



## Summary of Emergency Board Action May 2024

The Legislative Emergency Board met on May 31, 2024 and considered an agenda of 51 items. The Emergency Board approved five allocations from the Emergency Fund and two allocations from special purpose appropriations made to the Emergency Board. A total of \$6.9 million was allocated from the Emergency Fund and \$19 million was allocated from special purpose appropriations. After the Emergency Board actions, the balance in the general purpose Emergency Fund is \$43.1 million. An additional \$215.7 million remains in various special purpose appropriations, including \$72 million for caseload-related changes in the Employment Related Day Care program and \$50 million for caseload costs in the Oregon Health Authority and Department of Human Services. Unused special purpose appropriations become available for any lawful use (including the original purpose) by the Emergency Board on December 1, 2024.

The agenda included four items that requested additional 2023-25 biennium authority to spend Lottery, Other, and Federal Funds. The Emergency Board approved expenditure limitation increases of approximately \$1.9 million Lottery Funds, \$762,683 Other Funds, and \$14.6 million Federal Funds.

The Emergency Board also authorized the establishment of 38 positions (17.69 FTE). The agenda included eight agency reports, which the Emergency Board acknowledged receiving. The Emergency Board heard 31 requests for the submission of federal grant applications, 25 of which were approved on consent.

The following is a summary of significant Emergency Board actions taken at the May 2024 meeting, with a record of all actions available in the May 31, 2024 Emergency Board Certificate.

### Education

- Allocated \$18,735,518 from the special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to award grants to Portland State University and Oregon's four Technical Regional Universities, consisting of the Oregon Institute of Technology, Southern Oregon University, Eastern Oregon University, and Western Oregon University, to assist these institutions with long-term financial sustainability.
- Allocated \$150,000 from the Emergency Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to maintain current level awarding for the Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program.

### Human Services

- Acknowledged receipt of a report from the Department of Human Services, Department of Education, and Oregon Health Authority on implementation of the Summer EBT nutrition program.
- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Health Authority to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in the amount of up to \$2,500,000 over a period of five years, for actions to reduce the risk for pregnancy-related deaths in Oregon.
- Approved the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Human Services to the U.S. Department of Education, in the amount of \$10,000,000 over a period of

five years, for a Disability Innovation Fund grant to improve access to early intervention and workforce reintegration strategies.

### **Public Safety**

- Acknowledged receipt of a report from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training on implementation of the 60-student Basic Police Course pilot program.
- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of State Police to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, in the amount of up to \$75,000 over a period of two years, to provide updated information and training for Department employees and statewide partners that utilize criminal history background check data by hosting a Criminal Justice Information Services Conference.

### **Judicial Branch**

- Acknowledged receipt of a report from the Public Defense Commission on the Financial Case Management System, with instruction that the agency provide a comprehensive project status report to the Emergency Board in September 2024.
- Acknowledged the extension of the existing Temporary Hourly Increase Program from July 1 to December 31, 2024 and deferred consideration of a \$5 million funding request from the Public Defense Commission for the program extension to a future meeting of the Emergency Board, with instruction that the Public Defense Commission and Judicial Department report to the Emergency Board in September 2024 on the status of the unrepresented defendant/persons crisis, including how the Commission's Regional Pilot Programs have been established and are performing, and how Judicial Crisis Plans authorized under SB 337 (2023) are being implemented.
- Allocated \$286,301 from the special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board for the transition of the Public Defense Commission to the executive branch of government and authorized the establishment of two permanent full-time positions (1.00 FTE) for information technology support.

- Approved the submission of a federal grant application from the Judicial Department to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, in the amount of \$2,500,000 over a period of four years, for veterans treatment courts.

### **Economic and Community Development**

- Increased the Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Oregon Business Development Department by \$13,757,960 and authorized the establishment of eight permanent positions (3.50 FTE) and reclassification of one existing position to fund administrative needs associated with the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program.
- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Business Development Department to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, in the amount of \$9,947,576, to promote digital inclusion activities and achieve digital equity in the State of Oregon.
- Approved the submission of a federal grant application from the Housing and Community Services Department to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in the amount of \$25,000,000 over a period of six years, to preserve, repair, and replace manufactured housing.

### **Natural Resources**

- Increased the Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Marine Board by \$762,683 for Waterway Access projects and removal of abandoned and derelict vessels.
- Allocated \$157,500 from the Emergency Fund to the Department of Forestry to procure a facilitator for a workgroup on wildfire funding strategies.
- Allocated \$222,407 from the Emergency Fund to the Department of Energy and authorized the establishment of one permanent position (0.50 FTE) to support statewide coordination of the Columbia Basin Restoration Initiative.
- Increased the Lottery Funds expenditure limitation for the Parks and Recreation Department by \$1,867,960, on a one-time basis, for property acquisitions.

- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Fish and Wildlife to the Bonneville Power Administration, in the amount of \$4,550,000, to conduct deferred maintenance projects at Umatilla Hatchery.
- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Environmental Quality to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in the amount of \$3,000,000 over a period of five years, to improve the understanding of toxics and their effects on water quality in the Columbia River Basin.

