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During 2022, a task force that included ODFW Staff and Commissioners, Oregon State Police, conservation groups, animal welfare groups and wildlife rehabilitators met and identified this as an urgent need to advance wildlife conservation in Oregon. In response, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife submitted to the Oregon Governor, as part of their proposed budget package, a nearly 3 million dollar Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package that would promote wildlife stewardship, reduce human-wildlife conflicts, engage new audiences, and support wildlife rehabilitation efforts. Unfortunately, it was not included in the budget that was submitted by the governor to the legislature.

Please ensure that the legislature restores the fully-funded Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package to the ODFW Budget.