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Budget Co-Chairs: Federal Cuts to Health Programs Will Harm Oregonians

The federal administration is irresponsibly cutting needed money for addiction recovery and public health services

SALEM, Ore. – On Thursday, the Oregon Health Authority [announced](#) that \$117 million in federal money for state health programs in Oregon has been canceled by the Trump administration, a decision that will harm Oregonians across the state.

The terminated grants funded a variety of services, including: public health clinics working on immunization disbursement, training and education; Oregon's 988 crisis hotline; substance use treatment, prevention, and recovery services; OHA's Public Health Equity Office, which provides technical assistance and training to community-based organizations; and communicable disease surveillance and testing capacity.

"Federal spending cuts will hurt Oregonians," said **Sen. Kate Lieber (D-Beaverton), co-chair of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means**. "This administration is taking a chainsaw to critical programs that Oregonians rely on to keep us safe and healthy. All Oregonians should stand in opposition to the chaos and dysfunction we are seeing out of our federal government."

These COVID-era grants through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) were ended more than a year earlier than expected, which will cause disruptions within OHA and for the people these programs serve.

"Oregon's budget is designed to leverage federal funds to help as many Oregonians as possible. If the federal administration chooses to end funding, we will struggle to be able to continue these services," said **Rep. Tawna Sanchez (D-Portland), co-chair of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means**. "We will work through this session to protect core services despite the unprecedented actions from the federal administration."

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