



# Main Street Funders Roundtable

Business Oregon is the state's economic development agency and consists of approximately 90 programs and a nearly \$2 billion biennial budget. We provide support for communities in the form of infrastructure funding, business financing, innovation and entrepreneurship related activities, global trade, and more.

The agency employs about 200 people, and most programs are best accessed through a local Regional Development Officer. RDOs live and work in the regions they serve and are generally the primary conduit to the agency's various programs.



## Selected Business Oregon Programs:

- **Brownfields Properties Revitalization Program:** forgivable loans for the eligible costs incurred in the completion of removal or remedial actions on properties that are brownfields
- **Community Development Block Grants:** develop livable urban communities for persons of low and moderate incomes by expanding economic opportunities and providing housing and suitable living environments
- **Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program:** grant program that provides funding for the seismic rehabilitation of critical public buildings, particularly public schools and emergency services facilities



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- **Special Public Works Fund:** provides low-cost financing to eligible municipalities for planning, design, and construction of utilities and facilities essential to industrial growth, commercial enterprise, and job creation
- **Water / Wastewater Financing Program:** funds the design and construction of public infrastructure needed to ensure compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act or the Clean Water Act
- **Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Program:** offers low-cost financing to assist public water systems with planning, design, and construction of drinking water facility improvements



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- **Childcare Infrastructure Program:** provides public investment in the expansion of early childcare infrastructure activities
- **Rural Opportunity Initiative:** grant program to empower rural communities to support entrepreneurs and small business growth through the strengthening of entrepreneurial ecosystems
- **Technical Assistance Program for Underrepresented Businesses:** funds organizations that provide small business technical assistance to support historically underrepresented and under resourced small businesses



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