

Please enhance prior support for emergency hubs by supporting HB3170. These grant funds provide a way for communities to come together with very local and specific resilience spaces which without state funding may never be built out by civic organizations or faith communities. There is interest as has been seen by the many applications for the first grant cycle and only a small portion of those applications could be funded.

I work as a volunteer with St. Luke Lutheran Church's, Portland, Climate Justice Ministry. We know that our volunteers believe in working to support resilience at individual and community levels. We can build teams and provide support services. And, we look for projects where we can help with additional funds, skills and experiences, such as trained PBEM NETs (Portland Bureau of Emergency Management, Neighborhood Emergency Teams of trained volunteers for implementing projects. As we partner with other congregations and non-profits, it's important to have vetted and funded hubs available for our additional support. In an emergency, identified and nearby gathering places are vital to the success of emergency support efforts.