's safety and security by enhancing the quality, completeness, and accessibility of criminal history record information and by ensuring the nationwide implementation

of criminal justice and noncriminal justice background check systems. If awarded, grant funds would be utilized for costs associated with OSP hosting the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) in 2025 and 2026. The conference would include attendance by OSP employees as well as statewide partner agencies and include training, presentations and updates on topics such as Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) 20/20, National Data Exchange System (N-Dex), Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR), Firearms Instant Check System (FICS), as well fingerprint processing, cyber intelligence briefing, among other topics.

Legislation Affected

None.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Casey Coddington
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Oregon State Police

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May 9, 2024

Senator Rob Wagner, Co-Chair
Representative Julie Fahey, Co-Chair
Joint Emergency Board
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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) respectfully requests approval to apply for a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) [Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement \(PRICE\) Main grant](#). The PRICE grant will allow OHCS to support low- and moderate-income manufactured home residents and manufactured housing communities with critical investments such as repairs, infrastructure improvements, and unit replacement.

OHCS intends to submit a request for a grant amount of \$25 Million. Each grant recipient will receive at least five million dollars. The funding requested in the PRICE Main grant application will be invested in repairing, rehabilitation, or replacement of existing manufactured housing units. The funds will also be utilized for preservation and revitalization, infrastructure upgrades, and new development.

Resources included in the PRICE Main grant application will be requested to further the following goals as outlined in the Statewide Housing Plan:

- Provide financial and program support to preserve opportunities for quality, affordable housing for Oregonians.
- Keeping manufactured housing stock affordable and accessible for low- and moderate-income Oregonians.
- Advance equity and racial justice by identifying and addressing institutional, systemic, and financial barriers that have created and perpetuated patterns of disparity in housing and economic prosperity.

Federal Grant Information

Manufactured housing is the largest source of unsubsidized affordable housing in the country, making it a crucial piece of the nation's affordable housing stock, especially in rural communities. The median household income of manufactured housing unit owners is about half the median household income of site-built homeowners. HUD is issuing the [PRICE Main](#)

[competition Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) to preserve long-term housing affordability for residents of manufactured housing or a manufactured housing community, to redevelop, and to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income residents.

The PRICE Main grant makes \$210 million available for states and other entities for preservation activities of manufactured housing stock. Applications for this funding are due to HUD by June 24, 2024. There are no Maintenance of Effort Requirements nor required funding match for this grant. Grantees must expend all funds by September 30th, 2030.

Agency Action

OHCS will utilize grant funds in two current, oversubscribed programs: [Manufactured Housing Replacement Fund](#) in our Homeownership Division and Manufactured Dwelling Park Preservation administered in our Affordable Rental Housing Division. Preservation resources will be awarded through OHCS' new [Oregon Centralized Application \(ORCA\)](#), along with all other federal and state housing development funding sources, launching in spring 2024. These programs remain in high demand with the need far outstripping available resources. OHCS has the programming infrastructure and external partnerships established to put these funds to use immediately upon receipt.

If awarded the grant, OHCS will not need any additional positions but will return to the Emergency Board to request additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation. As any awarded funds would be utilized to simply expand the reach of current programs, programs would simply return to pre-grant service levels once federal funding was exhausted; no ongoing funding would be required.

Action Requested

The Oregon Housing and Community Services Department requests approval to apply for a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) PRICE Main grant to serve homeowners and residents of manufactured homes and communities across Oregon.

Legislation Affected

None.

Sincerely,



Andrea Bell, Executive Director
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April 29, 2024

Senator Rob Wagner, Co-Chair
Representative Julie Fahey, Co-Chair
State Emergency Board
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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Business Development Department (Department) respectfully requests authority to apply to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for a State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) grant in the amount of \$600,000.

Background

STEP grants impact export growth by assisting small businesses seeking to begin or grow international sales. The Department has successfully received eleven STEP grant awards from the SBA to date, awards that in turn fund Oregon small businesses. Since the original STEP award, our department has expended nearly \$4.2M in grant awards to nearly 1,000 small businesses, which has generated over \$125M in total export sales.

Grants are awarded to eligible small businesses, defined by the SBA as those with 500 or fewer employees. Most export training and development activities are supported by the grant, including but not limited to international and domestic tradeshow (including virtual), international trade missions, E-commerce setup, compliance fees, website translation into a foreign language, search engine optimization, consulting fees, and Gold Key services through the U.S. Commercial Service.

Participating in international trade shows and trade missions is among the most effective ways for companies to enter new international markets or expand their visibility in existing markets. Trade shows offer the opportunity to meet potential buyers, test market interest, and evaluate the competition. A trade mission can be a cost-effective way to meet potential distributors and buyers, make direct sales, secure licensing agreements, and explore joint venture opportunities.

These grants reimburse up to 50% of a company's eligible expenses up to \$8,000, and eligible applicants may apply to receive up to two grants per federal fiscal year.

The STEP program contributes directly to the agency's key performance metrics, specifically by growing sales for Oregon's traded sector businesses. Additionally, the federal STEP program directly aligns with our agency mission to promote a globally competitive, diverse, and inclusive economy. The STEP grant award will not require additional agency staff to support the program.

The SBA requires a 25% match to receive grant funds. The Department's application will pledge \$150,000 in cash match, funded with available Industry Competitiveness Funds (ICF). The application deadline for this current grant application term is June 6, 2024.

Action Requested

The Department respectfully requests authority to apply to the Small Business Administration (SBA) for a State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) grant in the amount of \$600,000.

Legislation Affected

The request to apply for this grant does not affect current legislation.

Sincerely,

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Sophorn Cheang
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April 26, 2024

The Honorable Senator Rob Wagner, President of the Senate
The Honorable Representative Julie Fahey, Speaker of the House
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Dear Senator Wagner and Representative Fahey:

Nature of the Request

The purpose of this letter is to request retroactive legislative approval regarding a federal grant application. The original 10-day letter was submitted March 6, 2024.

The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) submitted a grant proposal to the Earth Mapping Resources Initiative (Earth MRI) Mine Waste Cooperative Agreements with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Mineral Resources Program (funding opportunity G24AS00257) in the amount of \$302,400. Our grant proposal is entitled:

- *"Mine Waste Inventory and Assessment of Critical Mineral Resources in Grant and Malheur Counties"*

The Earth MRI program was initiated by the USGS in 2018 as a cooperative agreement with state geological surveys to collect geophysical, geologic, and topographic data in areas of critical mineral potential, other economically valuable mineral and energy resources, groundwater resources, and geologic hazards across the Nation. Previously, DOGAMI applied for and received funding for a geologic mapping grant through the primary Earth MRI program in early March 2023. This new funding opportunity is to initiate the second portion of the Earth MRI program, Mine Waste Cooperative agreements.

