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As a professional biologist at the City of Portland, I strongly support emergency funding of the OregonFlora Program at Oregon State University. The OregonFlora Program provides technically sound, accessible information is used, as an authority, for many efforts where I work. Some examples include as an authority for Titles 29 and 33 with regards to the Portland Plant List, as an authority on species lists employed in various policy, and as an educational document I often direct the public to upon receiving inquiries about native vegetation on its importance in healthy habitats and watersheds. Cessation of OregonFlora Program services would significantly limit the ready and correct botanical information delivery that I rely on in decision making and protection of natural resources in our service area.