

# OREGON ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME TASK FORCE

## 2025 Task Force Funding Recommendations

### Overview:

The **Oregon Organized Retail Crime (ORC) Task Force** is a public/private partnership formed to emphasize collaboration amongst all stakeholders addressing organized retail crime. The statewide task force is providing greater coordination among law enforcement, prosecutors, and businesses to identify, disrupt, and prosecute organized criminal rings that steal billions of dollars of goods from retailers and resell them through online marketplaces.

### **Senate Bill 960 – Funding Recommendation:**

The Oregon ORC Task Force recommends funding the continuation of a successful local grant program that was created in 2023 and administered by the Criminal Justice Commission. The local grant program supports retail theft enforcements, shared best practices, and increases collaboration between private sector loss-prevention professionals, prosecutors, and law enforcement. The Oregon ORC Task Force recommends:

**Continuation and expansion of funding for a \$10 million local grant program** administered by the Criminal Justice Commission to support organized retail theft enforcement actions. Three categories of grants are funded through this program:

- Grants awarded, on a competitive basis, to cities and counties (law enforcement agencies);
- Grants awarded, on a competitive bases, to co-applicants consisting of cities, counties, or the Department of Justice

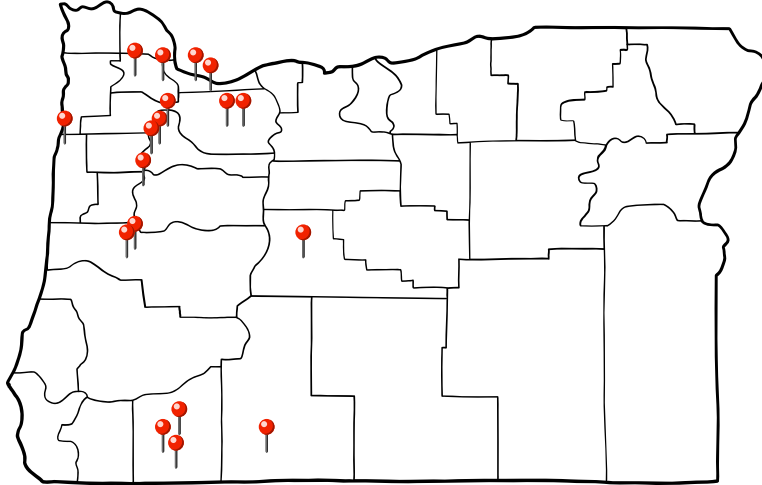
### **Organized Retail Theft Grant Program:**

SB 960 establishes the Organized Retail Theft Grant Program within the Oregon Criminal Justice System. City and county-based law enforcement agencies, community-based organizations, and Oregon State Police are eligible to receive up to \$5 million from the General Fund over two years. **SB 960 continues and expands the Oregon Retail Theft Grant Program within the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. City and county-based law enforcement agencies, and the Department of Justice are eligible to receive funding from the General Fund over the 2025–27 biennium.**

### **Program priorities include:**

1. Address organized retail theft that places retail employees, the public, or both, at risk of physical injury
2. Identify and address fencing networks connected to organized retail theft
3. Identify and address the underlying causes of organized retail theft by focusing on individuals or groups who have committed or are at risk of committing organized retail theft
4. Collaborate with retailers or law enforcement agencies to support the reduction of organized retail theft in the jurisdiction served by the grant
5. Design grant-funded operations to have a regional or statewide beneficial effect on the reduction of organized retail theft

## 2023-25 Grant Recipients:



• Washington County Interagency Task Force	-----	\$1,545,487
• Clackamas County Sheriff's Office	-----	\$685,794
• Springfield Police Department	-----	\$586,850
• Portland Police Bureau	-----	\$474,244
• Eugene Police Department	-----	\$391,264
• Multnomah County District Attorney & ORCAOR	-----	\$227,196
• Woodburn Police Department	-----	\$189,610
• Keizer Police Department	-----	\$167,924
• Klamath Falls Police Department	-----	\$110,812
• Salem Police Department	-----	\$99,356
• Hillsboro Police Department	-----	\$65,285
• Albany Police Department	-----	\$54,842
• Clackamas County District Attorney	-----	\$50,000
• Medford Police Department	-----	\$48,867
• Lincoln City Police Department	-----	\$20,650
• Eagle Point Police Department	-----	\$18,250
• Deschutes County District Attorney	-----	\$17,877
• Talent Police Department	-----	\$12,000



