



2020 Budget Adjustments

During the summer of 2020, the Oregon Legislature made a number of adjustments to agency budgets, through two special sessions and the Emergency Board. These included reductions to fill a \$1.2 billion state revenue shortfall that resulted from the sharp economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as investments for emerging needs related to the pandemic.

Adjustments made to the Oregon Department of Human Services budget included:

- Reduction of \$74 million in the department's General Fund dollars
- Appropriation of \$12.7 million in General Fund and \$34 million in federal COVID-relief funds related to the pandemic
- Appropriation of \$36.7 million in General Fund to address other critical needs the department requested in the February 2020 session.

The General Fund appropriations were possible because of an increase in federal Medicaid matching dollars provided to states during the pandemic. Program impacts are summarized below.

Program	Impacts of Budget Reductions
Self-Sufficiency Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delays hiring to create vacancy savings • Eliminate TANF pilot programs related to housing and JOBS
Child Welfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminates Foster Parent Night Out program for the remainder of the biennium • Reduces employee training funds in 2019-21
Aging and People with Disabilities (APD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminates funding for mental health services and reduces support for Older Americans Act programs in 2019-21 • Reduces case managers authorized for Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) and APD field offices in 2019-21
Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanently phases out family to family networks • Reduces capacity in new host home program in 2019-21 • Eliminates funding for case management system technology project in 2019-21 • Eliminates housing emergency repairs for former Community Integration Program homes in 2019-21
Vocational Rehabilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reductions made possible by anticipated increase in federal funding in 2020
Shared and Central Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces funding for telecommunications, technology support from DAS and technology equipment and holds most vacant positions for remainder of biennium.

Program	Impacts of New Investments
Self-Sufficiency Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps department administer emergency SNAP and TANF benefits for Oregonians impacted by the pandemic • Provides funding to food banks and 211 to assist Oregonians affected by the pandemic
Child Welfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continues funding, at a reduced level, for organizations that help keep families together (Strengthening, Preserving, Reunifying Families) • Increases rates for providers that serve children with high behavioral needs • Funds critical staff positions, including swing shift at child welfare abuse hotline
Aging and People with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds COVID-19 needs, such as emergency health care centers and testing at long-term care facilities • Funds positions for time-sensitive provider time capture technology project
Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases rates for providers to help them serve Oregonians with disabilities who have been impacted by the pandemic • Funds payments to day service providers who have had to close or reduce services due to the pandemic
Shared and Central Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes positions to allow the department to investigate reports of child abuse when the alleged perpetrator is third-party (non-familial) and law enforcement is not investigating as a result of Senate Bill 155