



Summary of Emergency Board Action December 2024

The Legislative Emergency Board met on December 12, 2024 and considered an agenda of 47 items. The Emergency Board approved two allocations from special purpose appropriations totaling \$7.2 million. In addition, a request from the Legislative Fiscal Office to transfer specified unused special purpose appropriation balances totaling \$89.2 million to the Emergency Fund was also approved. After these actions, the balance in the general purpose Emergency Fund is \$107.9 million. A total of \$40 million remains in two special purpose appropriations, including \$35 million for construction of a veterans' home in Roseburg and \$5 million for a disaster preparedness stockpile.

The agenda included 11 requests for additional 2023-25 biennium authority to spend Other and Federal Funds. The Emergency Board approved expenditure limitation increases of approximately \$4.9 million Other Funds and \$712.8 million Federal Funds.

The Emergency Board also authorized the establishment of two positions (0.50 FTE). The agenda included 12 agency reports, which the Emergency Board acknowledged receiving. The Emergency Board heard 20 requests for the submission of federal grant applications, 16 of which were approved on consent.

The following is a summary of significant Emergency Board actions taken at the December 2024 meeting, with a record of all actions available in the December 12, 2024 Emergency Board Certificate.

Education

- Increased the Federal Funds expenditure limitation established for the Department of Education by \$11,578,036 and authorized the establishment of two limited duration positions (0.50 FTE) for literacy success and the literacy framework initiatives.
- Increased the Federal Funds expenditure limitation established for the Department of Education by \$178,319,008 to expend the remaining federal pandemic funds.

Human Services

- Acknowledged receipt of reports on the 2023-25 financial status and budget rebalance requests for the Oregon Health Authority and Oregon State Hospital, with the understanding that any recommendation for budgetary changes would be

included in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2025 session.

- Allocated \$4,700,000 from the special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board for payments to employers of behavioral health care providers to the Oregon Health Authority for behavioral health workforce training.
- Acknowledged receipt of a report on the 2023-25 financial status and budget rebalance request for the Department of Human Services, with the understanding that any recommendation for budgetary changes would be included in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2025 session.

Public Safety

- Approved the submission a federal grant application from the Department of Emergency Management to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, in the amount of

\$11,821,332, for Hazard Mitigation Post-Fire Assistance grants.

- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Emergency Management to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, in the amount of \$6,450,747, for a State and Local Cybersecurity Program grant.
- Deferred action on the request from the Department of the State Fire Marshal for General Fund reimbursement of 2024 fire season costs to the 2024 special session.
- Increased the Federal Funds expenditure limitation established for the Department of Emergency Management by \$512,333,715 to process federal reimbursements.

Judicial Branch

- Authorized the transfer of \$4,731,524 General Fund from the Public Defense Commission Executive, Compliance, Audit, and Performance, Appellate, Parent Child Representation Program, and Administrative Services Divisions to Court Mandated Expenses for a budget rebalance to provide supplemental funding for the Temporary Hourly Increase Program.
- Allocated \$2,450,744 from the special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board for public defense expenses to the Public Defense Commission for extension of the Temporary Hourly Increase Program from January 1 to June 30, 2025.

Economic and Community Development

- Acknowledged receipt of a report from the Housing and Community Services Department on shelter and rehousing investments.

Natural Resources

- Increased the Other Funds expenditure limitation established for the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries by \$750,000 for the Mineral Land Regulation and Reclamation program.
- Acknowledged receipt of a report on the Department of Environmental Quality's comprehensive review of alternative indirect rate models.
- Approved the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of State Lands to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration, in the amount of \$10,000,000, for marine debris cleanup.

- Acknowledged receipt of a report from the Department of Forestry on the 2024 fire season and deferred further action on the request for 2024 fire season costs to the 2024 special session.
- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Energy to the U.S. Department of Energy, in the amount of \$6,526,195, to support the adoption of energy-efficient building codes for residential and commercial buildings.
- Approved the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Land Conservation and Development to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in the amount of \$6,000,000, to restore tidal marsh at Sitka Sedge State Natural Area.