## Oregon ORC Grant Funding Highlights:

### Springfield Police Department:

***The Springfield Police Department (Sgt. Kyle Potter)** has utilized grant funds to enhance efforts in combatting Organized Retail Crime (ORC) through strategic investments in both personnel and equipment. Key purchases include two vehicles with software programs to assist in reporting theft and connecting to regional law enforcement databases. Grant funds supported 29 successful retail theft operations that resulted in 251 arrests and recovery of over \$52,000 in stolen merchandise.*

### Eagle Point Police Department:

***The Eagle Point Police Department (Chief Jim Hamilton)** has utilized grant funds to enhance efforts in combatting Organized Retail Crime (ORC) through the purchase of Automatic License Plate Recognition devices. These devices allow for quicker recognition of theft suspects who flee the scene of a crime in a vehicle. We are also able to coordinate with other agencies utilizing the same system to detect and arrest for more than theft cases. Multiple stolen vehicles have been recovered because of these devices within Jackson County. We utilize regional law enforcement cooperation to investigate the criminal activity and apprehend offenders who are typically committing crimes in multiple jurisdictions. Grant funds supported 7 theft cases, 2 assault cases, one menacing case with a firearm, one stolen vehicle recovery and one fugitive arrest for fraud.*

### Clackamas County Sheriff's Office:

***The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office (Det. Mike Zacher)** is utilizing grant funding to combat Organized Retail Crime (ORC) through investments in personnel, equipment, and partnerships with other law enforcement agencies within the county to conduct numerous retail crime missions. Grant funds have supported seven retail crime missions of varying size and scale, resulting in 128 arrests, clearing 82 arrest warrants and recovery of over 738 items totaling over \$14,699.31 in merchandise.*

### Multnomah County District Attorney's Office:

***The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office (Theresa Turner)** utilized grant funds to hire an additional Organized Retail Crime (ORC) investigator, enabling the DA's office to lead investigations into ongoing ORC crimes resulting in over 100 arrests and more than 600 theft incidents referred to the DA's office, and supported collaboration with surrounding jurisdictions to ensure successful prosecutions. The grant funded dedicated prosecutor provided greater collaboration amongst retailers, law enforcement and the DA's office, which led to arrests, indictments, and prosecution of large-scale retail theft organizations.*

## Oregon Organized Retail Crime Task Force Membership:

### Multnomah County

- Nathan Vasquez | Multnomah County DA
- Mariel Mota | Multnomah County Deputy DA
- Theresa Turner | Multnomah County Deputy DA

### United Food and Commercial Workers

- Michael Selvaggio | United Food and Commercial Workers

### Department of Justice

- Michael Slauson | Department of Justice
- Cara Steele | Analyst, Department of Justice
- Jose Salas | Special Agent, Department of Justice
- Patrick McNair | Special Agent, Department of Justice

### Oregon State Police

- Casey Coddling | Superintendent, Oregon State Police
- Jeff Fitzgerald | Oregon State Police

### Clackamas County

- John Wentworth | Clackamas County DA
- Mike Zacher | Detective, Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

### Zupan's Market

- Mike Zupan | Zupan's Market

### Fred Meyer

- TJ Birkel | Fred Meyer

### Walmart

- Chris Kohler | Walmart
- Deborah Herron | Walmart

### Albertsons / Safeway

- Jill McGinnis | Albertsons/Safeway
- Rick Osowick | Albertsons/Safeway
- Scott Samuelson | Albertsons/Safeway

### Walgreens

- Leslie Dolan | Walgreens
- Jennifer Kurrie | Walgreens

### Nike

- Hans Bernard | Nike

### Columbia Sportswear

- Kevin Stone | Columbia Sportswear

### Washington County

- Kevin Barton | Washington County DA

### Organized Retail Crime Association

- Jeremy Girard | Organized Retail Crime Association
- Phil Smith | Organized Retail Crime Association

### Springfield Police Department

- Kyle Potter | Sgt.. Springfield Police Department

### Oregon District Attorneys Association

- Brian Brock | Oregon District Attorneys Association

### Northwest Grocery Retail Association

- Amanda Dalton | Northwest Grocery Retail Association
- Shawn Miller | Northwest Grocery Retail Association
- Mia Noren | Northwest Grocery Retail Association
- Dan Floyd | Northwest Grocery Retail Association

### Oxley & Associates

- Gary Oxley | Oxley & Associates

### Oregon Business & Industry

- Angela Wilhelms | Oregon Business & Industry
- Derek Sangston | Oregon Business and Industry

### TechNet

- Elise Brown | TechNet

### Amazon

- Chris Walden | Amazon
- Ellie Booth | Amazon

### Technology Association of America

- Rachael Wiggins Emory | Technology Association of America

### Lowe's

- Robert Nelson | Lowe's

### eBay

- Christian Hardman | eBay

### Best Buy

- Karin Holt | Best Buy