DOGAMI requested funding in three program priority areas:

- Priority 1 - *Mine Waste Inventory*, utilizing mine location data from the Mineral Inventory Layer for Oregon (MILO), lidar-data, and aerial imagery, and historical references, DOGAMI will map and describe historic mine waste in regions of Grant County, OR that are relevant to modern critical commodity studies.
- Priority 2 - *Mine Waste Assessment*, field studies will characterize two sites of historic mining within the McDermitt caldera of Malheur County, that are Modern targets for mining critical commodities, such as lithium.
- Priority 2 - *Earth MRI Workshop travel support*, to support DOGAMI staff attending, sharing research, and collaborating with other state geological surveys and the USGS at the annual Earth MRI Workshop at USGS headquarters in Reston, Virginia.

The final grant proposal was submitted April 2, 2024, through Grants.gov. DOGAMI is waiting for the formal Notification of Award from the USGS in early May 2024. Our intent is that DOGAMI will begin this two-year project in July 2024.

This grant opportunity supports DOGAMI's mission and goals to provide earth science information and regulation to make Oregon safe and prosperous and also supports Key Performance Measure #2 (KPM) – Detailed Geologic Map Completion.

The proposed grant has no required funding match and full indirect costs are allowed. DOGAMI will not require an increase in our federal fund expenditure limitation nor an increase in position authority.

Agency Action

Under DOGAMI's funding model it is essential that the Agency pursue relevant federal grant funding opportunities.

Action Requested

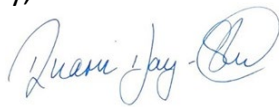
The Agency is requesting retroactive approval to apply to USGS for the above Earth MRI program, Mine Waste Cooperative agreement.

Legislation Affected

None

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact me at 971-610-8968.

Sincerely,

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Ruarri J. Day-Stirrat
Executive Director/State Geologist

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Dear Senator Wagner and Representative Fahey:

Nature of the Request

The purpose of this letter is to request retroactive legislative approval regarding a federal grant application. The original 10-day letter was submitted March 25, 2024.

The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) submitted a grant proposal to the Earth Mapping Resources Initiative (Earth MRI) Cooperative Agreements with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Mineral Resources Program for a non-competitive agreement of \$330,000. A draft grant proposal was submitted to the USGS the first week of April 2024. The USGS is reviewing the draft proposal and by the end of April, is expected to provide DOGAMI with the requested revisions. With the USGS revisions, DOGAMI will complete a final version of the proposal and submit the proposal through Grants.gov. DOGAMI would begin this three-year project in July 2024.

This grant is funding one project entitled: *"Geologic mapping and mineral resource evaluation of the Quartzburg Mining District, Grant County, Oregon."*

The Earth MRI program was initiated by the USGS in 2018 as a cooperative agreement with state geological surveys to collect geophysical, geologic, and topographic data in areas of critical mineral potential, other economically valuable mineral and energy resources, groundwater resources, and geologic hazards across the Nation. The primary goals that will be achieved by this project includes completion of geologic maps for the specified area to better define mapped geologic relationships, understand the timing and character of mineralization events, and better quantify the critical mineral potential of the district.

This USGS grant has no required funding match. However, one ranking criteria for future funding is the level of in-kind matching funds offered by the Agency. Therefore, DOGAMI will contribute up to \$74,510 in geophysical and analytical data for this project area. The geophysical data was purchased and collected in June 2023 for a cost of \$56,000. The analytical data of \$18,510 is for geochemistry and age-dating of the rock samples.

This grant opportunity supports DOGAMI's mission and goals to provide earth science information and regulation to make Oregon safe and prosperous and supports Key Performance Measure #2 (KPM) – Detailed Geologic Map Completion.

DOGAMI will charge the full indirect rate. This grant does not require an increase in our federal fund expenditure limitation nor an increase in position authority.

Agency Action

Under DOGAMI's funding model it is essential that the Agency pursue relevant federal grant funding opportunities.

Action Requested

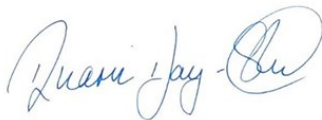
The Agency is requesting retroactive approval to apply to USGS for the above Earth MRI Geologic Mapping grant.

Legislation Affected

None

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact me at 971-610-8968.

Sincerely,

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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) requests approval to submit a federal grant application in the amount of \$4,550,000 to Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) for infrastructure improvements at Umatilla Hatchery.

Background

The funding for this grant is BPA's Reserve Distribution Clause funds. Funds from the grant will help address long-standing deferred maintenance issues at Umatilla Hatchery which is a BPA owned facility that has been operated by ODFW for the last 35 years.

The funding will be spent on key infrastructure projects that are needed to sustain current operations and allow for future expansion of the hatchery production. These projects include an expansion to the incubation capacity, replacement of the incubation chiller equipment, updates to various building maintenance items (roofs, siding), replacement of back-up generators and upgrading fuel storage, upgrading well pumps and development of additional water supply through rehabilitation of existing wells and potentially replacing another well.

This grant will support needed improvements at Umatilla Hatchery consistent with the mitigation goals for the Umatilla River basin and conservation goals of ODFW. Infrastructure upgrades will support conservation efforts, sport and commercial angling and tribal subsistence fisheries into the future. The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation supports the work that this grant will fund.

Agency Action

ODFW's plan is to submit the application to BPA by May 1, 2024 in order to have the funding in place as soon as possible (goal is June 1, 2024 for grant approval). This timeline allows the work to begin in time windows that the hatchery can accommodate while maintaining normal operations. Project completion and drawdown of the funding is September 30, 2026. ODFW would spend the federal funding directly to implement project work. There is no match requirement with this funding opportunity, and no additional FTE are needed. If grant funding is awarded, ODFW anticipates making a future request for federal funds expenditure limitation.

Action Requested

ODFW requests approval to submit a federal grant application in the amount of \$4,550,000 to Bonneville Power Administration.

Legislation Affected

None

Sincerely,

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Davia Palmeri
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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) requests approval to submit a federal grant application in the amount of \$498,546 to the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services FY2024 Wild Cervid CWD Funding Opportunity.

Background

This federal funding opportunity is available to state agencies and Federally recognized Tribal governments to further develop and implement wild cervid chronic wasting disease (CWD) surveillance, testing, management, and response activities, including further development and evaluation of techniques and strategies to prevent or control CWD in wild cervids.

