

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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Wildfire Capacity Assistance

- \$2 million General Fund
 - Assist municipal governments with adding human capacity.
 - Mostly awarded in form of grants.
- Issue
 - Limitation awarded through June 30, 2021. With capacity issues, the deadline is putting undo pressure on communities. Requires legislative action to carry into next biennium.

Special Public Works Fund

- Financing for public infrastructure
 - Broadly defined and utilized
 - Direct funding (primarily loans)
 - Pre FEMA loans
 - Recovery planning grants
- Capitalized primarily with lottery bonds and loan repayment
 - Amount available for emergency assistance dependent on fund balance

25% match for FEMA infrastructure projects

Community Development Block Grants

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - Grants to municipalities for community projects that primarily benefit low- and moderate- income populations
 - Emergency funding available
 - Funds available for infrastructure and project consulting
 - Assistance with recovery planning and visioning

Drinking Water State Revolving Funds & Brownfields

- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
 - Low-cost financing for construction or improvement of public and private water systems.
 - Grant funds for planning activities associated with recovery.
- Brownfields
 - Provides state and federal financing through loans and grants to help assess and cleanup contaminated properties.

Technical Assistance

- Regional (RDO and RPM) and program staff assisting community staff with accessing state funds.
- Staff also assists with federal programs, ensuring communities know what is available and how to access it.
- Staff can share best practices seen in other communities Business Oregon works with.

Need

- Creation of Fund that can be capitalized to assist both communities and businesses in the event of a declared emergency.

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