

# APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION FISCAL YEAR 2010

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 2009**

***PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.***

- 1. Project Title: Clean Air, Clean Stoves – Woodstove Changeout Program**
- 2. Organization Name and address:** Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, 811 SW Sixth Ave, Portland, OR 97204
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- 4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):**
- 5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:** The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is a public entity focused on protecting the Oregon's environment by restoring, maintaining and enhancing the quality of Oregon's air, land and water. Specifically, the DEQ issues permits, monitors environmental conditions, provides funding and technical assistance, develops policy, inspects permitted facilities, enforces environmental regulations and helps Oregonians solve environmental problems every day.
- 6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)**

The Clean Air Clean Stoves changeout program focuses on providing grants to low-income households to replace and upgrade their uncertified woodstove to a more efficient, cleaner burning home heating system. Uncertified woodstoves are a significant source of wintertime air pollution, often emitting pollutants such as fine particulate and air toxics into the air, making it difficult for people to breathe. This program would focus on rural communities to implement their own woodstove replacement program. Communities can tailor the woodstove replacement program to fit their community's needs, including focusing on low income residents to cover the total replacement costs for a new home heating device. Communities could also partner with local programs and assistance organizations to weatherize homes and increase the energy-efficiency of the home-heating device and to reduce the overall consumption of wood. This community involvement and flexibility is critical so that these rural communities can determine what will be the most effective program in their area.

**7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years? No.**

**7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.**

**8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific – e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):**

Environmental Protection Agency, Environmental Programs and Management

**9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?**

This project is focused on removing and replacing older, uncertified woodstoves from homes, specifically in rural communities in Oregon. Wood smoke is often the main culprit of wintertime air pollution in a number of Oregon communities. These communities can exceed the federal fine particulate health standard and be classified as nonattainment. Two Oregon cities (Klamath Falls and Oakridge) were recently designated nonattainment and more than a dozen communities at risk of violating the standard. With a nonattainment designation, it brings a number of economic and regulatory consequences, including restrictions on any industry wishing to expand or locate within the non-attainment area, in the form of strict pollution controls, having to purchase pollution offset credits from other industries in the area, and forcing industries to look elsewhere before trying to locate within a non-attainment area or before expanding its existing operations. This could negatively impact a city or county's economic growth. These economic considerations have a much larger implication on a community if sources of particle pollution, such as woodstoves, are not adequately addressed.

Because woodstoves last a long time, there are still tens of thousands of old, high polluting wood burning devices in Oregon that contribute to unhealthy air. Additionally, in many parts of Oregon, these rural communities are surrounded by forestland where firewood is inexpensive and readily available. With the high home heating costs and economic downturn, more Oregon residents are turning to heating with wood. To help restore and preserve healthy air quality in Oregon, these older stoves must be replaced as quickly as possible with cleaner home heating systems including gas, wood-pellet stoves, and certified wood stoves.

**10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress? If so, who? No.**

**11. Funding Details:**

**a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years): \$700,000 (FY 2010 – 2012)**

**b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010: \$100,000**

**c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)**

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality: \$20,000

**d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project? No.**

**e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010.  
(e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):**

\$30,000: programming costs to start up the woodstove fund and solicit applications from communities seeking to implement a changeout program. Includes costs for educational outreach (promote the program in the community, prepare and print educational materials, hold community fairs to solicit community involvement).

\$70,000: funding for an initial changeout program covering the costs of new woodstoves and installation.

**f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:**

Lane Regional Air Protection Agency, Klamath County Public Health Department, City of Lakeview, American Lung Association

**g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?): Yes.**