



Presentation to the Senate Natural Resources  
Committee

**Cleaner air, cooling and warming  
center grants in-progress review**

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# Changes, Challenges, and Needs

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**This is only an in-progress review; the ODHS official report will be submitted as per SB 762 (2021 Regular Session), Section 14b, on or before June 30, 2023, to debrief the following:**

- 1. Which local governments received grants**
- 2. Barriers to administering the grants**
- 3. Improving the grant program**
- 4. Public health impacts from wildfire smoke events**

**SB 1536 (2022 Regular Session) amended the statutes created by SB 762 (2021 Regular Session), ORS 431A.410 and ORS 431A.412**

# The grants

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## Overview

The Legislature provided **\$7,187,411** to ODHS through Senate Bill 762 (2021 Regular Session) and Senate Bill 1536 (2022 Regular Session).\*

Purpose of funding: To support cleaner air, warming and cooling centers in Oregon.

## Response

- **Nearly 200 statements of interests** from local governments, public education providers, and Tribal Nations in need of cleaner air spaces for emergency purposes were received.
- **51 were invited to apply**, based on the information they provided in their initial interest form and who met criteria for type of organization.
- **29 completed the application** process on time, requesting a total of \$8,305,817.

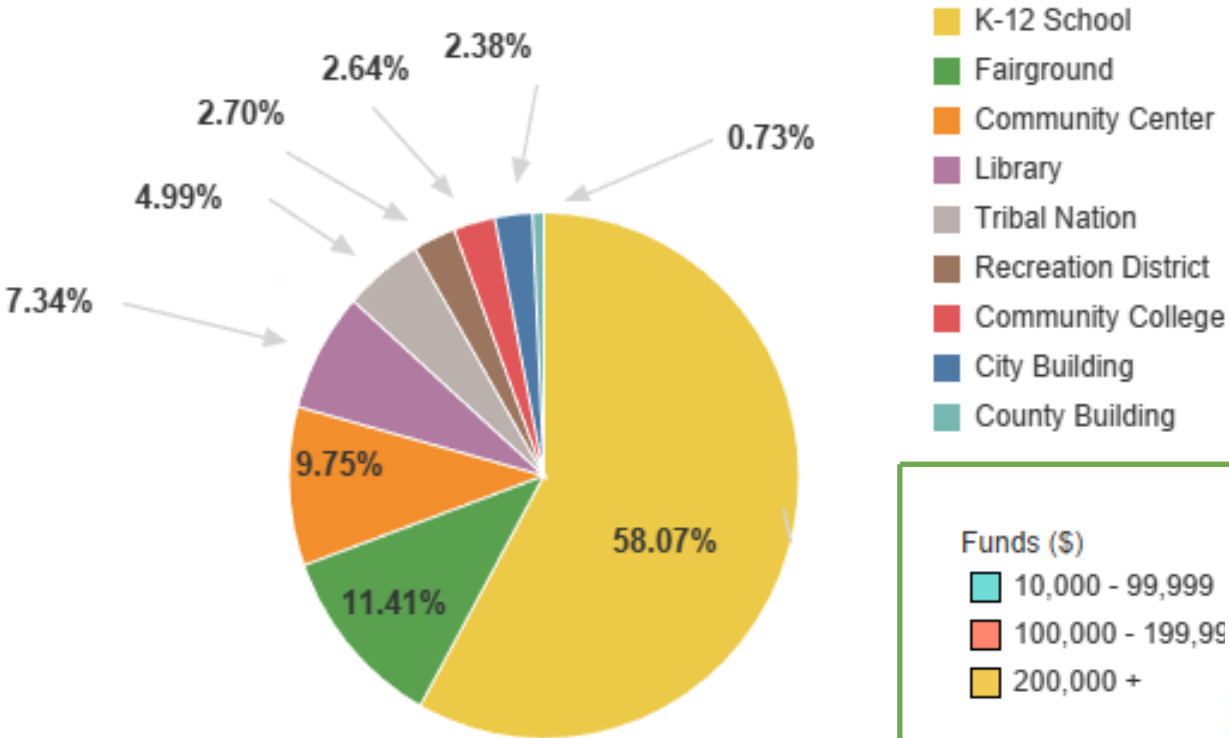
## Application Review Rubric

- Air Quality Index (AQI)
- Social Vulnerability Index
- Population density
- Urban, rural, frontier classification
- Square footage of the proposed shelter
- Capacity of the proposed shelter
- Proximity to the nearest similar shelter

