



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

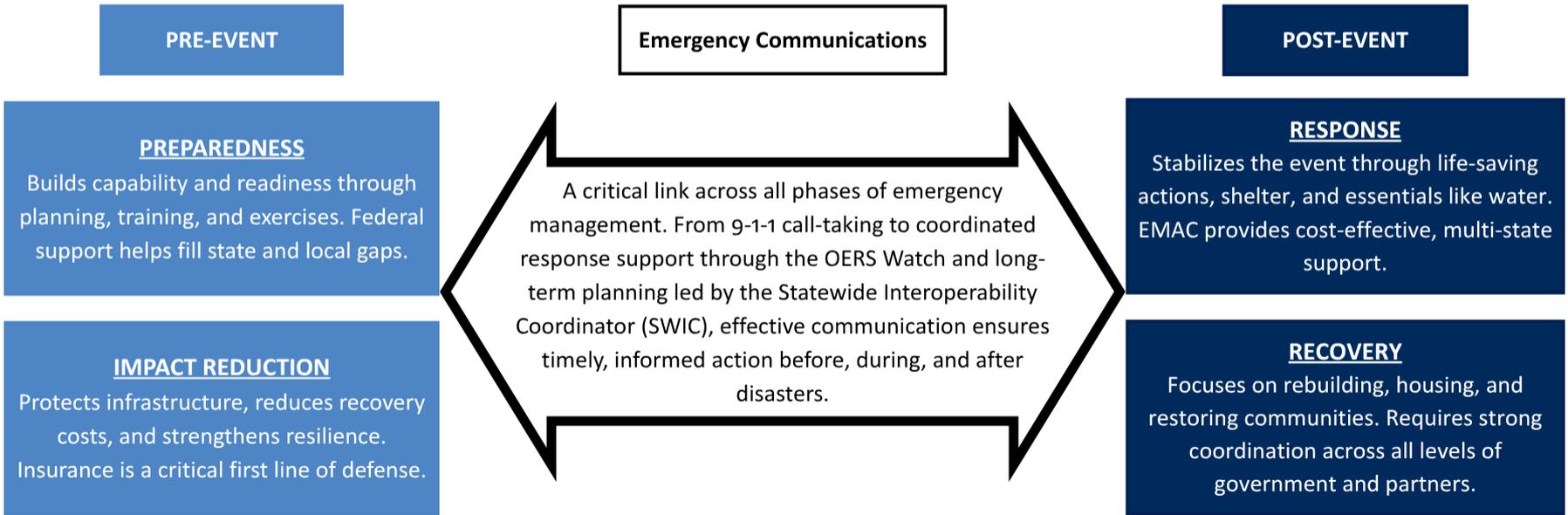
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS,
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, FEDERAL
AND WORLD AFFAIRS



What is Emergency Management?

Emergency management brings together people, resources, and strategies to respond to crises with compassion. It provides expertise while building the capacity to withstand, adapt to, and recover from disasters.



Aligns efforts between federal, state, and local governments



Ensures seamless coordination across government agencies



Brings together stakeholders before, during, and after disasters including non-governmental organizations and the private sector





Summary Disasters of Open Disasters in Oregon (as of 9/22/2025)

