

# STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING FOR RECOVERY STAFFING & PLANNING

*as of February 11, 2021*

Disaster response and recovery is led at the local level with the support of the state and the federal governments. Adequate staffing levels is foundational to a successful long-term recovery. However, many local governments and nonprofit organizations are always stretched thin, and post-disaster their responsibilities increase significantly. For many state and federal programs, local recovery staff are needed to request and apply for funds, direct technical assistance and resources, and coordinate and advise local decision makers. Finding the resources to meet the growing staffing requirements is a huge challenge.

State and federal resources that can be used to hire staff are limited. This document categorizes currently available resources that can be used to hire staff and funding that can be used for a planning process with an option to fund staff time to conduct that process. These sources should be considered for applicability to a *recovery* planning process, or to additional planning needs identified during the recovery planning process. Regional organizations, such as Economic Development Districts, and numerous state and federal programs can be used for technical assistance, those programs are not identified here.

As additional sources are identified, they will be added to this document.

## STAFFING GRANTS

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### MUNICIPAL WILDFIRE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MWAP)

The Oregon Legislative Emergency Board appropriated \$2 million to Business Oregon to provide financial assistance to municipalities impacted by 2020 wildfires. This will provide a flexible funding source for grants to municipalities for *wildfire resiliency planning* for those municipalities impacted by the 2020 Labor Day Wildfires (DR-4562-OR).

These are general fund dollars appropriated in the biennium that ends June 30, 2021. Source of funding requires funds to be obligated and for costs to be incurred by June 30, 2021. Reimbursement may be up to 90 days after the end of the biennium. For more information, contact your local [Regional Development Officer](#).

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### US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR NATIONAL DISLOCATED WORKER GRANT

This grant provides resources to states and other eligible applicants to respond to large, unexpected layoff events causing significant job losses. This funding is intended to temporarily expand capacity to serve dislocated workers with a purpose to reemploy laid off workers and enhance their employability and earnings. It provides funding to create temporary employment opportunities to assist with clean-up and recovery effort.

The Higher education coordinating commission received funding for the Oregon Wildfires and distributes funds to county Local Workforce Development Boards. Applicants need to directly contact these Boards (see Table 1) for funding consideration.

[National Dislocated Worker Grants | U.S. Department of Labor \(dol.gov\)](#)

List of Local Workforce Development Boards associated with the counties that received an allocation for the Oregon’s Wildfire Disaster DWG Grant are:

Local Workforce Development Board	Executive Director	Counties Impacted
Clackamas Workforce Partnership	Bridget Dazey <a href="mailto:Bridget.Dazey@clackamasworkforce.org">Bridget.Dazey@clackamasworkforce.org</a>	Clackamas
Lane Workforce Partnership	Kristina Payne <a href="mailto:KristinaP@laneworkforce.org">KristinaP@laneworkforce.org</a>	Lane
Northeast Oregon Works	Heather DeSart <a href="mailto:heather@onwib.org">heather@onwib.org</a>	Lincoln
Rogue Workforce Partnership	Jim Fong <a href="mailto:jim@rogueworkforce.org">jim@rogueworkforce.org</a>	Jackson
Southwest Oregon Workforce Investment Board	Kyle Stevens <a href="mailto:kstevens@sowib.org">kstevens@sowib.org</a> ; Cindy Perry <a href="mailto:cindy@laneworkforce.org">cindy@laneworkforce.org</a>	Douglas
Willamette Workforce Partnership	Kim Parker-Llerenas <a href="mailto:kparker-llerenas@willwp.org">kparker-llerenas@willwp.org</a>	Linn, Marion

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#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Non-entitlement Cities and Counties are eligible to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to support a range of emergency response measures described in Chapter 14 of the [State’s Method of Distribution](#). This program is federally funded with several restrictions on the activities that can be funded; for example, funds may not be used for general government administrative support. The activity funded must directly address the impact of the disaster. For more information, contact your local [Regional Development Officer](#).