ODFW intends to apply for two projects under this funding opportunity:

1. Preparing for chronic wasting disease among Columbia River Valley white-tailed deer in Oregon

ODFW is requesting approval to apply for \$249,546 to examine genetic vulnerability to CWD among black-tailed deer with the two Columbian white-tailed deer populations. With CWD reaching the border of Oregon, funding would be provided to researchers at University of Illinois to genetically evaluate the Columbian white-tailed deer populations and deer from the more common northwestern white-tailed deer subspecies found in eastern Oregon for susceptibility to CWD. Modeling studies will examine the best strategies for limiting the potential spread and impact of CWD among Columbian white-tailed deer, given the genetic vulnerability of this taxon, and the potential for interspecies transmission. If successful in receiving funds, the collaborative work will be sub-awarded to University of Illinois.

2. Wild Cervid Chronic Wasting Disease Prevention, Surveillance, Education, and Management

ODFW is requesting approval to apply for \$249,000 to support the agency's effort to provide early detection and avoid incursion of CWD into Oregon. The focus of this effort involves increasing coordination for CWD detection and response, developing sample collection training programs, working with Oregon State University in developing an Oregon-based rapid testing and reporting system, and providing educational outreach materials and programs.

This request would fund the sampling and testing of tissues from more than 3,000 deer and elk harvested by hunters or collected under the road-kill salvage program, and sample collection by field staff at check stations and by taxidermy businesses. This increase in sample size is needed for effective detection, response and control.

Improved carcass collection and disposal as part of sample collection efforts will facilitate disease management actions; and robust education and outreach will align the knowledge of the public and stakeholders with agency management actions.

Agency Action

Funding applications are due to USDA by June 10, 2024. If ODFW's grant application is approved, notification of award to the agency is expected by the end of August 2024. Project work would begin no later than September 30, 2024; funds must be spent within 12 months from the start date of the project work. No state match is required for this federal funding opportunity, and no additional FTE are needed. If grant funding is awarded, ODFW anticipates making a future request for federal funds expenditure limitation.

Action Requested

ODFW requests approval to submit a federal grant application to the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services in the amount of \$498,546.

Legislation Affected

None

Sincerely,



Davia Palmeri
Interim Director



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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) requests permission to apply for a funding opportunity offered by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). The USFS approached ODA in early 2024 requesting agency assistance to complete work that is critical to the recovery of burned lands, specifically on the Willamette and Mt. Hood National Forests. If funded, this work would support the recovery of these lands by addressing high priority noxious weed infestations that threaten these recently disturbed areas and protect adjacent lands from being infested through intensive survey, treatment, and monitoring.

Successful recovery of these burned areas will ensure proper functioning conditions that contribute to water quality and quantity, fish and wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities and associated economies, protection of myriad ecosystem services and public safety. These lands are vulnerable to invasion and present a vector for the spread of noxious weeds to adjacent high value landscapes and areas where extensive restoration investments have already been made and need protection.

Agency Action/Federal Grant Information

This funding opportunity is being offered directly to ODA as a non-competitive grant that has a 5% in-kind match requirement, which would be met with existing program staff time that is funded by Lottery Funds. The ODA anticipates an initial award \$350,000 with periodic modifications and infusions of additional federal dollars to support the work. While this is a non-competitive cooperative agreement, the mechanism for funding is through an Application for Federal Assistance. The submission deadline is June 30, 2024, and the deadline to execute the agreement is end of Federal FY24.

Funds for this cooperative agreement come through USFS funds that are sourced from multiple federal programs. The agreement will support a single full-time seasonal position for up to 5 years with potential for work to start in Summer 2024.

Action Requested

The department respectfully requests permission to apply for this \$350,000 non-competitive grant.

Legislation Affected

If the grant application is successful, ODA may return to the Legislature for increased federal funds expenditure limitation and position authority.

Sincerely,



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Subject: DEQ approval request for Federal Toxics Monitoring grant funds

Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is requesting approval to apply to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Columbia River Basin Restoration Funding Assistance Program – Science and Monitoring Grant (Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-R10-OW-CRBRP-2024-01).

The Science and Monitoring grant is a competitive funding opportunity managed by EPA Region 10's Water Division to improve the understanding of toxic pollution and their effects on water quality throughout the entire U.S. portion of the Columbia River Basin. Applications for \$300,000 to \$3 million are due on May 17, 2024. If awarded funds by EPA, DEQ will develop and implement a multi-element, multi-year program to identify and characterize presence and magnitude of toxic contaminants in the Columbia River Basin within the State of Oregon. Specifically, DEQ plans to propose three monitoring project elements within its grant proposal, which would extend into the 2027-2029 biennium. This letter describes the overall framework of the proposed projects.

Columbia River Basin Restoration Program and Toxics Monitoring Grant Background

In 2016, Congress amended the Clean Water Act (CWA) to add Section 123 (33 U.S.C. § 1275), which required EPA to establish a Columbia River Basin Restoration Program. CWA Section 123 authorizes EPA to establish a representative working group composed of states, tribal governments, industry, non-governmental organizations and other entities and directs EPA to develop a voluntary, competitive grants program that provides a framework for funding toxic reduction, monitoring, and outreach activities. Fiscal year 2019 was the inaugural year of funding for this program.

In 2021, the Infrastructure and Investment and Jobs Act (also known as the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law") provided the Columbia River Basin Restoration Program with a significant increase in available funding. EPA has structured funding opportunities under this program into three distinct categories: i) Tribal Grants, ii) Toxic Reduction Lead entities (for which DEQ was awarded \$6M in 2023), and iii) this Science and Monitoring Grant opportunity that was announced on March 17, 2024. For the Science and Monitoring Grant opportunity, EPA anticipates awarding up to a total of \$15 million dollars through multiple cooperative agreements with eligible applicants that may include state governments, tribal governments, regional water pollution control agencies and entities, local government entities,

nongovernmental entities, or soil and water conservation districts. Individual applicant awards may be between \$300,000 to \$3 million dollars in federal funding to be spent over a 5-year timeline, beginning in fall 2024.

The primary purpose of the Science and Monitoring grants are to increase the number, type, and scientific rigor of toxics monitoring projects in the Columbia River Basin through specific actions in three program priority areas:

- 1) characterization and spatiotemporal trend analysis;
- 2) pathway identification; and/or
- 3) novel methods and approaches.

Eligible projects must address one of the following categories: monitoring to evaluate trends, and/or promoting citizen engagement or knowledge by increasing engagement and communication with individual community members (such as local, state and Tribal environmental managers, and/or NGOs).

