

State Programs

State Programs includes General Fund support for a variety of institutions, centers, and programs operated by public universities that address economic development, natural resource, and other public policy issues. The 2021-23 total State Programs funding request is \$48.8m, a 7.42% base funding increase.

Oregon Climate Change Research Institute (OCCRI) – OSU

OCCRI facilitates research, serves as a climate change information clearinghouse, provides technical assistance, and at least once each biennium, assesses the state of climate change science as it relates to impacts on Oregon.

21-23 State Funding Request: \$371,134

Leveraged and Matching Funds (non-University E&G): \$1,725,610

What does the state fund? The roughly \$160K per year in state support that OCCRI has received over the past 10 years has resulted in OCCRI securing competitive grants and contracts totaling approximately \$20M in research funding to OSU and partner institutions within the state such as PSU and UO. This is an approximate 12:1 match.

Fermentation Science Lab – OSU

Fermentation science funding supports Oregon's fast-growing cheese, beer, wine and spirits industries and is one of the only programs of its type in the country.

21-23 State Funding Request: \$1,470,602

Leveraged and Matching Funds (non-University E&G): \$3,496,000

What does the state fund? Supports Oregon's fast-growing, premium beer, wine, cheese, cider, and spirits industries, as well as the agricultural inputs e.g. dairy, grape, hops, and barley industries they rely on. State funds leverage approximately \$2 in annual industry support and federal grants for every state dollar invested.

Marine Research Vessel – OSU

The 2013 Legislature established the new Oceangoing Research Vessel Program at Oregon State University to conduct specified marine research activities using U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) research vessels currently stationed in Oregon.

21-23 State Funding Request: \$ 735,302

Leveraged and Matching Funds (non-University E&G): \$4,500,000

What does the state fund? The appropriation funds ship use during the biennium, including fuel, supplies and labor. Decreased in funding would result in the loss of at-sea educational opportunities for Oregon students and critical research would break the promise that Oregon made to help support OSU's large research vessel when OSU won the contract from the National Science Foundation to design and build the next-generation regional class research vessel.

Institute for Natural Resources (INR) – OSU, PSU

The INR is a cooperative enterprise bringing the scientific knowledge and expertise of Oregon's public universities and other Oregon higher education institutions to bear on natural resource management.

21-23 State Funding Request: \$473,476

Leveraged and Matching Funds (non-University E&G): \$2,339,142

What does the state fund? In FY20, INR used 95% of state support as match for federal grants and other sources of grants. The amount of required match for grants varied from 10% to a 2:1 match. Without such a match, we would not have been eligible to apply for the federal grants and contracts that we were awarded.

TallWood Design Institute – OSU, UO

The 2015 Legislature provided funding for what is now known as the TallWood Design Institute. TDI is the nation's only research collaborative that focuses exclusively on the advancement of structural wood products. It conducts the research needed for widespread adoption of mass timber building technology in the U.S.

21-23 State Funding Request: \$4,032,855

Leveraged and Matching Funds (non-University E&G): \$1,740,300

What does the state fund? State funds support core operating costs - salaries, maintenance and operation of technical facilities for research and testing, creation and delivery of industry education programs, and an active outreach program supporting a business sector that is of key strategic importance to Oregon. Without these funds, TDI would lose the ability to secure grant funding from US Forest Service joint venture agreements and others due to the loss of discretionary funding normally available for this purpose.

Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Lab – OSU*

**New State Program*

The Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (OVDL) is a public-supported facility providing a full range of animal disease diagnostic services to veterinarians, livestock producers, pet owners, and biomedical researchers. Due to funding formula modifications made by HECC in collaboration with stakeholders, the GRB recommends shifting funding from the Public University Support Fund into the State Programs budget.

21-23 State Funding Request: \$3,034,323

Leveraged and Matching Funds (non-University E&G): N/A

What does the state fund? OVDL works closely with local, state, and federal agencies, supporting their programs in animal and public health. The Laboratory is a member of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network, providing surveillance and response testing for foreign animal diseases in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture. State partners include Oregon Health Authority, Department of Fish and Wildlife, the State Veterinarian, and other animal and livestock stakeholder groups.

Dispute Resolution – UO, PSU

In 2003, the Legislature (SB 904) transferred dispute resolution programs to the University of Oregon and Portland State University. Together, these programs provide comprehensive community based and public policy mediation and dispute resolution services to the state through two programs: the Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution (UO) and Oregon Consensus (PSU).

21-23 State Funding Request: \$2,935,725

Leveraged and Matching Funds (non-University E&G): \$8,700,000

What does the state fund? For **Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution** the state pays to provide mediation services ranging from landlord/tenant, foreclosure avoidance, restorative justice in schools, to neighbor to neighbor and provides conflict resolution training to private parties through direct grants that support 15 community programs in 24 counties. For **Oregon Consensus** the state pays to provide alternative dispute resolution and agreement-seeking of public policy issues through collaborative approaches that bring together government entities, communities, nonprofit, and businesses to resolve contentious issues in every sector from transportation and natural resources to health and education.