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#### CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE – AMERICORPS STATE & NATIONAL GRANTS

AmeriCorps is a federal agency that funds organizations to make positive impact in communities. Grants provide financial assistance to programs that recruit, train, and supervise AmeriCorps members who meet critical community needs in the areas of education, disaster services, health, environmental stewardship, economic opportunity, veterans, and military families. [Home | AmeriCorps](#)

**RESOURCE ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL ENVIRONMENTS (RARE)** University of Oregon's Institute for Policy Research and Engagement - AmeriCorps Program. **Community Applications are due April 2.**

The RARE AmeriCorps Program offers a unique opportunity to connect the community and economic development needs of rural Oregon communities with the personal and professional development aspirations of the next generation. Using a tried-and-true model for engagement, we provide a topnotch service-learning experience while delivering resources, expertise, and critical capacity to rural Oregon. Our goal is to ensure a mutually beneficial experience for our RARE AmeriCorps members and rural communities we serve.

Apply here: [Apply Now | Resource Assistance for Rural Environments \(uoregon.edu\)](#)  
Contact: 541-513-9989, or [RARE@uoregon.edu](mailto:RARE@uoregon.edu)

**SENIOR CORPS** offers a network of programs that tap the rich experience, skills, and talents of older citizens to meet community challenges.

The Senior Corps in Oregon provides three major service areas: Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP (safety patrols, home renovation, tutoring, environmental protection, etc.). Oregon has a robust program funded through \$12.8 Million in FY 2020 funding.

Contact: 202-606-5000 or [OR@CNS.gov](mailto:OR@CNS.gov)

**VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO AMERICA (VISTA)** is an anti-poverty program designed to provide needed resources to nonprofit organizations and public agencies to increase their capacity to lift communities out of poverty.

Oregon has opportunities for VISTA through the Oregon Health Authority. They develop programs to meet a need, write grants, and recruit and train volunteers. Recruitment for the April 2021 VISTA team is currently open until March 5, 2021.

Contact: [oha.vista@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:oha.vista@dhsosha.state.or.us)

## PLANNING GRANTS

The following funding sources can be used for planning processes, or studies, and staffing time to produce the plan or manage a project.

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### Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) Grant Young Memorial Planning Assistance Grants

These grants are limited awards given to small cities with less than 2,500 people, and counties with less than 15,000. The community services division alerts local governments when they qualify for an award at the beginning of each biennium. No application is needed.

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### DLCD General Fund Planning Grants

DLCD's General Fund grants are used primarily for Oregon communities comprehensive planning and plan updates. The fund is divided into functional categories and made available for specific types of projects. Staffing for the plan update is an eligible expense. [Department of Land Conservation and Development: Community Grants: Comprehensive Plan Updates: State of Oregon](#)

Contact: Gordon Howard; [Gordon.Howard@state.or.us](mailto:Gordon.Howard@state.or.us); 503-856-6935

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## DLCD and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) -- Transportation and Growth Management Program (TGM) Planning Grants

The program helps local jurisdictions plan for streets and land to lead to more livable, sustainable, and economically vital communities. Tentative schedule for 2021 grants:

- Pre-Applications: February 27 – March 31
- Consultation with applicants: April
- Application packet available: May 3
- Applications due: July 30
- Award Notification: Late September

Contact: Elizabeth Ledet; [Elizabeth.L.LEDET@odot.state.or.us](mailto:Elizabeth.L.LEDET@odot.state.or.us); 503-986-3205

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## Economic Development Administration (EDA) Funding

These funds are highly competitive. Projects in federally declared disaster counties may be eligible for 80% Federal / 20% recipient cost share. Deadline is rolling.

Contact information: Wes Cochran, [JCohran@eda.gov](mailto:JCohran@eda.gov) and Frances Sakaguchi, [FSakaguchi@eda.gov](mailto:FSakaguchi@eda.gov)

**PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM** supports local organizations (Economic Development Districts, Indian Tribes, and other eligible areas) with short and long-term planning efforts. The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Content Guidelines, provides suggestions, tools, and resources for developing comprehensive economic development strategies.

**LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** helps fill the knowledge and information gaps that may prevent leaders in the public and nonprofit sectors, in distressed areas, with making optimal decisions on local economic development issues. Can support studies, analysis, and other technical assistance projects.

**ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT NON-CONSTRUCTION.** A very flexible fund that can include assisting state and local interests in designing and implementing strategies to adjust or bring about change to an economy. The program focuses on areas that have experienced or are under threat of serious structural damage to the underlying economic base. [View Opportunity | GRANTS.GOV](#)

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## FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Grants

HMA includes two post-disaster grants: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - Post Fire (HMGP-PF). And, two non-disaster, or annual, grant programs: Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC).

Pre-Award Costs, Grant Management Costs, and Project Management Costs are available to assist with the expenses associated with application development, grant management and project management.

Cost share for these grants is 75% federal / 25% recipient. Must have a FEMA approved and adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan or be a certified private non-profit entity. [Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance | FEMA.gov](#)

Contact information: Anna Feigum, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) [shmo@mil.state.or.us](mailto:shmo@mil.state.or.us) or 503-378-2260

[HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM \(HMPG\)](#), Deadline 11/29/2021, and

[HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM PF \(HMGP-POST FIRE\)](#), Deadline 5/28/2021.

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides funding to rebuild in a way that reduces, or mitigates, future disaster losses in their communities. [Contact OEM to request assistance with HMGP applications.](#)

HMGP grants have four different categories that can be applied for:

- **PROJECTS:** There are a variety of eligible project types. Check out this FEMA publication if you need some ideas [Mitigation Ideas \(fema.gov\)](#)
- **PLANS:** Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans (NHMP) and Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) are the two most common uses for planning funds, however other planning related activities are accepted. This could include more general community resilience planning, if it is linked to mitigation.
- **5% INITIATIVE:** For mitigation activities that are difficult to evaluate using FEMA-approved cost-effectiveness methodologies.
- **ADVANCE ASSISTANCE:** Used to develop mitigation strategies and obtain data to prioritize, select, and develop complete HMGP applications in a timely manner.

[FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE \(FMA\)](#) Funds can be used for projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the [National Flood Insurance Program](#).

[BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITIES \(BRIC\)](#) The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program aims to categorically shift the federal focus away from reactive disaster spending and toward research-supported, proactive investment in community resilience. [For more Information.](#)

FEMA anticipates BRIC funding projects that demonstrate innovative approaches to partnerships, such as shared funding mechanisms, and/or project design. For example, an innovative project may bring multiple funding sources or in-kind resources from a range of private and public sector stakeholders or offer multiple benefits to a community in addition to the benefit of risk reduction.

## PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) program provides assistance to help communities quickly recovery from major disasters. Through the PA Program, FEMA provides reimbursement for costs associated with debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the restoration of disaster-damaged, publically owned facilities. Under the PA Program administrative costs can be covered.

**ELIGIBILITY:** The PA Program eligibility is directed towards State, Tribal and local jurisdictions. Certain types of Private Non- Profit (PNP) organizations may also qualify.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COST:** FEMA provides reimbursement funding for administrative costs related to managing the PA Program. FEMA defines these costs as direct and indirect administrative costs incurred while executing FEMA Public Assistance grants. These costs must be tracked and recorded and are limited to a 5% cap based on the final eligible project costs.

**MORE INFORMATION:** The FEMA Public Assistance Program is administered through the Oregon Office of Emergency Management's (OEM) Mitigation and Recovery Operations/Public Assistance:

- OEM State Public Assistance Officer: Julie Slevin, at [julie.slevin@state.or.us](mailto:julie.slevin@state.or.us)
- OEM Deputy State Public Assistance Officer: Dan Gwin, at [dan.gwin@state.or.us](mailto:dan.gwin@state.or.us)