

# Funding Priorities for a Fire-Resilient Oregon

Oregon has experienced years of record-breaking, high intensity wildfires, threatening communities, harming forest and rangeland ecosystems, and destroying over 4,000 homes and structures since 2020.

**More than \$12.7 billion worth of homes in Oregon are at risk from wildfire**, with smoke impacting human health and damaging tourism and economic development.

The Oregon legislature passed foundational policies to respond to the Oregon wildfire crisis in SB 762 (2021) and SB 80 (2023). Continued investments are necessary to sustain and scale this work to protect communities, critical infrastructure, and vulnerable populations.

This comprehensive funding package makes strategic investments in core wildfire mitigation programs in anticipation of the 2024 wildfire season and supports communities implementing new defensible space and home hardening standards. Proposed investments are for programs that failed to receive sufficient funding to sustain activities in the 2023 session.



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*Ponderosa pine forest with understory thinning followed by prescribed fire. Source: Fotogal*

**INVESTMENT COMPONENTS: TOTAL \$27.35 MILLION**

<p><b>COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION:</b></p> <p>\$13 million for the OSFM Community Risk Reduction Program to mitigate wildfire risks to homes and communities, including defensible space treatments and actions to facilitate effective wildfire response and evacuations (includes 1 FTE for a project manager).</p> <p>\$5 million to OSFM to create a neighborhood protection cooperative program to promote wildfire resilient communities (SB 1511 - 2024 session).</p>	<p><b>\$18 MILLION</b></p>
<p><b>LANDSCAPE RESILIENCY:</b></p> <p>\$3 million for the ODF Landscape Resiliency Fund for five projects that will restore forest health and reduce wildfire risk to critical public resources.</p> <p>\$2 million for ODF to continue the development and initial implementation of the Oregon 20-Year Landscape Resiliency Strategy, including resources for program prioritization, public engagement, and monitoring and reporting.</p>	<p><b>\$5 MILLION</b></p>
<p><b>PUBLIC HEALTH AND SMOKE MANAGEMENT:</b></p> <p>\$350,000 to DEQ, \$2 million to OHA, and \$2 million to DHS for monitoring, mitigation, and public engagement programs that protect vulnerable populations from wildfire smoke and prepare plans to apply prescribed fire on key landscapes safely.</p>	<p><b>\$4.35 MILLION</b></p>

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