



Summary of Emergency Board Action September 2024

The Legislative Emergency Board met on September 25, 2024 and considered an agenda of 84 items. The Emergency Board approved four allocations from the Emergency Fund and four allocations from special purpose appropriations made to the Emergency Board. A total of \$24.3 million was allocated from the Emergency Fund and \$79.3 million was allocated from special purpose appropriations. After the Emergency Board actions, the balance in the general purpose Emergency Fund is \$18.7 million. An additional \$136.3 million remains in various special purpose appropriations, including \$72 million for caseload-related changes in the Employment Related Day Care program. 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 18 items that requested additional 2023-25 biennium authority to spend Other and Federal Funds. The Emergency Board approved expenditure limitation increases of approximately \$198.1 million Other Funds and \$169.2 million Federal Funds.

The Emergency Board also authorized the establishment of 20 positions (7.68 FTE). The agenda included 18 agency reports, which the Emergency Board acknowledged receiving, including seven on a single consent agenda item. The Emergency Board heard 39 requests for the submission of federal grant applications, 37 of which were approved on consent.

The following is a summary of significant Emergency Board actions taken at the September 2024 meeting, with a record of all actions available in the September 25, 2024 Emergency Board Certificate.

Education

- Increased the Other Funds expenditure limitation established for the Department of Education by \$19,480,097 for the High School Success program.
- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Education to the U.S. Department of Education, in the amount of \$55,000,000, over a period of five years, to make competitive grants to local education agencies to improve early literacy skills.
- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Education to the U.S. Department of Energy, in the amount of \$18,750,000, over a period of five years, to conduct energy audits and implement clean energy improvements in schools.

Human Services

- Allocated \$50,000,000 from the special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board for changes in health and human services caseload costs to the Department of Human Services; authorized the transfer of \$10,000,000 General Fund from the Oregon Eligibility Partnership program to the Aging and People with Disabilities program; and increased the Federal Funds expenditure limitation established for the Department of Human Services, Aging and People with Disabilities program, by \$106,000,000 for increases in the long term care caseload.
- Acknowledged receipt of a report from the Department of Human Services on child welfare temporary lodging prevention.

- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Human Services to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$13,300,000, over a period of three years, for shelter and support services for newly arrived migrants.
- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Health Authority to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, in the amount of \$15,300,000, to support state opioid response activities.

Public Safety

- Allocated \$3,150,000 from the Emergency Fund to the Department of Justice to backfill a reduction in the federal fiscal year 2024 Victims of Crime Act Assistance federal grant for the remainder of the 2023-25 biennium.
- Established a General Fund appropriation by allocating \$1,133,830 from the Emergency Fund to the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training for structural repairs to the training scenario village building.
- Acknowledged receipt of a report from the Department of the State Fire Marshal on the 2024 fire season; deferred action on the request for General Fund reimbursement of 2024 fire season costs to the December 2024 meeting of the Emergency Board, with instruction that the Department of Administrative Services schedule \$4,000,000 General Fund appropriated to the Department of State Fire Marshal for cash flow; and increased the Other Funds expenditure limitation established for the Department of State Fire Marshal by \$19,333,367 for payment of fire costs.
- Increased the Federal Funds expenditure limitation established for the Department of State Police by \$3,468,355 for the Equitable Sharing Program.
- Increased the Federal Funds Capital Construction expenditure limitation established for the Oregon Military Department by \$1,700,000 for the Jackson Armory Service Life Extension.
- Established a Federal Funds Capital Construction expenditure limitation of \$1,550,000 for the Oregon Military Department for the Rees Training Center Combat Pistol Qualification Course.

- Acknowledged receipt of a report from the Department of Emergency Management on the details of a disaster preparedness stockpile plan.
- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Emergency Management to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, in the amount of \$3,950,000, to support security enhancements for nonprofit organizations.

Judicial Branch

- Acknowledged receipt of reports from the Judicial Department and Public Defense Commission on the unrepresented defendant/persons crisis.
- Allocated \$1,836,007 from the special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board for mandated payments or third-party collections to the Judicial Department for mandated court payments for interpreter services.
- Allocated \$40,000 from the Emergency Fund to the Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability to address a caseload backlog.
- Acknowledged receipt of a report from the Public Defense Commission on the Temporary Hourly Increase Program; denied the request to remove the reservation in the special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board for public defense expenses; and deferred action on the request to extend the Temporary Hourly Increase Program from January 1 to June 30, 2025 to the December 2024 meeting of the Emergency Board.

Economic and Community Development

- Deferred action on the request from the Oregon Business Development Department to support operating expenses of the Port of Portland's Terminal 6 container shipping facility to the December 2024 meeting of the Emergency Board.
- Acknowledged receipt of a report from the Housing and Community Services Department on expenditures and outcomes and expenditures related to state investments in programs administered by the Department.