DR#	Declared	Peril	Incident Period	No. Applicants	FEMA Open/ Closed PWs	Total Project Estimate (100%)	Obligated Federal Share to Date	Pending Federal Share Obligation	Total Payments Made	
DR4258	2/17/2016	Severe Winter Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	12/6/15-12/23/15	105	9 Open / 356 Closed	\$ 46,345,695.53	\$ 32,090,927.93	\$ 3,043,695.17	\$ 29,327,180.25	
DR4296	1/25/2017	Severe Winter Storm and Flooding	12/14/16-12/17/16	20	2 Open / 47 Closed	\$ 18,182,812.49	\$ 13,998,333.80	\$ (492.81)	\$ 13,820,226.84	
DR4432	5/2/2019	Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, Landslides and Mudslides	2/23/19-2/26/19	57	9 Open / 173 Closed	\$ 39,320,049.10	\$ 29,948,347.08	\$ 0.01	\$ 28,511,643.99	
DR4452	7/9/2019	Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides and Mudslides	4/06/19-4/21/19	21	11 Open / 61 Closed	\$ 14,818,304.16	\$ 11,037,052.59	\$ 444,238.46	\$ 7,154,867.92	
DR4499	3/26/2020	COVID-19 Pandemic	1/20/20-5/11/25	390	68 Open / 1094 Closed	\$ 2,022,181,161.60	\$ 1,847,768,791.24	\$ 138,926,582.79	\$ 1,824,006,442.99	
DR4519	4/3/2020	Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides and Mudslides	2/05/20-2/09/20	19	31 Open / 47 Closed	\$ 10,563,990.76	\$ 9,615,724.74	\$ (3,117.50)	\$ 7,396,539.49	
DR4562	9/15/2020	Wildfires and Straight line winds	9/07/20-11/03/20	129	628 Open / 69 Closed	\$ 648,027,176.61	\$ 570,031,700.19	\$ 23,715,639.60	\$ 451,319,612.09	
DR4599	5/4/2021	Winter Storm	2/11/21-2/15/21	58	35 Open / 160 Closed	\$ 27,770,770.60	\$ 25,410,195.78	\$ (169,526.59)	\$ 23,864,479.67	
DR4768	4/13/2024	Severe Winter Storms, Straight-line Winds, Landslides, and Mudslides	1/10/24-1/22/24	103	310 Open / 40 Closed	\$ 93,597,543.40	\$ 25,426,176.15	\$ 45,381,384.61	\$ 15,861,293.49	
DR4854	1/1/2025	Wildfires	7/10/24-8/23/24	14	41 Open / 0 Closed	\$ 75,000,000.00	\$ 2,403,617.68	\$ 14,882,202.31	\$ 294,636.72	
DR4881	7/22/2025	Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	3/13/25-3/20/25	34	35 Open / 0 Closed	\$ 8,368,474.00	\$	\$ -	\$	
					950	1179 Open / 2047 Closed	\$3,004,175,978.26	\$2,567,730,867.18	\$226,220,606.05	\$2,401,556,923.45



Looking beyond FEMA for recovery costs

Federal assistance for recovery: 2024 versus 2025

- 2024 Winter Storms Statewide (DR-4768)-FEMA Public Assistance(PA)
 - Estimated total of projects: \$93,597,543.40
 - \$45,381,384.61 in grants pending obligation by FEMA
 - Includes PA hazard mitigation to harden electrical infrastructure
- 2024 Wildfires Statewide (DR-4854)-FEMA Public Assistance (PA)
 - Estimated total of projects: \$75,000,000.00
 - Included PA hazard mitigation funding
- 2025 Floods in Douglas, Coos, Curry and Josephine Counties (DR-4881)
 - Estimated total of projects: \$8,368,474.00



Disasters in Oregon not receiving federal assistance

- Harney County (not included in FEMA PA declaration, IA denied, state and local groups aiding in recovery)
 - More than \$2M in damage to homes
 - More than 170 homes impacted
- Coos, Curry, Douglas (IA denied, recovery aided by state and local groups and mitigation denied)
 - More than \$3.6M in damage to homes, millions of dollars more to businesses and agriculture
 - More than 500 homes impacted
- Wasco County - Rowena Fire
 - 70 homes destroyed (do we have a guess as to value of damage)
 - impact to public infrastructure (below federal thresholds)