EPA will prioritize funding to mitigate for past environmental justice impacts and improve community health, resilience and/or sustainability; and that foster resilience and adaptation to changing climate and environmental conditions. EPA's evaluation scores will depend on the quality with which the priorities are addressed, not the number of priorities. In addition, EPA will give funding priority to proposals that address Environmental Justice, benefit underserved communities, build off successful efforts in the Basin to address toxics and those that leverage or expand on existing partnerships.

DEQ Grant Application Proposal

DEQ intends to apply to EPA for \$3 million in federal funding to fund the following activities:

- to study the fate and transport of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in land applied biosolids in different ecosystems on the Oregon side of the Columbia River Basin;
- to support collection and analysis of mercury monitoring data to track basin recovery and lay the groundwork for development of BMPs that improve Willamette Mercury TMDL implementation effectiveness;
- to enhance fish tissue monitoring efforts in the Columbia River Tributaries, including the Willamette River, to identify human and ecosystem exposure to toxic legacy and emerging contaminants.

If approved, DEQ plans to use approximately \$1.4 million (47% of total) of the funding to improve and expand fish tissue monitoring efforts in the Columbia River Tributaries within Oregon, including the Willamette River. This will include legacy contaminants such as mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) as well as emerging contaminants, per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), with additional monitoring of water and sediment at select sites. The study will involve coordination between DEQ Programs and the Oregon Health Authority, Tribal Nations and other interested parties. This project would also allow collaborative efforts with the USGS and Oregon Fish and Wildlife for fish tissue collection efforts. This project will complement the fish toxics monitoring efforts currently being conducted in the main stem Columbia River by Yakima Nation, CRTFC, and USGS. If awarded, the results will fill critical knowledge gaps related to legacy toxics and emerging contaminants in fish and the environment of the Columbia River Basin and improve DEQs internal capacity to conduct robust toxics monitoring.

DEQ would use approximately \$700,000 (23% of total) to support the study investigating PFAS in land applied biosolids. DEQ will utilize the funds to work with Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies (ACWA) and the Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Services and the College of Agricultural Sciences (as sub-awardees) to identify PFAS concentrations found in land applied biosolids and correlate them with concentrations in crops grown on application sites, in offsite drainage to surface waters, in water that infiltrates to groundwater, or that is sequestered in the soil profile. Novel sample analysis will also be conducted to attempt to differentiate sources of the PFAS encountered. The study will provide data that will: help DEQ identify appropriate regulations of land applied biosolids in Oregon; provide a better understanding of what effects land applied biosolids may have on PFAS concentrations in adjacent water bodies; assist in answering questions wastewater facilities, farmers, and the public have concerning the risks of PFAS associated with land applying biosolids; and support OSU's development of analytical tools to identify specific sources of PFAS in environmental samples.

DEQ would use approximately \$700,000 of the grant funding (23% overall) for monitoring and associated activities that support implementation efficacy of the Willamette River Mercury TMDL. Specifically, the funding will support collection and analysis of additional methylmercury and paired total suspended solids-total mercury data – particularly focusing on outlets of sub-basins that were data limited during development of the 2019 Willamette Mercury TMDL. These data will improve our understanding of sources and landscape processes relevant for loading to surface waters which will allow for more targeted resource allocation by DEQ and partner agencies. The results of this data collection and analysis will be used as a part of the adaptive management process to communicate with designated management agencies (DMAs) including permit holders, municipalities, state and federal agencies named in the TMDL regarding key implementation strategies and areas for mercury reduction. Roughly half of this funding amount would be utilized for sample collection and analysis, while the other half would be needed for data analysis, interpretation, and reporting of outcomes. A key deliverable of this project element will be the development of data summaries for outreach and communication efforts for Willamette Mercury TMDL implementation efforts in high-impact areas within the basin.

DEQ would use roughly \$200,000 (7% of total) of the requested grant amount for administrative costs to oversee and administer this grant, including reporting to EPA.

The Science and Monitoring grant requires a 25% non-federal match (\$1M) of the total project amount. The match may come from a variety of sources including but not limited to: public sources such as state appropriations or local government match to the grant projects; private sources, such as funding from a local business or nonprofit partner contributing to funded projects; in-kind services, such as the state's or local partner's staff time for managing and implementing the grant and projects; or non-federal Clean Water State Revolving Fund program funds that have revolved at the state level. DEQ anticipates match funding for this grant to be provided largely through staff time working on these projects, and funding support or in-kind match from participating partners. DEQ is not requesting General Fund for this match – existing funding sources will be used to pay for staff time.

Action Requested

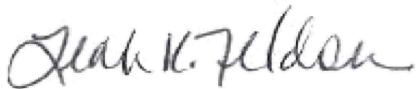
DEQ requests approval from the State Emergency Board to submit the grant application to EPA for the Science and Monitoring grant funds. DEQ will develop a workplan that will include further scoping and development of specific projects to be accomplished throughout this multi-year program aimed at gaining improved understanding of toxic contaminants in the Columbia River Basin within the State of Oregon.

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Representative Julie Fahey, Co-Chair
April 29, 2024
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Should its application be accepted, DEQ anticipates it will need additional expenditure limitation and position authority to administer and manage the grant funds and track and report outcomes to EPA.

DEQ is excited for this opportunity to provide dedicated resources for projects that seek to generate improved understanding of toxics in our environment with the ultimate goal of protecting and improving water quality, restoring contaminated areas, and prevent further toxic contaminants from entering the environment. Thank you for your review of this request letter. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Leah Feldon
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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) seeks permission to apply for the Training for Residential Energy Contractors (TREC) grant, a competitive grant offered by the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) and authorized through the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA) Section 50123. The grant will help prepare the workforce to implement new energy-efficient technologies for Home Energy Rebates that are incentivized through IRA. The program will also support the state's goal of deploying 500,000 new heat pumps by 2030 by investing in the necessary workforce.

Agency Action

USDOE released the competitive federal grant opportunity to state energy offices on March 29, 2024. ODOE can compete for approximately \$2 million to support a statewide workforce development program. The grant has a four-year period of performance. The grant application is due on July 12, 2024. No state match is required.

This grant will complement the formula-based TREC grant program, which ODOE applied for on November 17, 2023. ODOE is awaiting communication from USDOE on award status for the formula-based program. During application planning, ODOE engaged with a variety of different stakeholders to help inform the program design. While planning efforts for the formula-funded program are ongoing, ODOE intends to utilize the federal grant to support the state-funded Energy Efficient Technologies Information and Training program authorized in HB 3409 during the 2023 legislative session.

