

OREGON BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

DIVISION 61

REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

123-061-0010

Purpose

As provided in ORS 285B.551, § 2-4, ch.786 OL 2013, the Oregon Business Development Department shall administer the Regional Infrastructure Fund to provide grants and/or loans for infrastructure projects including long range planning, research and design.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 285A.075, ORS 285B.55, § 2-4, ch.786 OL 2013

Stats. Implemented: ORS 285B.551, § 2-4, ch.786 OL 2013

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Definitions

- (1) "Department" means the Oregon Business Development Department.
- (2) "Fund" means the Regional Infrastructure Fund.
- (3) "Grant" means an award to a municipality of monies that can be used for eligible project costs. Grant funds are not required to be repaid when contract conditions are met.
- (4) "Local government" means a city, county, authority or entity organized under state statute or city or county charter, and includes any council of governments.
- (5) "Region" means an economic development district in Oregon, created by the Economic Development Administration of the United States Department of Commerce, for which a regional solutions center has been established.

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Public Involvement

Regional Priority Implementation Projects will be selected by each of the Regional Solutions Advisory Committees after:

(1) An opportunity for public input.

(2) Advisory Committee agendas and any supporting materials for the priority implementation project have been posted no less than seven days prior to the Advisory Committee meeting.

(3) Advisory Committee meetings where priority projects are discussed for potential funding and meetings where potential projects are selected will include an opportunity for public comment. Written comments may be submitted and will be shared with Advisory Committee members, but must be received prior to the advisory committee meeting.

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Projects

Funding awards shall use regional priorities for community and economic development and base decisions upon whether the project:

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(1) Is submitted by a Regional Solutions Advisory Committee appointed pursuant to HB4015 (2014 Legislative Session).

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(2) Uses regional and community-based problem solving.

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(3) Supports regional and community-based means of integrating state and local resources and services.

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(4) Creates jobs in relation to the economy and population of the region directly impacted by the project.

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(5) Involves investment of capital in relation to the economy and population of the region directly impacted by the project.

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(6) Has community support, as indicated by the support of the governing body of the local government.

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(7) Has obtained appropriate land use and environmental reviews and authorizations prior to utilization of funds.

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(8) Leverages other public, private or philanthropic resources.

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For the 2013–2015 biennium, projects shall be those approved within the legislatively adopted budget report that accompanies 2014 Legislative session House Bill 5201, or projects subsequently and additionally approved by action of the legislative Emergency Board.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 285B.551, 2014 Legislative Session HB 5201

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Funding Process

Regional priority implementation project will be funded after:

(1) Regional Solutions Advisory Committee identify community and regional economic development priorities.

(2) Project scope and outcomes have been identified.

(3) Project management and roles/responsibilities for project partners are determined.

(4) Commitments for leverage have been documented.

(5) A fiduciary review by the Infrastructure Finance Authority has been completed; and

(6) A Regional Solutions Advisory Committee has approved the project.

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Contracts

- (1) The Department shall determine grants and/or loans awarded from the Fund.
- (2) Upon approval of an award from the Fund, the department will enter into a binding contact with the local government.
- (3) Disbursal of funds will not exceed one disbursal per month.
- (4) The contract for a grant and/or loan shall be in a form provided by the department and shall include but be not limited to:
 - (a) A provision that disbursements from the fund will be according to the terms of the contract;
 - (b) The eligible use of funds;
 - (c) The performance standards expected of the local government;
 - (d) The repayment obligation of the local government for failure to perform the specified project activity.

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Waiver of Non-Statutory Requirements

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The Director or the Director's designee may waive non-statutory requirements of this division of administrative rules, if demonstrated that such a waiver serves to further the goals and objectives of ORS 285B.551, § 2-4, ch. 786 OL 2013 and House Bill 5201 from the 2014 Legislative session.

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