

Submitter: Phoenix Oaks

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3170

I strongly urge you to pass HB 3170, which would provide increased funding for the Community Resilience Hubs grant program. This vital program was only able to award grants to 96 of the 700 applicants in 2023. More funding is needed to ensure that none of our neighbors are left out in the cold, in extreme heat, breathing heavily polluted air from wildfire smoke, and/or with nowhere to go after a major disaster strikes. Funding Community Resilience Hubs is especially critical at this time given the Trump Administration's demonstrated willingness to dismantle FEMA and withhold federal disaster relief funds from blue states unless they given into Trump's fascist demands.

If more major wildfires or another large-scale disaster hits in the next four years--just imagine if it's the Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake--Oregon will almost certainly receive no aid or grossly insufficient aid from the federal government. It is up to us to fund our own resilience in our state. We must prepare now to the best of our ability for when the next disasters strike--and we are virtually guaranteed to see more disasters in the near future with the climate crisis worsening.

Thank you.