\* \$5,187,411 from SB 762; \$2,000,000 from SB 1536

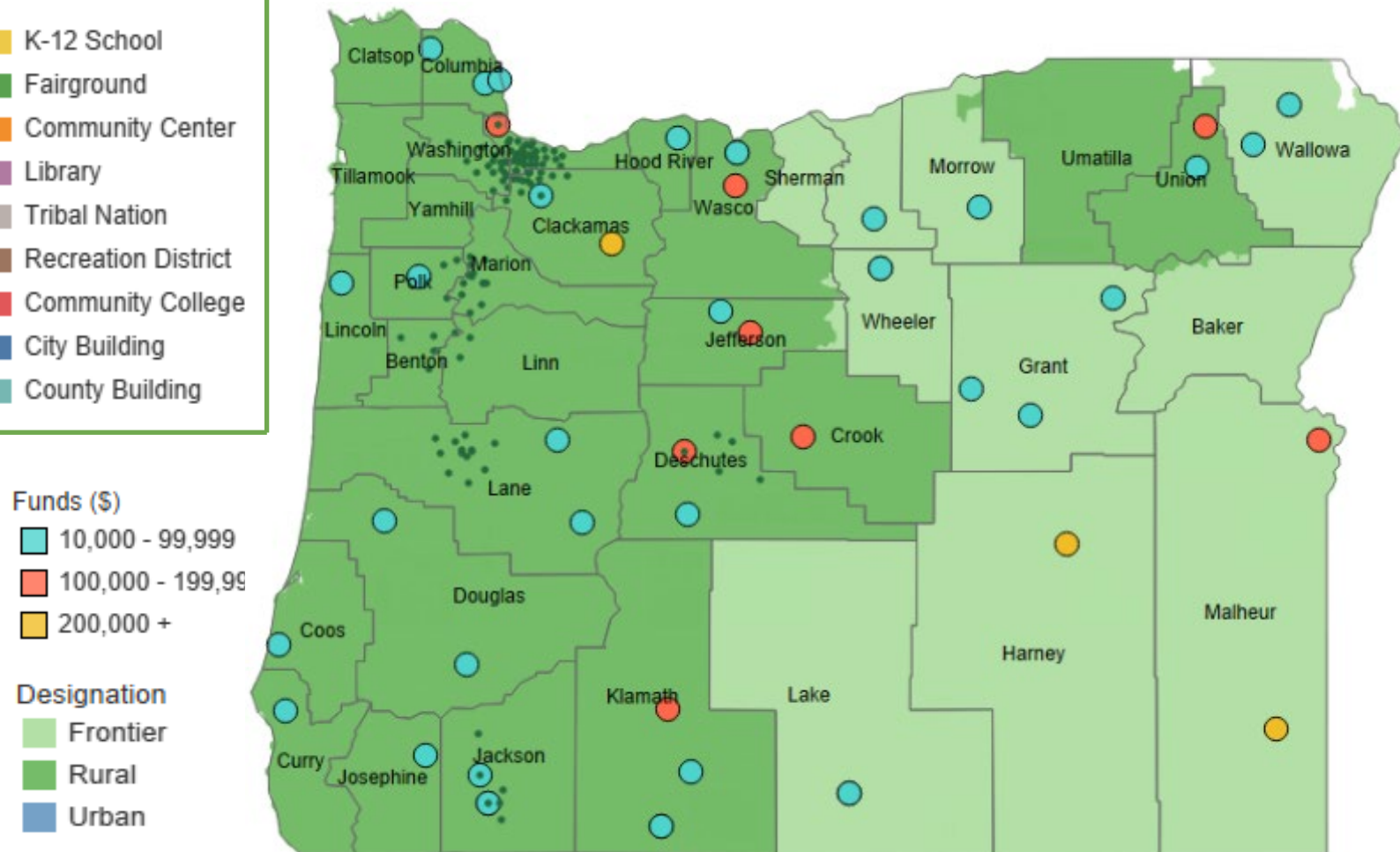
# Results: \$3.8 million awarded to 29 recipients

