

Federal Grant Application Request
Office of the Governor
Nation Disaster Resilience Competition

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Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the HUD National Disaster Resilience Competition.

Recommendation: Approve the request, with the understanding that, if the grant is awarded, the agency will return to the legislature to provide an update on the plan for state staffing and resources that will be needed, as soon as they are available.

Analysis: The Office of the Governor intends to apply for a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the HUD National Disaster Resilience Competition (HUD-NDRC). This two part competition provides funding for eligible communities and counties that have experienced Presidential-declared disasters from 2011-2013, with the goal of recovery and resiliency for the future. The competition is co-sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation which is providing technical assistance and training workshops to every eligible state and local government.

The Governor's Office is working with several agencies that have provided staff support and/or funding for an expert grant advisor to develop a competitive proposal. The competition will award \$1 billion, with \$181 million earmarked to counties recovering from Hurricane Sandy. The minimum award is \$500,000 and the maximum is \$500 million. The Phase One of the competition is due March 16, 2015. The amount of assistance requested will be determined in the Phase Two submission, however, the current estimate for Oregon is in the range of \$5 to \$20 million.

The Phase One application will include the cities of Brookings (including the Port of Brookings and community of Harbor) and Reedsport because these two communities meet the narrow eligibility criteria. Phase Two and future efforts will expand to include other rural communities.

The agency is unsure how many state staff will be needed if the grant is awarded. It is also unsure what other state funding may be needed. The plan is develop that information during Phase Two of the grant process. There are no state matching requirements for the grant. The Oregon Business Development Department will receive any limitation if the grant is awarded.