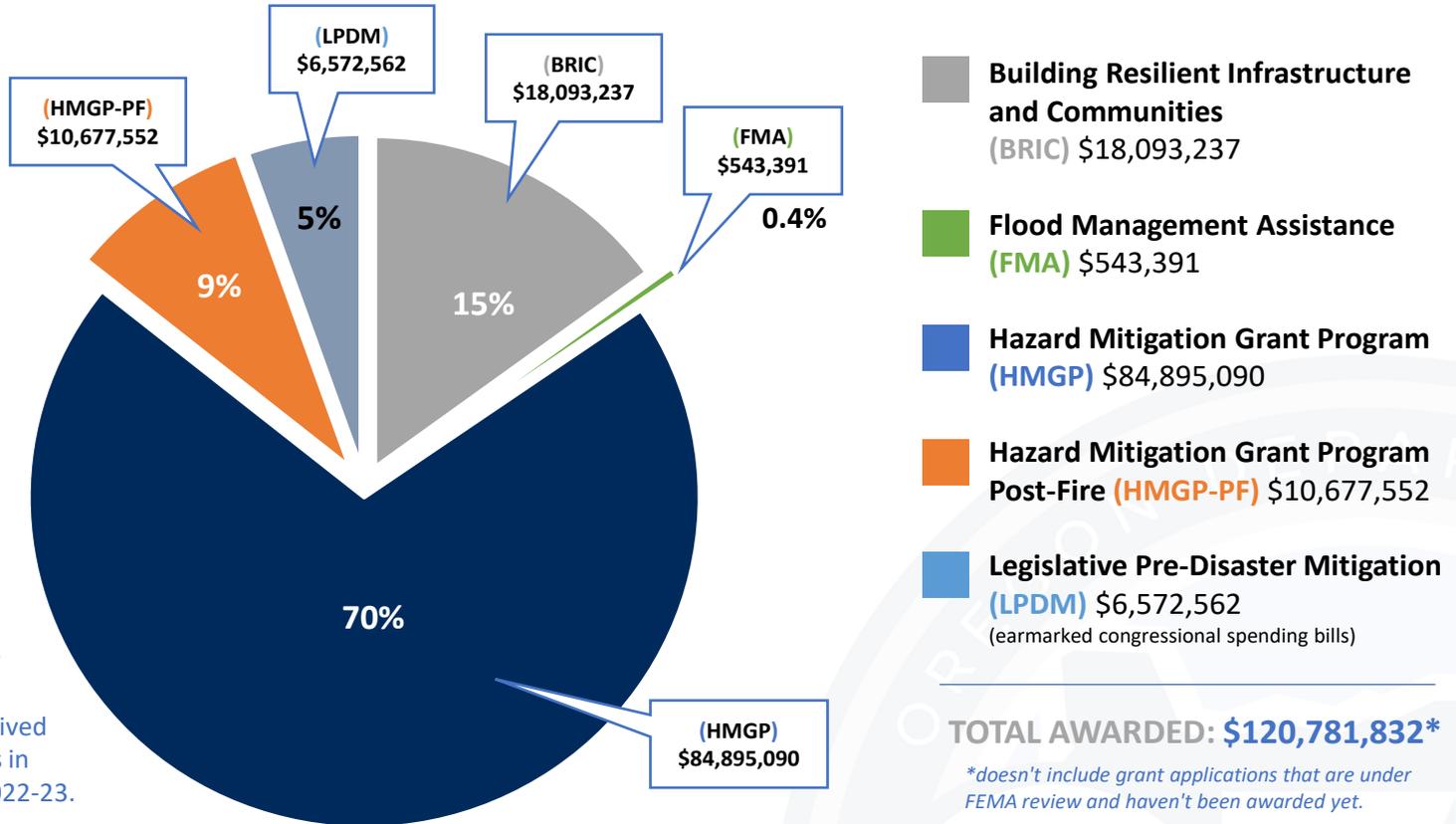


Expanding partnerships and leveraging aid

- SBA
 - Apply for disaster loans: <https://lending.sba.gov/search-disaster/>
 - SBA disaster loans may be available to homeowners, renters, and businesses of all sizes
 - 11 SBA declarations in 12 months
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - March 2025, provided technical assistance with OEM and DLCD, to City of Burns/Harney County to address levee breach along Silvies River; prevented flooding reaching larger residential area
- USDA
 - 5 drought declarations in past 4 months, on top of hundreds of thousands of grazing acres burned in 2024
 - USDA Districts working on reseeding projects in grazing areas impacted by the 2024 wildfires
 - USDA-Farm Service Agency Grant aid to affected farmers and ranchers
 - USDA Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool for Farmers: <https://www.farmers.gov/protection-recovery/disaster-tool>



MITIGATION GRANTS | FY22-24



The only state cost share was for the 2020 wildfires.