Stakeholder feedback indicates that there are existing electrician and construction training programs and educational facilities in the state that would benefit from an investment in energy efficiency coursework to support Oregonians entering the workforce — as well as supporting contractors and their existing employees to enhance their skills. The grant may also support expanded entrepreneurial training programs for existing contractors and strengthen the network of employers in the electrical and construction fields.

If awarded, ODOE anticipates using this funding to provide subgrants to existing workforce programs to further develop the clean energy workforce. Additionally, the grant is aimed at increasing equity by supporting programs and businesses in disadvantaged communities. The grant is covered by Justice40 Initiative, which requires that 40 percent of the benefits flow to disadvantaged communities as defined by the federal agency.

The competitive TREC grant will further bolster the formula-funded award and expand its reach in Oregon. The TREC grant will support ODOE's mission to advance solutions to shape an equitable clean energy transition by better preparing the energy efficiency workforce to deploy efficient home energy technologies and upgrades. The investment in an energy efficiency workforce will prepare Oregon for a rapid deployment of energy-saving equipment in Oregon's homes and businesses.

Action Requested

ODOE requests approval to submit a competitive Training for Residential Energy Contactors grant application to the U.S. Department of Energy. If awarded, ODOE intends to return to seek limitation and position authority, as needed.

Legislation Affected

None.



Janine Benner, Director

cc: Sione Filimoehala, CFO
Wendy Gibson, LFO

Link to the solicitation: [Training for Residential Energy Contractors Grants \(Competitive\) | Department of Energy](#)



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May 3, 2024

The Honorable Senator Rob Wagner, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Julie Fahey, Co-Chair
State Emergency Board
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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) seeks permission to apply for the Energy Auditor Training grant, a competitive grant offered by the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) and authorized through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA) Section 40503. The grant has residential and commercial tracks that must be applied for separately. ODOE seeks permission to apply for the residential track to help prepare the workforce needed to conduct energy audits required for Home Efficiency Rebates that are incentivized through IRA. ODOE also seeks permission to apply for the commercial track to invest in the energy efficiency workforce to support other state activities, including the state's Energy Performance Standard policy for commercial buildings.

Agency Action

USDOE released the competitive federal grant opportunity to state energy offices on December 20, 2023. ODOE can compete for a grant, up to \$2 million, to support statewide residential and/or commercial energy auditor workforce programs. The grants have a three-year period of performance. Grant applications are due on June 28, 2024. No state match is required.

This grant will complement the formula-funded Home Energy Rebates program, which ODOE applied for on March 27, 2024. To qualify for a rebate, Home Energy Rebate applicants are required to get a home energy audit. It is estimated that more than 5,000 homes could receive rebates through this program. The need for residential energy auditors is augmented by Oregon's robust Home Energy Score program. Several cities have mandatory scoring policies (Portland, Milwaukie, Hillsboro, and Bend), with many additional cities showing interest in developing Home Energy Score policies. The workforce must grow to meet the demand created by these programs.

Furthermore, in 2023, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 3409, establishing an Energy Performance Standard policy for commercial buildings — often referred to as a Building Performance Standard. The Energy Performance Standard for commercial buildings addresses energy use and emissions from existing commercial buildings, which account for nearly 20 percent of energy use in Oregon. It will require many large commercial buildings to enhance

their energy management practices and implement efficiency measures to meet energy use targets. A critical component of this standard is an energy audit to determine and analyze potential energy efficiency measures that will reduce building energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. An energy audit provides building owners and operators with direction for measures needed to achieve energy performance targets. ODOE estimates that thousands of commercial buildings will require, and benefit from, an energy audit performed by a qualified auditor.

Stakeholder feedback indicates that there are existing and emerging energy auditor training programs and educational facilities within the state that could benefit from an investment in energy efficiency coursework for Oregonians entering the workforce, as well as ways to support underrepresented and marginalized community members from disadvantaged communities. The grants are aimed at increasing equity by supporting programs and businesses in disadvantaged communities through the Justice40 Initiative, which requires 40 percent of the benefits to flow to disadvantaged communities as defined by the federal agency. ODOE anticipates providing subgrants to existing workforce programs to further develop the clean energy workforce, especially with a focus on disadvantaged community members.

This program would support ODOE's mission to advance solutions to shape an equitable clean energy transition by better preparing the workforce to conduct energy audits in preparation for residential and commercial efficiency upgrades and building performance standards. This investment in an energy efficiency workforce will prepare Oregon for a rapid deployment of energy-saving installations in Oregon's homes and businesses.

Action Requested

ODOE requests approval to submit two competitive grant applications to the U.S. Department of Energy – one for residential and one for commercial energy auditors. If awarded, ODOE intends to return to seek limitation and position authority, if needed.

Legislation Affected

None.

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Janine Benner, Director

cc: Sione Filimoehala, CFO
Wendy Gibson, LFO

Link to the solicitation: [Energy Auditor Training Grant Program | Department of Energy](#)



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April 29, 2024

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Dear Co-Chairs:

NATURE OF THE REQUEST

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Driver & Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) requests retroactive approval to apply for a Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) 2024 Commercial Driver License Program Implementation (CDLPI) grant in the amount of \$530,000. No State match is required. The notice of funding opportunity for the CDLPI grant was announced on March 4, 2024, and applications were due April 19, 2024.

The grant will assist in complying with federal commercial driver license regulations and required modernization of the commercial driver license (CDL) skills test. FMCSA anticipates awarding approximately 55 grants in the amount of \$84.4 million during FY 2024. Final funding amounts are subject to the availability of funding appropriated by Congress. Grant awards are discretionary and awarded on the merits of the grant application. Grant award notification is expected in the fall of 2024.

AGENCY ACTION

The FMCSA CDLPI grant program provides financial assistance to states to improve the national CDL program, which is regulated by the FMCSA. The goal of the program is to reduce the number and severity of commercial motor vehicle crashes in the United States by ensuring that only qualified drivers are eligible to receive and retain a CDL. Grant funds may be used to support the development, implementation, maintenance, and operations of the CDL program. Grants assist states in achieving and sustaining compliance with the provisions of FMCSA's CDL regulations, codified in 49 CFR parts 383 and 384.

The 2024 Oregon grant application for CDLPI grant funds will address two projects. The first is the implementation of a modernized CDL Skills Test developed by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA). The second is the implementation of the federally required Medical Examiner's Certification Integration final rule, also known as National Registry II. The FMCSA approved the modernized CDL skills test developed by AAMVA on August 11, 2022. The new test model addresses evolving technologies within the industry, increases focus on critical safety components, and incorporates maneuvers linked to crash causality.

