

PIER Planning Program Overview

Planning, Infrastructure, Economic Revitalization (PIER)



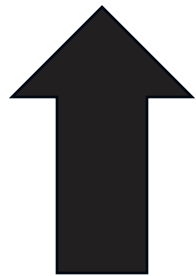
Module Objectives



After this module, you should understand:

- Planning Program Background and Program Design
- How to apply to the Planning Program
- Identify Eligible Planning Activities and Applicants
- Where to find program resources

PIER Life Cycle



You are Here

Program Description & Background

In November 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced it awarded Oregon \$422 million in Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds for recovery efforts in response to the 2020 Labor Day Fires.

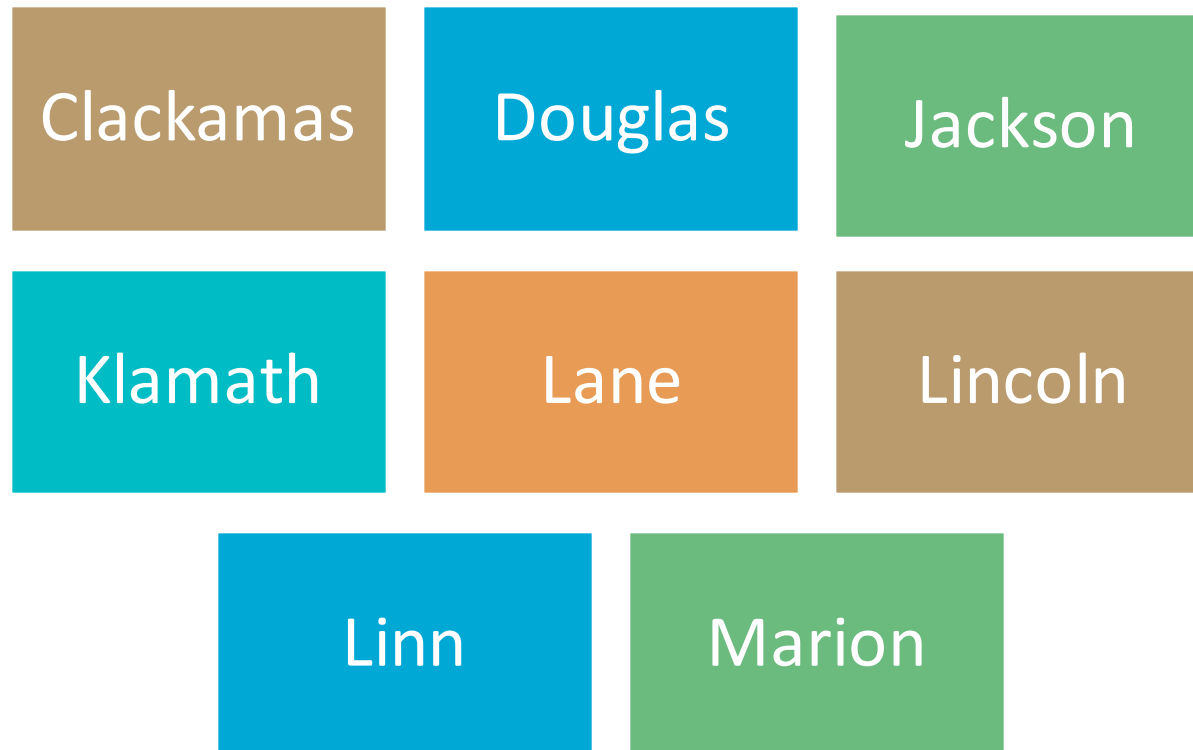
Administered by Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS), this money will pay for new programs to help individuals, households, and communities continue to recover.

This effort, which is called ReOregon, will provide funds to rebuild and create new housing, infrastructure, economic revitalization, and planning opportunities to areas impacted by the fires.



