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During this difficult budget year we know the legislature is trying to balance maintaining stability and ensuring we are not seeing Oregonians getting sicker, more disconnected or losing the financial and housing stability they do have. Compounding factors across jurisdictions is making this a bigger challenge than in years past.

We know there is hesitancy about investing in new programs but we ask you to stretch for just a few programs that are not as new as they seem. And where the state is focusing on maintaining work with community based providers, we recommend you make 10-15% adjustments to increase funding for current services, programs and partnership. As you know, Current Service Level as reported from agencies does not include inflationary adjustments or wage increases for normal cost escalations in community-based work or where local partnerships are needed to implement. Current Service Level is more a reflection of a funding amount frozen in time, rather than a reflection of actually maintaining level service to the public when community partners are involved.

We know that there is work that will be unfunded and that will lead to programs and services closing. Budget constraints are happening across all jurisdictions and private funders. The programs and services that are maintained will see higher demand; and we will all need programs and services to be even more effective and resilient than they are now.





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Invest in health

- Maintain and make modest increases in funding for culturally specific and linguistically diverse enrollment assisters and community health workers to support health care access for all
- Maintain current service level in Healthier Oregon and Oregon Health Plan
- Fund SB 611 to feed all of Oregon's children
- **Momnibus** - Pass comprehensive reforms across health care, housing, workforce and economic stability programs to improve infant health and thriving in the first year of life

Invest in education

- Maintain and make modest increases for Student Success identity based grant programs like the Latinx/Indigenous Student Success Plan and the LGBTQ Student Success Plan - We deeply appreciate the state taking on the fight to protect our youth. But don't just play defense in the face of oppression, find ways to double down on our values and commitments too

Invest in community justice and safety

- Maintain and make modest increases to support youth, families and community safety overall through: (1) Justice Reinvestment Equity Program, (2) Community Violence Intervention and (3) Restorative Justice grant programs.

Invest in the neighborhoods, community wellbeing and the built environment

- Fully Fund HB 2543, HB 2976, HB 3193, related budget appropriations to support legal services and economic stability. Maintain and make modest increases particularly in Universal Representation
- Fund SB 149 - this is not new work this is work the state has been doing for years just under different names and appropriations at different times
- Expand homeownership opportunities
- Invest in housing development that increases the supply of affordable housing
- Support implementation of the Climate Protection Program