Implementation of the AAMVA modernized CDL Skills Test will require training and then compliance evaluations for both DMV staff and Third-Party examiners. Materials, including the

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Oregon Commercial Driver Manual, CDL Examiner Manual, and CDL knowledge test question item banks will be updated to align with the modernized CDL Skills Test.

CDL Skills Test Project Cost: \$ 350,000

Match: \$ 0

Grant Request: \$ 350,000

The federal National Registry II (NRII) final rule requires medical examiners to transmit Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC) information – currently a paper form – electronically to the FMCSA National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners (the registry) via the Commercial Driver License Information System (CDLIS). The rule requires states to query the registry via CDLIS prior to issuing a commercial driving privilege and to receive information from the registry via CDLIS when a MEC expires or becomes invalid. An upgrade of the DMV driver licensing system is necessary to implement NRII.

Compliance with the NRII final rule is mandated by June 22, 2025. Noncompliance with the federal regulations could result in decertification of Oregon's CDL Program and the withholding of Oregon's Federal-Aid Highway funds, up to four percent the first year and up to eight percent the second year of non-compliance.

NRII Project Cost: \$ 180,000

Match: \$ 0

Grant Request: \$ 180,000

FMCSA determines awards based on its priorities and compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). The modernized test system will resolve several outstanding findings from Oregon's annual FMCSA program reviews and increase compliance with the FMCSRs. Additionally, this grant will fund Oregon's implementation of the required National Registry II final rule. If grant funds are not received for these two projects, ODOT will have to find alternative funding to meet the federal requirements and may not meet the NRII federal deadline. ODOT may need to return for additional Other Funds expenditure limitation if the grant is awarded. No additional positions will be required.

ACTION REQUESTED

ODOT requests retroactive approval to apply for a Commercial Driver License Program Implementation grant from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for \$530,000 in grant funds.

LEGISLATION AFFECTED

None.

Sincerely,



Kristopher W. Strickler
Director



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Dear Co-Chairs:

NATURE OF THE REQUEST

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Public Transportation Division (PTD) requests retroactive approval to apply for \$1,500,000 of Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) funds from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a passenger rail planning grant.

AGENCY ACTION

The purpose of the CRISI Program is to invest in a wide range of projects to improve railroad safety, efficiency, and reliability; mitigate congestion at both intercity passenger rail and freight rail chokepoints to support more efficient travel and goods movement; enhance multi-modal connections; and lead to new or substantially improved Intercity Passenger Rail Transportation corridors. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was released on March 29, 2024, and applications were due May 28, 2024. The award date has not been announced but is expected to be this fall. A total of \$2.4 billion in awards is available under this NOFO. ODOT has identified an excellent candidate that aligns with program criteria.

Funding from this grant program would support ODOT's passenger rail planning work with additional scoping and design of infrastructure improvements from the Oregon Rail Advisory Committee (RAC) inventory development and assist with the Oregon State Rail Plan update, crossing safety, and planning efforts now only supported with internal rail funds. RAC inventory projects must be advanced to 30 percent design stage before ODOT can pursue infrastructure funding. This important work will also assist in scoping capital improvement projects and advancing them to readiness from the ODOT Service Development Plan (SDP) and associated planning work. This will ensure all is in alignment within the FRA Corridor Identification and Development (CID) Program, for which the Amtrak Cascades corridor was admitted in 2024.

CID is a new program under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, developed by the FRA to accelerate federal investment in state-supported passenger rail services. ODOT and WSDOT jointly sponsor the Amtrak Cascades, a regional intercity passenger rail service

connecting Vancouver, B.C., Seattle, WA, Portland, OR, and Eugene, OR. Due to CID Program requirements, additional work must be done before specific infrastructure projects for Amtrak Cascades would qualify for funding through CID, and this grant would support those efforts. For example, the Eugene Layover Project, currently at 10 percent design status, must be advanced to 30 percent to determine if it is a viable project to include in the Rail Needs Inventory and prioritized for future grant opportunities. Additionally, ODOT is finalizing the modeling with Union Pacific Railroad, which will result in a list of prioritized projects to advance in design.

Grant Request:	\$ 1,500,000
Matching Funds:	<u>\$ 500,000</u>
Total Cost:	\$ 2,000,000

Matching funds of 25 percent will be provided by the Transportation Operating Fund (TOF), which ODOT earmarked for grant match to leverage federal funds. The CRISI program requires a minimum 20 percent match, but federal grant programs generally prefer applications that exceed the minimum requirement. Receipt of this grant is crucial to passenger rail in Oregon and will help extend ODOT's rail budget. Infrastructure improvements advanced through planning and 30 percent design will enhance on-time performance, add capacity necessary to the rail system and handle more train traffic efficiently and safely. These improvements align with the state's goal of promoting intercity passenger rail service as an alternative to motor vehicle travel to reduce both roadway congestion and greenhouse gas emissions. If CRISI grant awards are not yet announced or are not awarded to this project, ODOT will likely apply for the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail grant this fall. ODOT may need to return for Federal Funds expenditure limitation if the grant is awarded. No additional positions will be required.

ACTION REQUESTED

ODOT requests retroactive approval to apply for a Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements grant from the Federal Railroad Administration for \$1,500,000.

LEGISLATION AFFECTED

None.

Sincerely,



Kristopher W. Strickler
Director



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Dear Co-Chairs:

NATURE OF THE REQUEST

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Delivery and Operations Division requests retroactive approval to apply for \$29.8 million of Rural Surface Transportation Grant program (Rural) funds from the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Opportunity, specifically for the OR126: Huston to Lakeside Drive Project.

AGENCY ACTION

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) provided funds to the USDOT for the Rural grant program to provide federal financial assistance to a variety of highway, bridge, and multimodal projects in the nation to improve surface transportation infrastructure specifically in rural areas and has made \$780 million available this year. Funding opportunities are awarded on a competitive basis to projects that have a significant regional impact and will improve safety, economic strength, equity, climate and sustainability. Competitive projects will meet the program goals of supporting economic vitality, addressing climate change, advancing racial equity, leveraging federal funding, innovation, safety, and accountability. The Notice of Funding Opportunity was issued by USDOT on March 26, 2024, and applications were due May 6, 2024. The award date has not been announced but is expected later in 2024. Funding must be obligated by Sept. 30, 2028, and there is no expenditure deadline.

ODOT has identified the OR126: Huston to Lakeside Drive Project in Lane County in the City of Veneta as an excellent candidate for the Rural program. This project will invest in safety by making improvements to reduce serious and fatal injuries, relieve congestion, facilitate freight movement, provide multimodal connectivity opportunities, and increase access to affordable housing and jobs for Oregonians. The project also makes significant advances toward completing a more complex highway improvement project on OR126 to further safety and mobility between Veneta and Eugene and points beyond.