Percentage of funds awarded by applicant type



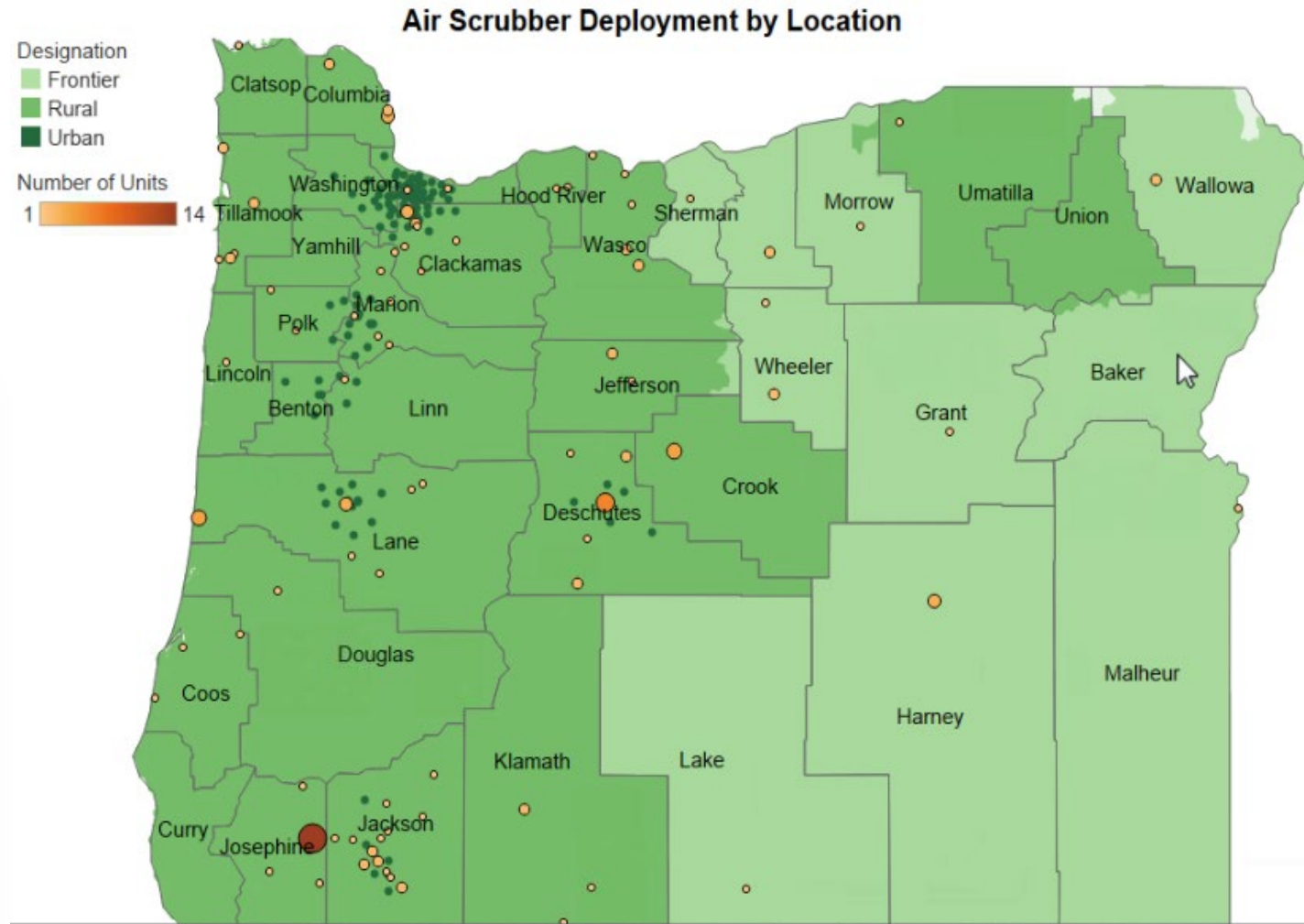
Unmet Need: \$13.9 million

Funds awarded in dollars by area designation



# Resource deployments

- 370 Air Scrubbers
  - Air Conditioners
  - Staffing
  - Trailers
  - Generators
  - 88 different municipalities
- Costs
    - \$500,809.79 for
      - Air Scrubbers
      - Supplies
      - Shipping





# Needs

## Examples of what communities need:

- Grant funding
- Direct support through contracted services
- Staffing support
- Equipment deployment
- Planning, training, exercising routines
- Subject matter expertise



Questions?