

House Bill 2849

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 identify long-term recovery groups operating in Oregon and to provide grants for their support.

Establishes Long-Term Recovery Group Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to department for support of long-term recovery groups operating in areas experiencing emergency.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to long-term recovery groups; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "long-term recovery group" means a cooperative**
5 **organization comprising representatives of nonprofit, governmental, business and faith-based**
6 **entities that works within a local community to prepare for, build resilience against and re-**
7 **cover from emergencies, including performing any of the following functions:**

8 (a) **Providing local coordination of federal or state support;**

9 (b) **Serving as a primary local disaster recovery organization;**

10 (c) **Assessing local needs following a disaster and determining locally informed plans for**
11 **action;**

12 (d) **Facilitating communication with local communities, including vulnerable populations;**

13 (e) **Leveraging philanthropic and other private funding and coordinating with**
14 **philanthropic entities;**

15 (f) **Facilitating disaster case management, including providing a central hub for allocating**
16 **resources for unmet needs; or**

17 (g) **Providing emergency-related services and supports to the local community.**

18 (2) **The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall identify existing long-term**
19 **recovery groups in Oregon and provide grants for their support. The department shall exe-**
20 **cute grant agreements with grant recipients obligating recipients to use grant moneys for**
21 **purposes specified by the department. The department shall determine the permissible pur-**
22 **poses for a grant under this section based on the needs of the long-term recovery group and**
23 **the locality in which it operates.**

24 (3) **The department shall adopt rules necessary for the administration of this section.**

25 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
26 **ated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, for the biennium beginning July**
27 **1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$18,000,000 to provide grants under section**
28 **1 of this 2023 Act to long-term recovery groups for staffing and operations.**

29 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
30 **ated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, for the biennium beginning July**

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 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$18,000,000 to provide grants under section
2 1 of this 2023 Act to long-term recovery groups for disaster case management services.

3 **SECTION 4.** (1) The Long-Term Recovery Group Fund is established in the State Treas-
4 ury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The Long-Term Recovery Group Fund
5 consists of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the Leg-
6 islative Assembly or otherwise. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the
7 Oregon Department of Emergency Management for the purposes specified in subsection (2)
8 of this section.

9 (2) The department may expend moneys from the fund to make grants to long-term re-
10 covery groups, as defined in section 1 of this 2023 Act, if:

11 (a) The locality in which the long-term recovery group operates has experienced, or will
12 imminently experience, an emergency; and

13 (b) The long-term recovery group requests a grant from the fund to be used for increased
14 staffing or expedient incorporation or other organization.

15 **SECTION 5.** This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
16 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect
17 on its passage.