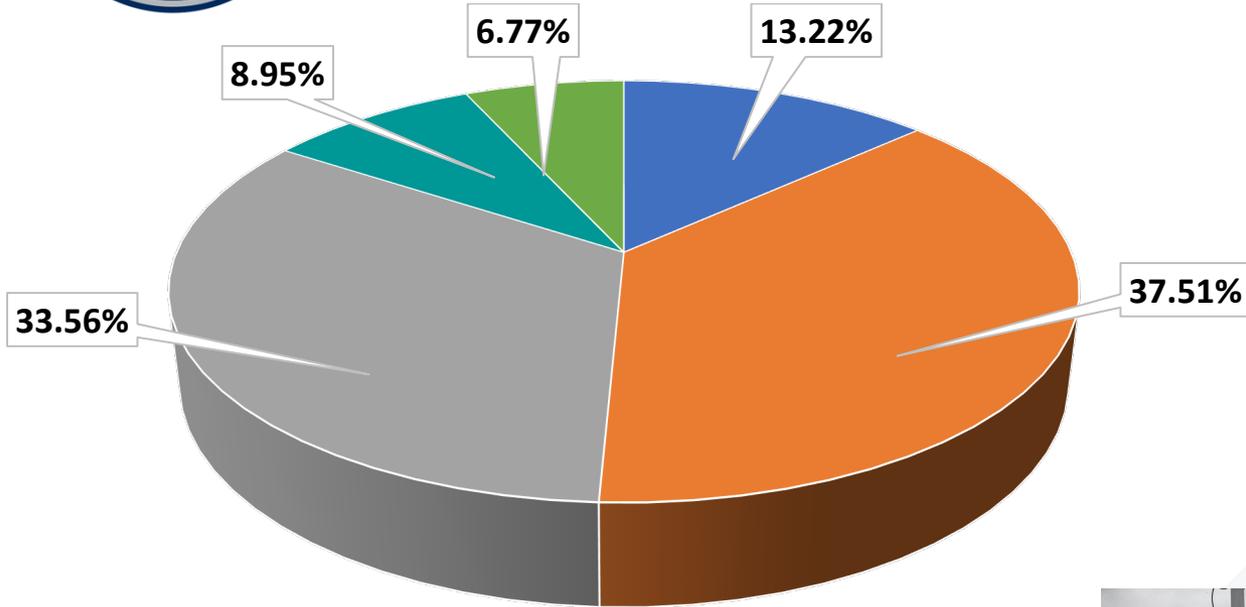
Oregon was fourth in the nation in 2022 for the most competitive BRIC awards and received the most BRIC awards in FEMA Region 10 in 2022-23.

TOTAL AWARDED: \$120,781,832*

**doesn't include grant applications that are under FEMA review and haven't been awarded yet.*



Preparedness Grants by Percentage



- Preparedness & Response Programs
- Emergency Management Performance Grants
- Homeland Security Grant Program
- Resiliency/SPIRE Grant Program
- Geohazard Grants





FEMA Review Council

Role of the State

- Emphasis on recovery managed by the state, to execute at local level
- State investments in preparedness activities
- State investments in homeland security activities
- State-driven programs; will bring more responsibilities
 - Program delivery managers
 - Increased oversight

Federal Investments

- Adjustments to cost share
- Threshold increasing



FEMA, OEM, Partner Agencies Collaboration

Challenges

- Federal uncertainty
- Shorter timelines and new processes will impact service delivery
 - Joint Field Office condensed operational timelines (95 days)
- DHS secretary must approve \$100K+ payments
- Shorter windows of execution require more bandwidth to close out grants

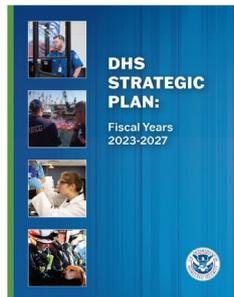


- The state will be responsible for the increased site monitoring and stricter scrutiny of regulatory requirements



Homeland Security Advisor

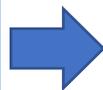
- CISA capability being potentially reduced. OEM does not have capacity to complete this work.
- Private sector could also be impacted.
- Increased emphasis on state's role in homeland security – proposed adjustments to cost share (state investment)
- OEM State Watch Program (OERS Watch Center)



DHS Strategic Plan



Oregon Homeland Security Strategy



Oregon Homeland Security Council



Oregon Emergency Response System Watch Center

Questions?

