

House Bill 3285

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act tells ODEM to support local groups that help prepare for emergencies. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.4).

Directs the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to identify long-term recovery groups operating in Oregon and to provide grants for their support.

Establishes the Long-Term Recovery Group Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in the fund to the department for the support of long-term recovery groups operating in areas experiencing an emergency.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to long-term recovery groups; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "long-term recovery group" means a cooperative**
4 **organization comprising representatives of nonprofit, governmental, business and faith-based**
5 **entities that works within a local community to prepare for, build resilience against and re-**
6 **cover from emergencies, including performing any of the following functions:**

7 (a) **Providing local coordination of federal or state support;**

8 (b) **Serving as a primary local disaster recovery organization;**

9 (c) **Assessing local needs following a disaster and determining locally informed plans for**
10 **action;**

11 (d) **Facilitating communication with local communities, including vulnerable populations;**

12 (e) **Leveraging philanthropic and other private funding and coordinating with**
13 **philanthropic entities;**

14 (f) **Facilitating disaster case management, including providing a central hub for allocating**
15 **resources for unmet needs; or**

16 (g) **Providing emergency-related services and supports to the local community.**

17 (2) **The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall identify existing long-term**
18 **recovery groups in Oregon and provide grants for their support. The department shall exe-**
19 **cute grant agreements with grant recipients obligating recipients to use grant moneys for**
20 **purposes specified by the department. The department shall determine the permissible pur-**
21 **poses for a grant under this section based on the needs of the long-term recovery group and**
22 **the locality in which it operates.**

23 (3) **The department shall adopt rules necessary for the administration of this section.**

24 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
25 **ated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, for the biennium beginning July**
26 **1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$18,000,000 to provide grants under section**
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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 **1 of this 2025 Act to long-term recovery groups for staffing and operations.**

2 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
3 **ated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, for the biennium beginning July**
4 **1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$18,000,000 to provide grants under section**
5 **1 of this 2025 Act to long-term recovery groups for disaster case management services.**

6 **SECTION 4. (1) The Long-Term Recovery Group Fund is established in the State Treas-**
7 **ury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The Long-Term Recovery Group Fund**
8 **consists of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the Leg-**
9 **islative Assembly or otherwise. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the**
10 **Oregon Department of Emergency Management for the purposes specified in subsection (2)**
11 **of this section.**

12 **(2) The department may expend moneys from the fund to make grants to long-term re-**
13 **covery groups, as defined in section 1 of this 2025 Act, if:**

14 **(a) The locality in which the long-term recovery group operates has experienced, or will**
15 **imminently experience, an emergency; and**

16 **(b) The long-term recovery group requests a grant from the fund to be used for increased**
17 **staffing or expedient incorporation or other organization.**

18 **SECTION 5. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
19 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
20 **on its passage.**

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