

Statewide FY2026 Community-Initiated Project Quotes:

“Oregon DEQ is thrilled to see two funding requests are in the Senate Appropriations bill, which are critically important to addressing environmental challenges facing rural Oregon; groundwater quality and wildfire,” **said Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Director, Leah Feldon.** “Thank you to Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden for bringing federal funds to the table as the state investigates groundwater quality concerns in Crook County, and as we work to prevent catastrophic wildfire and improve air quality through sustainable management of woody debris.”

“The Oregon Department of the State Fire Marshal is excited about the opportunity to further strengthen our state fire engine program and the possibility of additional equipment investments into the Oregon Fire Service. This investment will have far-reaching impacts across Oregon and will act as a force multiplier, enhancing preparedness at both state and local levels,” **said Mariana Ruiz-Temple, Oregon State Fire Marshal.**