Grant Request:	\$29,800,000
Matching Funds:	<u>\$ 8,000,000</u>
Total Project Cost:	\$37,800,000

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The Rural grant program limits grant funding to 80 percent of the total project cost. ODOT's portion of matching funds for the project will come from the \$40 million in IJJA flexible funds set aside by the Oregon Transportation Commission for use as match on federal discretionary grants. If ODOT is not awarded this federal grant, federal funding may be pursued through other grant applications and conventional project funding sources. However, absent the grant award it is unlikely major safety challenges on this highway will be addressed in the near future. ODOT may need to return for Federal Funds expenditure limitation if this grant is awarded. No additional positions will be required.

ACTION REQUESTED

ODOT requests retroactive approval to apply for a Rural Surface Transportation grant from the United States Department of Transportation for \$29.8 million in grant funds.

LEGISLATION AFFECTED

None.

Sincerely,



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Dear Co-Chairs:

NATURE OF THE REQUEST

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Policy, Data & Analysis Division requests retroactive approval to apply for \$12 million in grant funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) State Electronic Data Collection grant program.

AGENCY ACTION

On January 31, 2024, NHTSA opened applications for the State Electronic Data Collection grant program, and applications were due May 15, 2024. NHTSA has allocated \$350 million for this grant program and each state is eligible for one award. The grant program purpose is to upgrade and standardize state crash data collection systems to enable electronic data collection, intrastate data sharing, and full electronic data transfers to NHTSA to increase the accuracy, timeliness, and accessibility of the data, including data relating to fatalities involving vulnerable road users. SEDC grant funds may be used for the following three areas:

- Equipment to upgrade a statewide crash data repository;
- Adoption of electronic crash reporting by law enforcement agencies; and
- Increasing alignment of State crash data with the latest Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria

ODOT has identified an excellent candidate for this grant program: the replacement of the existing and outdated ODOT Crash Data System (CDS), which is used for crash data storage, management and reporting. Data on motor vehicle crashes in Oregon serves a critical role in decision-making across all levels of federal, state, and local government agencies, including where and how to invest in transportation improvements. It is critical for decision makers to have access to timely and informative crash data.

Issues with the current CDS hinder the timely collection, processing, and dissemination of this data. The lack of consistent electronic report submission options hinders the timely processing of crash data and impacts the ability to meet state and federal crash data reporting requirements. The current

CDS also lacks interoperability with other key systems such as DMV Driver and Vehicle records preventing data users from conducting analysis on crash data.

Through replacement of the CDS, ODOT expects to expand the availability, timeliness, and accessibility of reportable crash data to create a system that will more rapidly and comprehensively identify crash trends, expand the number of insights derived from the data, and better enable analysis to inform policy and decision making. The planned replacement system will meet the current data collection, sharing, and regulatory reporting needs. Additionally, the system will increase ODOT's alignment of State crash data with the latest Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria, the standardized guidance provided by NHTSA.

Grant Request:	\$12,000,000
Matching Funds:	<u>\$ 4,000,000</u>
Total Project Cost:	\$ 16,000,000

This SEDC grant program requires a minimum 20 percent match and allows that match to be supplied via in-kind staff hours, which are paid for by the State Highway Fund. The greater-than-minimum match amount listed is due to the significant number of staff hours that will be dedicated to this effort. Grant funds are obligated upon a written agreement with NHTSA and must be expended no later than five years from that date. ODOT may need to return for Federal Funds expenditure limitation if the grant is awarded. No additional positions will be required.

ACTION REQUESTED

ODOT requests retroactive approval to apply for a State Electronic Data Collection grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for \$12 million in grant funds.

LEGISLATION AFFECTED

None.

Sincerely,



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Dear Co-Chairs:

NATURE OF THE REQUEST

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) requests approval to apply for \$100 million in grant funding from the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Low Carbon Transportation Materials Program.

AGENCY ACTION

On March 12, 2024, FHWA opened applications for the Low Carbon Transportation Materials Program (program), which is intended to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through reimbursement and incentive funding for low carbon construction materials and products used in transportation. Through the Inflation Reduction Act, the FHWA will make \$2 billion available for state departments of transportation, Tribes, metropolitan planning organizations, and other agencies to buy materials like concrete, asphalt, and steel that have less GHG emissions.

Applications are due on June 10, 2024. A specific award date is not announced but is anticipated to occur in the summer of 2024. The FHWA is not requiring a match from applicants. Funds are available for obligation through September 30, 2026, and available for expenditure before September 30, 2031.

ODOT is developing a low carbon construction program as well as implementing related requirements in ORS 184.879. This federal funding opportunity enables ODOT to expand the scope and impact of existing efforts currently underway. Furthermore, the LCTM funding opportunity allows ODOT to:

- Hire additional staff to implement the program. For example, staff time will be required to identify construction projects that are suitable for low carbon materials and then develop plans to incorporate low carbon materials. Staff will also need to update construction contract language to reflect the program opportunities like incentivizing the use of low carbon materials.
- Engage with contractors and material suppliers across the state to discuss low carbon materials and encourage their participation in the federal Energy Star program that is part of the federal government's overarching initiative to reduce GHG emissions.
- Incentivize contractors to use low carbon materials on federally funded projects.

- Establish a process to identify, verify, and use materials with lower levels of GHG emissions while ensuring performance throughout the lifecycle of a pavement.
- Update specifications to allow the use of products and strategies that result in lower embodied carbon materials. This involves engagement with industry.
- Cover costs associated with the collection and storage of environmental product declarations.
- Utilize environmental product declarations to determine statewide and even regional averages of the embodied carbon with transportation materials. ODOT could then hire a consultant to analyze what should constitute a low carbon material based on availability in the Oregon market.
- Offset costs associated with the development of environmental product declarations.
- Fund extensive research that expands the use of high-performance low carbon materials. For example, there is potential to expand the use of Oregon's volcanic ash deposits as a supplementary cementitious material.
- Pay for testing equipment to properly accept and verify performance of low carbon materials.
- Construct test strips in various climatic zones to better understand how roadways with low carbon materials perform across the state.
- Develop a verification process for low carbon material performance and contractor-submitted environmental product declarations.
- Develop a performance monitoring plan for projects constructed with low carbon materials.
- Cover staff costs to report back to the federal government on LCTM program implementation.

