

Office of the Governor
National Disaster Resilience Competition Grant

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Committee on Ways and Means approve the submission of a federal grant application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the HUD National Disaster Resilience Competition.

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.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends approval of 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.