

# Senate Bill 939

Sponsored by Senators PROZANSKI, STARR (at the request of Oregon Coalition for Nonprofit Safety)

## SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act tells ODEM to run a program to issue grants to nonprofits to improve their security. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.1).

Directs the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to establish a program to issue grants to certain nonprofit organizations for security enhancements.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to security for nonprofit organizations; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

5 (a) **"Bias crime" means the commission, attempted commission or alleged commission**  
6 **of:**

7 (A) **An offense described in ORS 166.155 or 166.165; or**

8 (B) **An offense against an organization based on the ideology or mission of the organiza-**  
9 **tion or the population served by the organization.**

10 (b) **"Eligible applicant" means a private organization:**

11 (A) **That is qualified for federal tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal**  
12 **Revenue Code; and**

13 (B) **That is at particular risk of being subject to a bias crime.**

14 (c) **"Eligible facility" means real property owned or operated by an eligible applicant.**

15 (d) **"Offense against an organization" includes an offense against an employee or agent**  
16 **of the organization.**

17 (e) **"Security enhancements" includes, without limitation:**

18 (A) **Security assessments and training;**

19 (B) **Security personnel;**

20 (C) **Upgrades or improvements to windows, doors, gates or security-related landscaping;**  
21 **and**

22 (D) **High-intensity lighting, camera systems, alarms or other security systems.**

23 (2) **The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall develop and administer a**  
24 **program, to be known as the Oregon Nonprofit Security Grant Program, to provide grants**  
25 **to eligible applicants for security enhancements to eligible facilities.**

26 (3) **Grants under the program may not exceed \$\_\_ per grant application.**

27 (4) **Eligible applicants may submit grant applications to the department in the form and**  
28 **manner prescribed by the department. The department shall rank applications based on the**  
29 **criteria established under subsection (5) of this section and award grants based on rankings**

**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 and available moneys.

2 (5) The department shall, by rule, establish criteria for ranking grant applications under  
3 the grant program. Criteria must include, but need not be limited to:

4 (a) An eligible applicant's and eligible facility's level of risk of being subject to a bias  
5 crime;

6 (b) Whether an eligible applicant or eligible facility has previously been subject to a bias  
7 crime; and

8 (c) The level of security measures already in place at eligible facilities.

9 (6) The department shall adopt rules to implement the grant program. Rules adopted  
10 under this subsection must include, but need not be limited to:

11 (a) Policies and procedures for the grant application process;

12 (b) Terms and conditions of grant agreements entered into by the department and grant  
13 recipients; and

14 (c) Procedures for verifying that grant moneys have been used for the purposes for which  
15 they were awarded.

16 SECTION 2. The Oregon Nonprofit Security Grant Program Fund is established in the  
17 State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The Oregon Nonprofit Security  
18 Grant Program Fund consists of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to  
19 the fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise. Moneys in the fund are continuously  
20 appropriated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management for the purpose of car-  
21 rying out section 1 of this 2025 Act.

22 SECTION 3. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
23 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect  
24 on its passage.

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