

# House Bill 2761

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells ODEM to give grants to counties to hire staff to manage disasters. (Flesch Readability Score: 78.8).

Directs the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to develop and implement a program to provide grants to counties to create and fill county-level disaster mitigation and recovery manager positions. Specifies the duties of a disaster mitigation and recovery manager.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to county disaster recovery; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall develop and**  
5 **implement a program to provide grants to counties to enable each county to create and fill**  
6 **a county-level position of disaster mitigation and recovery manager to prepare for and co-**  
7 **ordinate recovery after a disaster in a county.**

8 **(2) The department shall execute grant agreements with counties specifying the duties**  
9 **that a disaster mitigation and recovery manager funded by grant moneys must perform. The**  
10 **duties must include:**

11 **(a) Building relationships and networks with potential disaster recovery partners, in-**  
12 **cluding the department, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, city governments,**  
13 **community organizations active in disaster and other business and community partners;**

14 **(b) Creating and maintaining plans for mitigating natural hazards, in consultation with**  
15 **the Department of Land Conservation and Development and community partners and in**  
16 **collaboration with the emergency management agency of a county;**

17 **(c) Creating and maintaining plans for community wildfire protection, including pro-**  
18 **tection from related issues such as smoke, in consultation with the Department of Land**  
19 **Conservation and Development and community partners and in collaboration with the**  
20 **emergency management agency of a county;**

21 **(d) During and after a disaster that affects a county, managing recovery operations**  
22 **within the county, including:**

23 **(A) Putting existing contracts or purchase orders into operation;**

24 **(B) Working with cities, unincorporated communities and special districts to assess**  
25 **needs and provide resources and other support; and**

26 **(C) Working with community organizations active in disaster, long-term recovery groups**  
27 **and other groups active in disaster recovery to assess local needs and direct resources to-**  
28 **ward such groups; and**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1           **(e) Providing mutual aid to support other counties affected by disaster.**

2           **(3) A county is not required to apply for or accept a grant under this section. Nothing**  
3 **in this section limits or supplants any rights or powers that a county may exercise.**

4           **(4) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management may adopt rules necessary for**  
5 **the administration of this section.**

6           **SECTION 2.** **This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
7 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**  
8 **on its passage.**

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