Program Request:	\$ 100,000,000
Matching Funds:	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Project Cost:	\$ 100,000,000

No matching funds are required by this grant program. If ODOT is not awarded funds from the LCTM program, the agency will continue to implement ORS 184.879 and partner with industry and academic subject matter experts to reduce embodied carbon from construction materials. ODOT will need to return for Federal Funds expenditure limitation if the grant is awarded. Additional positions may be needed depending on the size of the award.

ACTION REQUESTED

ODOT requests approval to apply for \$100,000,000 in funding under the Low Carbon Transportation Materials Program from the Federal Highway Administration.

LEGISLATION AFFECTED

None.

Sincerely,



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Director



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Dear Co-Chairs:

NATURE OF THE REQUEST

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Delivery and Operations Division requests permission to apply for \$12 million in grant funding from the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP).

AGENCY ACTION

The ATIIP provides grants to states, tribes, and local agencies to strategically infill gaps in infrastructure for people to safely walk and bicycle to destinations within communities or between communities, metropolitan regions, or states. The ATIIP also provides an opportunity to improve access to transit services. Grant funds can be used for both planning and design projects and construction projects. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was published March 19, 2024, and applications are due July 17, 2024. The award dates have not been announced, but awards are expected by this fall. ODOT has identified an excellent candidate for this grant opportunity.

The proposed project is in one of the highest traffic areas in Eastern Oregon between Ontario, Oregon and Fruitland, Idaho. Ontario is an economically distressed community with a high disparity ratio in the surrounding area. This project would construct a multi-use path within ODOT right-of way beneath the Snake River Bridge in Ontario, connecting sidewalks on both sides of East Idaho Avenue (US30) and providing access to the City's planned trail network. The existing sidewalk on the north side of East Idaho Avenue terminates at the bridge and there is no safe way to cross the busy highway. Additionally, it is unsafe to cross the Snake River Bridge on foot or bicycle on the north side of the highway. US30 is a multi-lane highway with crosswalks at signalized intersections located at Goodfellow Street and East Lane, which have permissive right-turn lanes. Recently, there was a serious injury vehicle crash with a pedestrian at the East Lane/US30 intersection. The proposed project will resolve these safety issues by providing a direct route that is grade-separated from traffic for people to cross the highway on foot or by bicycle and access the protected path on the south side of the bridge.

ODOT selected this project as a priority for the ATIIP grant program as it is a good match with program priorities, agency priorities, and project readiness. This project will provide connectivity to jobs, healthcare, schools, and businesses along the corridor and within the community, as well as a safe connection between Ontario and Fruitland. It will promote commerce by providing a connection between businesses on the north and south side of the highway. The proposed project is a critical link to implementing the City of Ontario's 2021 Transportation System Plan that envisions a transportation network providing safe and comfortable mobility options for all residents, employees, and visitors. Residents west of I-84 have effectively been cut off from the businesses along US30. This project improves access for a part of the population that has been underserved and prioritizes the safety of vulnerable users with a grade-separated crossing.

Grant Request:	\$12,000,000
Matching Funds:	<u>\$ 3,000,000</u>
Total Project Cost:	\$15,000,000

The ATIIP grant program limits grant funding to 80 percent of the total project cost. ODOT's portion of matching funds for the project will come from the \$40 million in funds set aside by the Oregon Transportation Commission to use as match on federal discretionary grants. If ATIIP funds are awarded, it would allow ODOT to add scope to the existing STIP project to construct the crossing beneath the Snake River Bridge. Funds must be obligated by September 2026, and construction is to be completed within five years. If awarded funds, ODOT will work with the City of Ontario to develop a formal agreement to address maintenance responsibilities of the new multi-use path.

If ODOT does not receive a grant, the agency will not be able to address the safety risk at East Lane and provide a critical link in the City's active transportation network.

ACTION REQUESTED

ODOT requests approval to submit a grant application to the Federal Highway Administration for \$12 million in ATIIP construction grant funds. No additional expenditure limitation nor staffing will be required if funds are awarded.

LEGISLATION AFFECTED

None.

Sincerely,



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Dear Co-Chairs:

NATURE OF THE REQUEST

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Delivery and Operations Division requests permission to apply for an America the Beautiful Challenge (ATBC) grant for \$1,270,000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), a nonprofit organization that preserves and restores America's native wildlife species and habitats. The ATBC grant program is funded with \$119 million for awards in 2024 to connect and restore the lands, waters, and wildlife.

AGENCY ACTION

In the third year of this program, ATBC seeks to fund projects across the following themes:

- Conserving and restoring rivers, coasts, wetlands, and watersheds
- Conserving and restoring forests, grasslands, and other important ecosystems that serve as carbon sinks
- Connecting and reconnecting wildlife corridors, large landscapes, watersheds, and seascapes
- Improving ecosystem and community resilience to flood, drought, and other climate-related threats
- Expanding access to the outdoors, particularly in underserved communities

The Notice of Funding Opportunity was issued by NFWF on February 26, 2024, pre-proposal applications were due by April 4, 2024, and full proposals (by invitation only, which ODOT has received) are due July 16, 2024. Awards are expected to be announced in November 2024.

ODOT has identified the design of a wildlife corridor across Highway 20 near Black Butte in Central Oregon as an excellent candidate for this program. A wildlife corridor in this area is supported by the Bend to Suttle Lake (B2S) Wildlife Passage Initiative, which has funded a feasibility study currently underway to determine the best place to construct the bridge for wildlife. The B2S is a broad-based partnership of state and federal agencies, land trusts, hunting conservation organizations, environmental organizations, Oregon State University, and other local stakeholders. The B2S advocates for improved wildlife movement and increased safety for motorists in Central Oregon region on Highway 20 between Bend and Suttle Lake.

Grant Request:	\$ 1,270,000
Matching Funds:	\$ 30,000 ODOT in-kind staff hours
	\$ 50,000 Oregon Wildlife Foundation
	\$ 60,000 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
	\$ 40,000 Roundhouse Foundation
	\$ 50,000 Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund
Total Project Cost	\$ 1,500,000

The ATBC grant limits grant funding to 90 percent of the total project cost. Total matching funds of \$230,000 consist of nonprofit contributions of \$200,000 and ODOT in-kind staff hours representing \$30,000. If awarded, the ATBC funding would allow ODOT to conduct design work for the creation of the wildlife crossing; ODOT would seek future grant funding under FHWA's Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program for the construction phase of this project. If ODOT is not awarded this grant, the project team intends to reapply in 2025 as well as pursue other federal grants.

ACTION REQUESTED

ODOT requests approval to submit a grant application to NFWF for \$1,270,000 in funding under the America the Beautiful Challenge grant program. No additional expenditure limitation nor positions will be required if funds are awarded.

LEGISLATION AFFECTED

None.

Sincerely,



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Director