

SUPPORT FFA and CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The proposed 2025-2027 budget includes an **11% decrease** in the following Grant-In-Aid programs that will directly impact local classrooms, students, and teachers across Oregon. These programs were established by the Oregon legislature over the years because of the strong needs they fulfill:

- **Oregon FFA**

In 2019 the State of Oregon reestablished funding for Oregon FFA. Since then, student enrollment numbers have increased more than 80% and engagement levels are at an all-time high. Barriers for participation have been removed, and stronger supports and programming have been established that directly impact students and teachers in both our rural and urban schools. The 11% will immediately affect the reach and opportunities that Oregon FFA provides.

- **FFA/Ag Education Summer Grant Program**

Also established in 2019, this program supports school districts in making agriculture education activities and programming available throughout the summer months, allowing for greater intervention, mentoring and support for students – especially underrepresented students. Diminished funding will mean less schools able to access these dollars and provide these supports.

- **CTE Pathways Funding**

This grant funding was established for all CTE programs that engaged students for three years or more in preparing them for crucial, high-wage/high-demand careers. This funding has been a game-changer in allowing CTE programs – some of the most resource-intensive coursework a school offers – to be sustained and expanded at a level that allows them to be relevant in today's world through equipment, materials, and related expenses. The Oregon Agriculture Teacher's Association (OATA) regards this program as one of the single-most impactful CTE efforts that reaches the local classroom today – and a reduction will be felt immediately at that level.

- **CTE Revitalization Grants**

Numerous schools have engaged in this competitive grant process in order to jump-start new CTE programs or overhaul existing ones to allow for a 'leap-forward' in their capacity and relevance. Several of our high school agricultural education programs have engaged in this program and more and more CTE programs continue to apply each funding cycle.

- **CTSO Student Leadership Center Funding**

In addition to FFA, Oregon has several Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSO's) that provide leadership and career exploration opportunities for students. The OCTSO leadership center funding supports those other organizations at the state level and is needed for their continuation.

There are countless examples and reams of data that speak to the invaluable impact of FFA and CTE on student success. Whether it is engagement, skill development, career and college preparation, graduation rates – these programs are integral and important parts of our schools and our state.

Support Oregon FFA and CTE – Fully Fund These Grants-In-Aid!