Oregon Solutions – PSU

Since 2002, Oregon Solutions has helped communities implement over 100 designated projects addressing education, the economy, natural resources, health care, transportation, and energy. We also do assessments, consultations, and trainings.

21-23 State Funding Request: \$2,678,135

Leveraged and Matching Funds (non-University E&G): \$671,380

What does the state fund? State funds to Oregon Solutions support the cost of community-based project teams including things such as project managers, research, stakeholder engagement, training, and facilitation. Designated Oregon Solutions projects received financial matches and other resources from foundations, private sector, local and federal governments, community members, etc.

Population Research Center – PSU

PRC provides demographic data, expertise, and training for Oregon and its communities. PRC is Oregon's liaison with the U.S. Census Bureau and PSU offers the only graduate level demographic training and certification program in the state.

21-23 State Funding Request: \$516,436

Leveraged and Matching Funds (non-University E&G): \$1,064,756

What does the state fund? PRC produces population estimates and projections that are used by state and local governments to ensure equitable distribution of tax revenue; better land use planning; to determine appropriation of state program funds, and for other public policy priorities including education, public health, redistricting, and the sufficiency of buildable lands for urban growth.

Labor Education Research Center – UO

For more than 40 years, the Labor Education and Research Center (LERC) has served as the premier institution within Oregon's higher education system that addresses labor and economic issues with a focus on the needs and interests of Oregon's workers.

21-23 State Funding Request: \$1,179,884

Leveraged and Matching Funds (non-University E&G): \$357,898

What does the state fund? State support allows LERC to produce applied research on critical labor policy issues such as the prevailing wage, the care economy, essential workers under COVID-19, occupational safety, and apprenticeship. State funding also supports LERC's extensive educational programs that promote positive labor-management relations and are preparing a new generation of labor and community leaders to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century economy.

Domestic Violence Legal Clinic – UO

The Domestic Violence Clinic educates future lawyers to serve their communities while also providing vital services for vulnerable populations in Oregon. The Clinic provides real-world legal education for law students by training them to provide free, high-quality, trauma-informed legal services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

21-23 State Funding Request: \$412,942

Leveraged and Matching Funds (non-University E&G): \$524,483

What does the state fund? The state funds salaries and training for critical staff, necessary costs of litigation, and other essential operating costs. The Domestic Violence Clinic is also funded by federal Victims of Crime Act funds administered by the Oregon Department of Justice and federal Office of Violence Against Women Legal Assistance to Victims funds, all of which the Clinic receives through competitive grants.

Oregon Renewable Energy Center – OIT

Founded in 2001, OREC is an applied research center promoting energy conservation and renewable energy through applied research and educational programs. It speeds the integration and optimization of renewable energy resource with current power generation systems and accelerations of clean energy technologies in collaboration with industry partners.

21-23 State Funding Request: \$566,634

Leveraged and Matching Funds (non-University E&G): estimated more than \$200,000

What does the state fund? State investment in OREC funds the Director, student workers, research investment and professional development. Funding also expands current research operations for various pilot projects in rural Oregon so that it can better leverage state funds through both private and federal appropriations. One recent example of leveraging state funding is through the floating solar aeration project on the Klamath Lake which inspired a \$1.5 million federal grant for similar solar powered aeration systems.

SHARED UNIVERSITY STATE PROGRAMS

Signature Research Centers

Initiated by the legislature in 2003 with funding to support the development of Signature Research Centers for Multi-Scale Materials and Devices at OSU, UO and PSU, and on using nanotechnology to develop products with commercial applications. The overall mission of the initiative is to create high-wage jobs and quality economic development in the state.

21-23 State Funding Request: \$1,234,491

Leveraged and Matching Funds (non-University E&G): \$4,611,716

What does the state fund? The [Advanced Technology and Manufacturing Institute](#) (OSU), the Center for Electron Microscopy and Nanofabrication (PSU) and the [Center for Advanced Materials Characterization in Oregon](#) (UO) leverage state investment nearly four-fold by providing research and industry equipment and training to support statewide economic development.

Engineering Technology Sustaining Funds (ETSF)

ETSF are utilized to produce Oregon resident engineering and technology-related graduates, catalyze research in engineering and technology fields and provide a tactical linkage of engineering and technology programs to the labor for needs of Oregon industry.

21-23 State Funding Request: \$29,007,847

Leveraged and Matching Funds (non-University E&G): \$143,226,125

What does the state fund? For 20 years, these funds have transformed engineering programs in the state, supported innovation, and boosted the state's economy with a competitive workforce. ETSF funding has:

- Tripled the number of engineering graduates in the state.
- More than tripled research expenditures.
- Successfully enabled a focus on diversifying faculty and student bodies.
- Provided substantial economic mobility for students graduating with engineering degrees.
- Created the workforce fueling industries important to Oregon's economy.
- Leveraged private donor and industry philanthropic support.

For More Information

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