Natural Resources

- Allocated \$7,478,019 from the special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board for fire protection expenses to cover the state's portion of fire severity resources costs; allocated

\$20,000,000 from the special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board for natural disaster prevention, preparedness, response and recovery activities and \$20,000,000 from the Emergency Fund to cover a portion of the state's net large fire costs; and increased the Other Funds expenditure limitation established for the Department of Forestry by \$146,000,000 to enable payments processing for costs related to the 2024 fire season.

- Increased the Federal Funds expenditure limitation established for the Department of Land Conservation and Development by \$4,500,000 for the Collins Creek land acquisition project.
- Increased the Other Funds expenditure limitation established for the Department of Energy by \$6,773,810 for expending grant funding through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant and related work on building performance standards.
- Increased the Federal Funds expenditure limitation established for the Department of Energy by \$5,500,000, and authorized the establishment of two limited duration positions (0.66 FTE), to provide and administer incentives for the expansion of solar technology to low-income communities through the Solar for All program.
- Increased the Federal Funds expenditure limitation established for the Department of Energy by \$19,199,180, and authorized the establishment of one limited duration position (0.33 FTE), to administer the Home Efficiency Rebates and Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates grants.
- Increased the Other Funds expenditure limitation established for the Department of State Lands by \$1,245,700 for continued cleanup efforts of the Portland Harbor Superfund Site.
- Increased the Other Funds expenditure limitation established for the Department of State Lands by \$1,313,278 for redevelopment, planning, and maintenance of the Shutter Creek Site.
- Increased the Federal Funds expenditure limitation established for the Department of Environmental Quality by \$26,713,138, and authorized the establishment of six permanent positions (2.28 FTE), to administer the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant.
- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Fish and Wildlife to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, in the amount of \$5,426,781, over a

period of four years, to restore oak and prairie landscapes across protected lands.

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 \$163,200,000, for electric and hydrogen infrastructure along the Interstate 5 corridor.
- 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 \$38,000,000, to build charging stations for medium and heavy-duty fleet vehicles along the Interstate 84 corridor.
- 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 \$49,000,000, to support the development and expansion of alternative fueling infrastructure.
- 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 \$50,000,000, to fund construction of fish passage as part of the Kellogg Creek project.
- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Aviation to the U.S. Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$2,000,000, to support the Oregon Precision Air Lifeline project.

Consumer and Business Services

- Increased the Other Funds expenditure limitation established for the Department of Consumer and Business Services by \$2,860,460, to address a federal revenue shortfall in the Oregon OSHA program.

Administration

- Acknowledged receipt of a report from the Department of Revenue on development of cost allocation methodology.
- Acknowledged receipt of reports from the Department of Administrative Services on compensation plan changes, a lottery revenue bond refunding, and uniform rent rates.

Emergency Fund Balance Summary		
General Purpose Emergency Fund		
Emergency Fund (after 2024 session)		50,000,000
May 2024 Allocations	(6,942,758)	
Emergency Fund Balance		43,057,242
September 2024 General Purpose Allocations		
4 Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability - Case Backlog	(40,000)	
38 Department of Justice - Victims of Crime Act Grant	(3,150,000)	
40 Department of Public Safety Standards and Training - Scenario Village Structural Repairs	(1,133,830)	
69 Department of Forestry - 2024 Fire Season	(20,000,000)	
Total September 2024 General Purpose Allocations		(24,323,830)
General Purpose Emergency Fund Balance (after September 2024 Emergency Board actions)		18,733,412
Special Purpose Appropriations (SPAs)		
Department of Early Learning and Care - Employment Related Day Care (after 2024 session)	72,000,000	
No May or September 2024 Allocations	0	
Department of Early Learning and Care - Employment Related Day Care		72,000,000
Department of Emergency Management - Disaster Preparedness Stockpile (after 2024 session)	5,000,000	
No May or September 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	
69 Department of Forestry - 2024 Fire Season	(7,478,019)	
Department of Forestry - Fire Protection Expenses		0
Department of Human Services - Temporary Lodging Prevention Services (after 2024 session)	10,000,000	
No May or September 2024 Allocations	0	
Department of Human Services - Temporary Lodging Prevention Services		10,000,000
Department of Veterans' Affairs - Roseburg Veterans' Home (after 2024 session)	35,000,000	
No May or September 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	
2 Judicial Department - Mandated Payments	(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	
29 Department of Human Services - Long Term Care Caseload	(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	
No May or September 2024 Allocations	0	
Oregon Health Authority - United We Heal Medicaid Payment Program		4,700,000
Public Defense Commission - Executive Branch Transfer (after 2024 session)	3,761,190	
May 2024 Allocations	(286,301)	
Public Defense Commission - Executive Branch Transfer		3,474,889
Various - Public Defense (after 2024 session)	6,170,768	
No May or September 2024 Allocations	0	
Various - Public Defense		6,170,768
Various - State Response to Natural Disasters (after 2024 session)	20,000,000	
69 Department of Forestry - 2024 Fire Season	(20,000,000)	
Various - State Response to Natural Disasters		0
Special Purpose Appropriation Balance (after September 2024 Emergency Board actions)		136,345,657