#### **Transportation**

- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Transportation to the U.S. Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$750,000,000, for improvements along Interstate 5 through the Rose Quarter in Portland.
- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Transportation to the Federal Highway Administration, in the amount of \$2,800,000, for improvements to the state's OReGO road usage charge program.
- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Transportation to the U.S. Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$29,800,000, for the OR 126 Huston to Lakeside Drive Project in Lane County in the City of Veneta.
- Approved the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Transportation to the Federal Highway Administration, in the amount of \$100,000,000, for a low carbon construction program.

- Approved the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Transportation to the Federal Highway Administration, in the amount of \$12,000,000, to construct a multi-use path within ODOT right-of-way beneath the Snake River Bridge in Ontario.

#### **Consumer and Business Services**

- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application from the Bureau of Labor and Industries to the U.S. Department of Labor, in the amount of \$6,882,371; increased the Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Bureau of Labor and Industries by \$882,371; and authorized the establishment of six limited-duration positions (3.00 FTE), to support registered apprenticeship programs.

#### **Administration**

- Allocated \$5,412,851 from the Emergency Fund to the Secretary of State and authorized the establishment of 17 permanent positions (7.77 FTE) and four limited duration positions (1.92 FTE) to implement the election finance reforms contained in HB 4024 (2024).
- Allocated \$1,000,000 from the Emergency Fund to the Department of Administrative Services for distribution to the Coalition of African and African American Pastors for rent assistance, with the understanding the Department will unschedule the \$1,000,000 General Fund appropriation established by section 498, chapter 114, Oregon Laws 2024.

Emergency Fund Balance Summary		
<b>General Purpose Emergency Fund</b>		
Emergency Fund (after 2024 session)		50,000,000
<b>May 2024 General Purpose Allocations</b>		
1 Secretary of State - Election Finance Reform	(5,412,851)	
13 Higher Education Coordinating Commission - Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance	(150,000)	
33 Department of Forestry - Wildfire Funding Workgroup Facilitation	(157,500)	
38 Department of Energy - Columbia Basin Restoration	(222,407)	
56 Department of Administrative Services - Homelessness Prevention	(1,000,000)	
<b>Total May 2024 General Purpose Allocations</b>	<b>(6,942,758)</b>	
<b>General Purpose Emergency Fund Balance (after May 2024 Emergency Board actions)</b>		<b>43,057,242</b>
<b>Special Purpose Appropriations (SPAs)</b>		
Department of Early Learning and Care - Employment Related Day Care (after 2024 session)	72,000,000	
<i>No May 2024 Allocations</i>	0	
<b>Department of Early Learning and Care - Employment Related Day Care</b>		<b>72,000,000</b>
Department of Emergency Management - Disaster Preparedness Stockpile (after 2024 session)	5,000,000	
<i>No May 2024 Allocations</i>	0	
<b>Department of Emergency Management - Disaster Preparedness Stockpile</b>		<b>5,000,000</b>
Department of Forestry - Fire Protection Expenses (after 2024 session)	7,478,019	
<i>No May 2024 Allocations</i>	0	
<b>Department of Forestry - Fire Protection Expenses</b>		<b>7,478,019</b>
Department of Human Services - Temporary Lodging Prevention Services (after 2024 session)	10,000,000	
<i>No May 2024 Allocations</i>	0	
<b>Department of Human Services - Temporary Lodging Prevention Services</b>		<b>10,000,000</b>
Department of Veterans' Affairs - Roseburg Veterans' Home (after 2024 session)	35,000,000	
<i>No May 2024 Allocations</i>	0	
<b>Department of Veterans' Affairs - Roseburg Veterans' Home</b>		<b>35,000,000</b>
Higher Education Coordinating Commission - PSU and TRUs Financial Sustainability (after 2024 session)	18,735,518	
12 Higher Education Coordinating Commission - Technical and Regional Universities Financial Sustainability	(18,735,518)	
<b>Higher Education Coordinating Commission - PSU and TRUs Financial Sustainability</b>		<b>0</b>
Judicial Department - Mandated Payments and Third Party Collections (after 2024 session)	1,836,007	
<i>No May 2024 Allocations</i>	0	
<b>Judicial Department - Mandated Payments and Third Party Collections</b>		<b>1,836,007</b>
Oregon Health Authority and Department of Human Services - Caseload Costs (after 2024 session)	50,000,000	
<i>No May 2024 Allocations</i>	0	
<b>Oregon Health Authority and Department of Human Services - Caseload Costs</b>		<b>50,000,000</b>
Oregon Health Authority - United We Heal Medicaid Payment Program (after 2024 session)	4,700,000	
<i>No May 2024 Allocations</i>	0	
<b>Oregon Health Authority - United We Heal Medicaid Payment Program</b>		<b>4,700,000</b>
Public Defense Commission - Executive Branch Transfer (after 2024 session)	3,761,190	
11 Public Defense Commission - Information Technology	(286,301)	
<b>Public Defense Commission - Executive Branch Transfer</b>		<b>3,474,889</b>
Various - Public Defense (after 2024 session)	6,170,768	
<i>No May 2024 Allocations</i>	0	
<b>Various - Public Defense</b>		<b>6,170,768</b>
Various - State Response to Natural Disasters (after 2024 session)	20,000,000	
<i>No May 2024 Allocations</i>	0	
<b>Various - State Response to Natural Disasters</b>		<b>20,000,000</b>
<b>Special Purpose Appropriation Balance (after May 2024 Emergency Board actions)</b>		<b>215,659,683</b>