

Then to Now:

Wolf Depredation Grant Program & SB 777

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Introduction

- June 2011 – HB 3560 passed
- Supports ODFW's Wolf Plan by creating a cooperative program to reduce conflict between wolves and livestock
- Aids livestock producers who face losses due to wolves

Grant program



**Funded by Oregon
Legislature**

**Payment for livestock or working dogs killed or injured
by wolves.**



**Administered by
ODA**

**Payment to those who use methods to prevent wolves
from attacking livestock.**



**Counties run
program**

**Payment for livestock or working dogs missing due to
wolves.**

**Counties can receive money to cover eligible costs for
running the program.**



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County committee tasks



**Process to
prioritize
assistance to
producers with
high
depredation**



**Compensation
rates for
livestock/
working dogs
hurt or killed
by wolves**



**Compensation
rates for
missing
livestock due
to wolf
depredation**



**Qualifications
for producers
to receive
grant funds**



**Contribute 10%
of eligible costs
for program
implementation**



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Funding



At least 30% of funds spent on prevention

Approx. \$200K state general fund per biennium

23-25 biennium = ~\$1.2M

Federal funds as Oregon qualifies

County funding

**2024
\$787K+**

**2025
\$729K+**



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Where did the money go in 2025?



Depredation (killed/injured):

Paid at 100%.

Prevention:

Capped at \$100,000.
Paid at min. of 50%.
Counties w/higher no.
of wolf packs, total
depredations, and
depredating packs
received an additional
\$3,196.31.



Missing Livestock:

Not paid.



Administrative:

Capped at \$2,000.
And then, paid 100%



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SB 777 – 2025 legislative session



New compensation model

- Missing category eliminated
- New multiplier system for confirmed/probable losses – up to 3x to 5x the animal's market value (depending on animal type) with a cap of \$25,000/animal



Increased support for prevention

- At least 50% of grant funds must be used for preventative measures



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The End

Questions?

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