

Responses to Questions from Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources



March 10, 2025

Representative Owens asked for a breakdown of ODF's Other Funds revenue sources from 2019 to present.

Please see this table of Other Fund revenue sources:

Oregon Department of Forestry Other Funds Revenue Sources



Program	Sub-program	OF Funding Source	2019-21 Leg. Approved Actuals	2021-23 Leg. Approved Actuals	2023-25 Leg. Approved Actuals thru Feb 2025	
Fire Protection	Fire Patrol	Forest Protection Taxes	\$10,174,411	\$10,734,125	\$31,519,146	
	Slash	Invoices for services provided	\$10,254	\$40,235	\$98,223	
	Smoke Management	Direct Fee	\$1,012,727	\$772,053	\$967,010	
	Cooperative Agreements	Invoices for services provided	\$32,295,336	\$24,742,562	\$21,672,169	
	Extraordinary Large Fire Costs	Forest Protection Taxes	\$24,425,383	\$26,678,020	\$21,335,157	
	Extraordinary Large Fire Costs	Invoices for services provided	\$88,254,879	\$84,323,821	\$49,971,599	
	Emergency Fire Costs-OLPF	Forest Protection Taxes	\$18,247,810	\$18,637,123	\$17,983,552	
	Emergency Fire Costs-OLPF	Harvest Tax (portion)	\$4,224,933	\$4,614,464	\$3,461,394	
				\$178,645,733	\$170,542,403	\$147,008,250
	State Forests	Board of Forestry Lands	Timber Sales	\$246,149,468	\$208,289,393	\$164,748,964
Board of Forestry Lands		Timber Sales	\$170,062	\$83,453	\$130,395	
Board of Forestry Lands		Transfer to Counties	\$(140,659,649)	\$(122,995,534)	\$(88,070,709)	
Common School Lands		Timber Sales	\$5,450,586	\$5,962,612	\$5,373,203	
Common School Lands		Transfer to Counties / State Lands	\$(5,315,074)	\$(5,786,083)	\$(4,954,396)	
Common School Lands		Transfer from State Lands	\$2,939,619	\$2,977,043	\$2,355,611	
				\$108,735,012	\$88,530,884	\$79,583,068
Forest Resources	Harvest Tax	Harvest Tax (portion)	\$9,856,604	\$13,329,884	\$12,919,928	
	Seed Orchard	Tree seed sales	\$1,012,622	\$1,811,125	\$1,646,186	
	Cooperative Forestry	Invoices for services provided	\$126,894	\$179,238	\$188,118	
	FFR Federal Forest Restoration	GNA federal timber sales	\$2,982,694	\$6,585,091	\$10,840,672	
				\$13,978,814	\$21,905,338	\$25,594,904
All Funds			\$301,359,559	\$280,978,625	\$252,186,221	



Representative Owens asked for a summary of funding initially provided under Senate Bill (SB) 762 that did not continue forward into current service level.

Senate Bill 762 passed in 2021 and included new programs, funding, and responsibilities to 11 different state agencies. Below is a summary of the programs and funding not continued into biennia beyond the initial funding for the 2021–23 biennia.

Landscape Resiliency Program:

- \$20 million in 2021–23—one time funding
- \$10 million in 2023–25—one time funding
- None for 2025-27

Small Forestland Grant Program:

- \$5 million in 2021–23—one time funding
- \$2.5 million in 2023–25—current service level
- Proposed as reduction option in 2025–27

Increased Capacity in Protection—ODF received additional wildfire firefighting personnel and equipment necessary to respond to ever increasing wildfire seasons. The 2021 biennium included a \$15 million offset from the General Fund to defer the increase in landowner rates for that increased level of protection.

11 limited-duration positions throughout the agency programs added under SB 762 were only funded for the 2021–23 biennium.

Representative Lively asked about the interoperability of ODF’s radio communications with systems from other response agencies.

The Oregon Department of Forestry operates a land mobile radio (LMR) network utilizing a VHF (very high frequency) analog narrowband radio system. The narrowband approach is designed to efficiently utilize limited frequency resources and minimize interference with other systems. Our radio system is compatible with VHF conventional end users and doesn’t require special equipment.

Our repeater system is structured around a wide area repeater network which includes simulcast, multicast and stand-alone technologies. Dispatchers operating from a computer-aided dispatching environment can communicate with field personnel through handheld or mobile radio devices.

ODF’s communication network is compatible with VHF conventional systems which are interoperable by design and the standard used by federal, state, regional and contract resources.

