

House Bill 2827

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Oregon Department of Emergency Management to develop and maintain grant program to harden community facilities against man-made and natural disasters.
Establishes Community Facility Hardening Fund.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to a grant program to improve the resiliency of community facilities.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **“Community facility” means a facility owned or operated by an eligible applicant.**

6 (b) **“Eligible applicant” means:**

7 (A) **A county; or**

8 (B) **A private organization qualified for federal tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3)**
9 **of the Internal Revenue Code.**

10 (c) **“Hardening” includes repairing, replacing or upgrading the structural components of**
11 **a facility or carrying out other activities for the purpose of making facilities more resilient**
12 **to wildfire, extreme weather, flooding, earthquake or other man-made or natural disasters.**

13 (2) **The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall develop and administer a**
14 **program to provide grants to eligible applicants for hardening community facilities against**
15 **man-made or natural disasters.**

16 (3) **Eligible applicants shall submit grant applications to the department in the form and**
17 **manner prescribed by the department. The department shall rank applications based on the**
18 **criteria established under subsection (4) of this section and award grants based on rankings**
19 **and available funds. If the department denies a grant application, the department shall pro-**
20 **vide the reason for the denial to the eligible applicant in writing.**

21 (4)(a) **The department shall establish by rule criteria for ranking grant applications under**
22 **the grant program. Criteria shall include, but need not be limited to:**

23 (A) **The level of need for the requested hardening activities, as demonstrated by the eli-**
24 **gible applicant;**

25 (B) **The types of man-made or natural disasters likely to be experienced in the region**
26 **where the community facility is located;**

27 (C) **Whether the community facility will be, or is likely to be, used for providing or sup-**
28 **porting emergency services; and**

29 (D) **Whether the applicant has an alternative means of funding the hardening activities.**

30 (b) **The department shall adopt rules to implement the grant program. Rules adopted**
31 **under this paragraph shall include, but need not be limited to:**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **(A) Policies and procedures for the grant application process;**

2 **(B) Terms and conditions of grant agreements entered into by the department and grant**
3 **recipients; and**

4 **(C) Procedures for verifying that grant funds have been used for the purposes for which**
5 **they were awarded.**

6 **SECTION 2.** **The Community Facility Hardening Fund is established in the State Treas-**
7 **ury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Community Facility**
8 **Hardening Fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appro-**
9 **priated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management for the purpose of carrying**
10 **out section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

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