Transportation

- Approved the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Transportation to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration, in the amount of \$12,000,000, for the Eugene Layover Project.
- Approved the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Transportation to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration, in the amount of \$9,600,000, for improvements at the Willbridge railway junction.
- Approved the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Transportation to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, in the amount of \$4,000,000, for the second phase of the US 30 Mosier Streetscape Project.

Consumer and Business Services

- Increased the Other Funds expenditure limitation established for the Oregon State Board of Nursing by \$600,000 for increased administrative and pass-through costs.
- Increased the Other Funds expenditure limitation established for the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists by \$210,000 for increased personal services costs.

Emergency Fund Balance Summary		
General Purpose Emergency Fund		
Emergency Fund (after 2024 session)		50,000,000
May 2024 Allocations	(6,942,758)	
September 2024 Allocations	(24,323,830)	
Emergency Fund Balance		18,733,412
December 2024 Allocations		
50 Legislative Fiscal Office - Transfer Unallocated Special Purpose Appropriations		89,194,913
General Purpose Emergency Fund Balance (after December 2024 Emergency Board actions)		107,928,325
Special Purpose Appropriations (SPAs)		
Department of Early Learning and Care - Employment Related Day Care (after 2024 session)	72,000,000	
50 Legislative Fiscal Office - Transfer Unallocated Special Purpose Appropriations	(72,000,000)	
Department of Early Learning and Care - Employment Related Day Care		0
Department of Emergency Management - Disaster Preparedness Stockpile (after 2024 session)	5,000,000	
No May, September, or December 2024 Allocations	0	
Department of Emergency Management - Disaster Preparedness Stockpile		5,000,000
Department of Forestry - Fire Protection Expenses (after 2024 session)	7,478,019	
September 2024 Allocations	(7,478,019)	
Department of Forestry - Fire Protection Expenses		0
Department of Human Services - Temporary Lodging Prevention Services (after 2024 session)	10,000,000	
50 Legislative Fiscal Office - Transfer Unallocated Special Purpose Appropriations	(10,000,000)	
Department of Human Services - Temporary Lodging Prevention Services		0
Department of Veterans' Affairs - Roseburg Veterans' Home (after 2024 session)	35,000,000	
No May, September, or December 2024 Allocations	0	
Department of Veterans' Affairs - Roseburg Veterans' Home		35,000,000
Higher Education Coordinating Commission - PSU and TRUs Financial Sustainability (after 2024 session)	18,735,518	
May 2024 Allocations	(18,735,518)	
Higher Education Coordinating Commission - PSU and TRUs Financial Sustainability		0
Judicial Department - Mandated Payments and Third Party Collections (after 2024 session)	1,836,007	
September 2024 Allocations	(1,836,007)	
Judicial Department - Mandated Payments and Third Party Collections		0
Oregon Health Authority and Department of Human Services - Caseload Costs (after 2024 session)	50,000,000	
September 2024 Allocations	(50,000,000)	
Oregon Health Authority and Department of Human Services - Caseload Costs		0
Oregon Health Authority - United We Heal Medicaid Payment Program (after 2024 session)	4,700,000	
17 Oregon Health Authority - Behavioral Health Workforce Training	(4,700,000)	
Oregon Health Authority - United We Heal Medicaid Payment Program		0
Public Defense Commission - Executive Branch Transfer (after 2024 session)	3,761,190	
May 2024 Allocations	(286,301)	
50 Legislative Fiscal Office - Transfer Unallocated Special Purpose Appropriations	(3,474,889)	
Public Defense Commission - Executive Branch Transfer		0
Various - Public Defense (after 2024 session)	6,170,768	
4 Public Defense Commission	(2,450,744)	
50 Legislative Fiscal Office - Transfer Unallocated Special Purpose Appropriations	(3,720,024)	
Various - Public Defense		0
Various - State Response to Natural Disasters (after 2024 session)	20,000,000	
September 2024 Allocations	(20,000,000)	
Various - State Response to Natural Disasters		0
Special Purpose Appropriation Balance (after December 2024 Emergency Board actions)		40,000,000