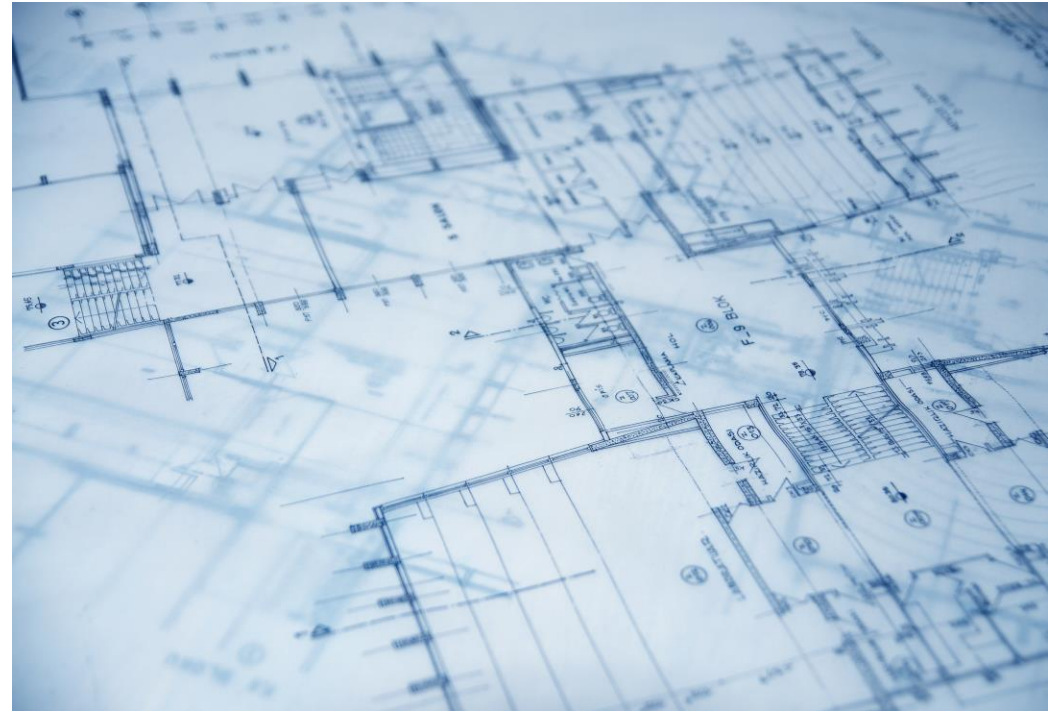
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OHCS created a Public Action Plan available on the [ReOregon website](#) which describes how the state will spend the \$422 million CDBG-DR allocation to support recovery from the 2020 Labor Day Fires in the following counties:



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The **PIER program** established in the action plan addresses **planning, economic revitalization,** and **infrastructure** needs after the disaster. There are \$42 million CDBG-DR dollars allocated to PIER.



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Timely	Projects must be completed within 6 years (February 2028)
Minimum Budget	Projects must request at least \$500,000
Tie-back or Mitigate	Projects must tie-back to the disaster or mitigate against future risks
Eligible	Projects must meet the criteria of an eligible CDBG-DR project

PIER projects must meet certain requirements.

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An eligible PIER planning project includes CDBG-DR Eligible Activities that are related to planning efforts that will help communities **recover** from the fire or **mitigate against** current or future hazards.

Method of Distribution

MID County	Percent of Total PIER Program Allocation	PIER Allocation
Clackamas	5.7%	\$ 2,415,826
Douglas	5.7%	\$ 2,399,446
Jackson	32.9%	\$ 13,849,117
Klamath	4.0%	\$ 1,703,097
Lane	18.8%	\$ 7,926,980
Lincoln	6.4%	\$ 2,684,967
Linn	7.4%	\$ 3,110,691
Marion	19.1%	\$ 8,027,045
Total of MIDs	100.0%	\$ 42,117,170

Method of Distribution by OHCS

- For each eligible county an allocation was made
- Each county created a regional Selection Committee to select projects for OHCS approval
- **Minimum project award \$500,000**

How to Apply

Each county has established a Selection Committee. These Regional Selection Committees each have their own process.

