

House Bill 3788

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG; Senators ANDERSON, SMITH DB, WEBER

SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act tells OBDD to give grants to medical facilities to be used for fuel and water storage. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.0).

Directs the Oregon Business Development Department to develop and administer a program to issue grants to certain medical facilities near a tsunami inundation zone to enable the facilities to store fuel and water for emergency purposes.

Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to public safety; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

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5 (a) **"Eligible entity" means a medical facility in Oregon that:**

6 (A) **Is located within 25 miles of a tsunami inundation zone; and**

7 (B) **Lacks storage capacity for a two-week supply of fuel and water.**

8 (b) **"Tsunami inundation zone" means an area of expected tsunami inundation, based on**
9 **scientific evidence that may include geologic field data and tsunami modeling, determined by**
10 **the governing board of the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, by rule, as**
11 **required by ORS 455.446.**

12 (2) **The Oregon Business Development Department shall develop and administer a pro-**
13 **gram for awarding grants to eligible entities to carry out capital projects that will enable an**
14 **eligible entity to store a supply of fuel and water sufficient to allow the eligible entity to**
15 **operate for two weeks in the event of a disaster.**

16 (3) **The department shall prescribe an application process, including forms and deadlines,**
17 **for eligible entities seeking grants. Applications must include, at a minimum, a proposal for**
18 **the project for which grant funding is sought.**

19 (4)(a) **The department shall review each timely and complete application and approve the**
20 **application as submitted, approve the application for an amount other than the amount**
21 **sought in the application or reject the application. In reviewing and approving applications,**
22 **the department shall seek to maximize the emergency preparedness of this state.**

23 (b) **Grant award amounts and the rejection of an application may not be appealed, but**
24 **an eligible entity may submit another application at any time within the application period.**

25 (5)(a) **Upon making a decision with respect to an application under subsection (4) of this**
26 **section, the department shall:**

27 (A) **Notify the applicant of its decision and the reason for its decision; and**

28 (B) **Offer a grant award agreement to the successful applicant.**

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 (b) The department may elect to disburse the grant moneys in a single payment or in
2 multiple conditional payments, as specified in the grant agreement.

3 (c) The grant agreement must require an eligible entity to make such periodic reports
4 as the department deems necessary for the department's administration of the grant award
5 program.

6 (d) The grant agreement must require an eligible entity to repay grant moneys to the
7 department if the department determines that the eligible entity has used grant moneys for
8 any purposes other than those permitted under the grant agreement.

9 (e) The grant agreement must specify that if the department discovers that an eligible
10 entity willfully made a false statement or misrepresentation, or willfully failed to report a
11 material fact, to obtain a grant award under this section, the eligible entity must repay grant
12 moneys to the department, and the department may add to the amount the eligible entity is
13 obligated to repay a penalty not to exceed 20 percent of the principal amount of the grant
14 so obtained, plus any applicable interest and fees associated with the Department of
15 Revenue's costs of collection.

16 (f) When a grant award agreement has been finalized, the Oregon Business and Devel-
17 opment Department shall distribute to the eligible entity the grant moneys as specified in
18 the grant agreement.

19 (6) Any and all amounts required to be repaid under subsection (5)(d) and (e) of this
20 section shall be considered to be liquidated and delinquent, and the department shall assign
21 such amounts to the Department of Revenue for collection as provided in ORS 293.250.

22 (7) Subject to ORS 293.250, all amounts repaid to the Oregon Business Development De-
23 partment or the Department of Revenue under this section, including grant award amounts,
24 penalties, interest, fees and any other charges, shall be deposited in a fund of the Oregon
25 Business Development Department.

26 (8) The department may adopt rules necessary for the administration of this section.

27 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.

28 SECTION 3. There is appropriated to the Oregon Business Development Department, for
29 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$10,000,000, for
30 the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2025 Act.

31 SECTION 4. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
32 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
33 July 1, 2025.

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