

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4044

By COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND VETERANS

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1 On page 4 of the printed bill, delete lines 14 through 45.

2 On page 5, delete lines 1 through 33 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 7. (1) The Department of Human Services shall establish and administer a**
4 **program, to be known as the Oregon Individual Assistance Program, to provide assistance**
5 **to address critical emergency-related needs of qualified individuals, subject to available**
6 **funding.**

7 **“(2) The Governor may activate the program if:**

8 **“(a) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management recommends that the program**
9 **be activated, the Governor determines that an emergency has occurred or is imminent and**
10 **the Governor finds that assistance from the state is warranted; or**

11 **“(b) The Governor has declared an emergency under ORS 401.165.**

12 **“(3) The Governor shall inactivate the program when the Governor finds that assistance**
13 **from the state is no longer warranted.**

14 **“(4) While the program is active, the Department of Human Services may provide as-**
15 **sistance pursuant to requests from counties or tribal entities. A request on behalf of a city**
16 **may be made by the county in which a geographic majority of the city lies. Requests must**
17 **be in writing and must include the following information:**

18 **“(a) Confirmation that the requester has taken appropriate action under the local emer-**
19 **gency plan;**

20 **“(b) An estimate of the amount and severity of damages and losses and a description of**
21 **the impact of the emergency on individuals and households;**

22 **“(c) A description of the nature and amount of local resources which have been or will**
23 **be committed to alleviate the results of the emergency; and**

24 **“(d) A preliminary estimate of the types and amount of supplementary state emergency**
25 **assistance needed.**

26 **“(5) Assistance under the program may consist of:**

27 **“(a) The provision of services to qualified individuals to address critical emergency-**
28 **related needs, which may include, without limitation:**

29 **“(A) Temporary rental assistance;**

30 **“(B) Repair or replacement of owner-occupied homes that serve as a primary residence,**
31 **including repair or replacement of privately owned access routes;**

32 **“(C) Assistance with immediate needs;**

33 **“(D) Assistance with essential personal property needs that are not covered by insurance;**

34 **“(E) Assistance with other serious needs that are not covered by insurance; and**

35 **“(F) Other critical emergency recovery services as approved by the Oregon Department**

1 of Emergency Management; and

2 “(b) Agreements with local governments, tribal entities, disaster recovery organizations
3 or other public or private entities for the delivery of services described in paragraph (a) of
4 this subsection, including payments for staffing or other administrative needs.

5 “(6) Assistance to qualified individuals may be in the form of direct financial assistance
6 or payments to another entity on behalf of qualified individuals.

7 “(7) The Department of Human Services, in consultation with the Oregon Department
8 of Emergency Management, shall adopt rules to administer and implement the provisions of
9 this section.

10 “(8) As used in this section:

11 “(a) ‘Immediate need’ means:

12 “(A) A life-saving or life-sustaining item or activity that is essential to prevent, mitigate
13 or overcome an adverse condition caused by an emergency; and

14 “(B) Other equipment that is essential for daily household needs.

15 “(b) ‘Qualified individual’ means:

16 “(A) An individual who is displaced by an emergency from the individual’s primary resi-
17 dence;

18 “(B) An individual whose primary residence is rendered uninhabitable by an emergency;
19 or

20 “(C) An individual with a disability whose primary residence is rendered inaccessible or
21 uninhabitable to the individual as a result of damage caused by an emergency.

22 “**SECTION 8.** (1) The Oregon Individual Assistance Program Account is established in the
23 State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the account
24 must be credited to the account. The account consists of moneys appropriated, allocated,
25 deposited or transferred to the account by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise and inter-
26 est earned on moneys in the account. The moneys in the account are continuously appro-
27 priated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management.

28 “(2) The department may make moneys in the account available to the Department of
29 Human Services to carry out the Oregon Individual Assistance Program described in section
30 7 of this 2026 Act. Moneys that are made available from the account to the Department of
31 Human Services that are not expended for the Oregon Individual Assistance Program must
32 be redeposited in the account.”.

33 In line 36, delete the second “Grant”.

34 After line 37, insert:

35 “**SECTION 10.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
36 priated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, for the biennium ending June
37 30, 2027, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$500,000, to carry out the provisions of
38 section 7 of this 2026 Act.”.