To learn more about **Lane, Jackson, Douglas, and Klamath counties** processes, please visit their websites:

- Lane County [[link](#)]
- Jackson County [[link](#)]
- Douglas County [[link](#)]
- Klamath County [[link](#)]

To learn more about **Lincoln, Linn, and Marion counties**, or if you are unsure who to reach out to, please reach out to PIER@hcs.oregon.gov to request a contact.

Selection Committees

Selection Committees are made up of local representatives and may include:

- Municipal government representatives
- County government representatives
- Economic development district representatives
- Long-term recovery group representatives
- Tribal representatives (if applicable)



Voting members may add voting members from government, special districts, or other organizations and ex-officio non-voting members. These voting members will receive and review projects, then vote to decide if the project will move to OHCS review.

Who can apply?



- Tribes
- State Agencies
- Counties
- Municipal governments, districts, and authorities
- Other public or quasi-public entities, including Councils of Government (COGs)

Project Description Form

To apply, a Project Lead should submit the appropriate Project Description Form, or an approved alternative document, to the correct Selection Committee for their review.

- There is a separate form for each eligible project: [Planning](#), [Economic Revitalization](#), and [Infrastructure](#).
- The forms will include a full project description, budget, and eligibility criteria.
- The forms will include information about the project lead entity responsible for implementing the project and the agency or organization responsible for operating and maintaining the project or program.
- If selected, the project will move forward to OHCS review.

Eligible Activities: Plans



- Housing recovery planning
- Regional mitigation plans
- Modernization and resiliency planning
- Comprehensive, capital improvement and community development planning related to disaster recovery
- Floodplain and wetland management plans

Eligible Activities: Mapping, Data, Education, Outreach

- Upgrading mapping, data and other capabilities to better understand evolving disaster risks
- Education and outreach campaigns designed to alert communities and prospective beneficiaries to opportunities to further mitigate identified risks through insurance, best practices and other strategies



Tie-back or Mitigation

Each project activity must either:

- **Tie-back to the Disaster:** Any recovery activity must clearly relate to the recovery needs resulting from the 2020 Labor Day fires and directly or indirectly support new housing and/or replacement of damaged housing. OHCS intends this language to be read broadly to include economic revitalization activities and creation of public facilities, such as parks, to the extent the local partners determine that these actions are important to supporting demand for housing in the impacted area.
- **Mitigate future Disasters:** Any mitigation activity must reduce the expected loss of life or property in the face of identified natural hazards. Sample mitigation activities include community resilience plans, applying ignition-resistant materials to public facilities, and other infrastructure projects that clearly result in increased resilience to future disasters.

Ineligible Activities



- General government expenses
- Political activities
- Operating and maintenance expenses
- Engineering or architectural designs
- General promotion of the community/commercial advertising (as opposed to the promotion of specific areas and programs via outreach)
- Assistance to professional sports teams
- Any pre-award costs

National Objectives



Unlike other CDBG-DR programs such as infrastructure, CDBG-DR funds spent on planning activities do not need to meet a national objective such as **LMI area benefit** or **Urgent Need**.

After Project Selection



Verify project scope



Discuss meeting national objective criteria



Review budget materials



Thoroughly review application expectations



Provide time for Q&A

The Project Lead will meet with OHCS to review their project prior to submitting the official Project Description Form to OHCS.

Question



What is the minimum eligible project award for the program?

- A. \$100,000
- B. \$200,000
- C. \$500,000

Answer



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Additional Resources



- [OHCS ReOregon CDBG-DR](#) →
General Programs
- [OHCS ReOregon PIER Program](#) →
Policy and Forms

Questions?

Reach out to PIER@hcs.oregon.gov OR julie.lovrien@hcs.oregon.gov.

