

Human Services

OREGON DISABILITIES COMMISSION

	1999-2001 Actuals	2001-03 Legislatively Adopted at Close of Session	2001-03 Legislatively Approved through Fifth Special Session	2003-05 Governor's Balanced
General Fund	\$288,121	\$288,741	\$285,337	\$298,929
Lottery Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds	559,031	545,689	565,902	733,109
Federal Funds	887,395	814,437	817,297	243,782
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$1,734,547	\$1,648,867	\$1,668,536	\$1,275,820
Positions	8	6	6	6
Full-time Equivalent	8.00	5.20	5.20	5.50

Overview

The Oregon Disabilities Commission seeks to create an environment in the state of Oregon in which people with disabilities are active and equal participants by:

- Advocating for people with disabilities. This includes assisting in the location of appropriate services and resources, and acting as a clearinghouse and primary point of contact.
- Providing technical consultation to local and state building code officials, architects, and business owners on structural code and accessibility requirements.
- Coordinating sign language interpreters and captioners for state agencies.
- Assisting agencies in complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act by providing training and technical assistance.
- Overseeing the federal grant for the Client Assistance Program (CAP), which provides counseling and advocacy for clients who receive services from the Department of Human Services Vocational Rehabilitation Division, the Commission for the Blind, and independent living centers.
- Overseeing the federal grant for Technology and Access for Life Needs (TALN), which assesses individual needs, provides information, and helps people with disabilities find technology that will assist with their activities of daily living. The grant is scheduled to sunset March 31, 2003. Although it may be extended by the federal government, the budget was developed without these funds.

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Balanced Budget

The Governor's balanced budget for the Disabilities Commission is \$1,275,820 total funds. This is a 23.5 percent decrease from the 2001-03 Legislatively Approved Budget through the Fifth Special Session. The sunset of the federal TALN grant accounts for this significant decrease. However, this is somewhat mitigated by increasing interagency revenues for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired Access Program.

Revenue

The General Fund supports 23.4 percent of the Commission's budget. The Commission also receives Other Funds from contracts with state agencies to coordinate communications/sign language interpreters and to support the annual Youth Leadership Forum. Other Funds revenue supports 57.5 percent of the balanced budget.

The Commission also receives a federal grant for CAP, which is anticipated to remain constant. However, the TALN grant, which they received previously, has an end date of March 2003. The balanced budget anticipates the sunset of the grant. Federal Funds in the CAP grant support 19.1 percent of the Commission's budget.