

DEQ Agency Request Budget 2023-25

Item P: Informational

July 22, 2022, Oregon Environmental Quality Commission meeting

Key Budget Milestones

September 2022

- Submit Agency Request Budget

November 2022

- Appeal/Transition to New Admin

February 2023

- Governor Recommended Budget

June 30, 2023

- Legislatively Adopted Budget

July 1 – June 30, 2025

- Budget Execution

How do we build the budget?

- Step 1: Identify budget needs
 - Consult with agency staff, leadership, EQC, stakeholders, Governor's team
- Step 2: Craft policy option packages
- Step 3: Identify reduction options
- Step 4: Complete IT and staffing plans
- Step 5: EQC Chair certifies budget
- Step 6: Submit budget book to governor



Stakeholder Engagement

Key Meetings

- All program (AQ, WQ, LQ) roundtable
- Water Quality roundtables and sector specific meetings
- Land Quality: Sector-specific meetings
- Environmental Justice focus

Feedback

- Bolster core programs
- Invest in groundwater resources
- Stay climate focused
- Continue early engagement and transparency
- Keep eye on fees/burdens on business

Air Quality Budget Priorities

- Help communities prepare for wildfire and minimize health risks
- Strengthen capacity to implement transportation strategies to reduce tailpipe and GHG emissions
- Modernize and stabilize permitting programs
- Ensure successful implementation of the Climate Protection Program

Water Quality Budget Priorities

- Improve capacity and expertise for permit development, issuance and compliance assurance
- Enhance coordination, support and technical assistance for TMDL implementation
- Increase expertise needed to meet water quality standards and assessment program requirements
- Protect drinking water sources, with focus on areas experiencing contamination or threats to drinking water supplies
- Strengthen support for regional, place-based planning and other initiatives that promote the Integrated Water Resource Strategy and protect against emerging climate threats

Land Quality Budget Priorities

- Strengthen resilience and response to emergencies and disasters
- Add capacity to implement recycling modernization and achieve sustainable materials management
- Sunset outdated drycleaner program
- Maintain strong industrial orphan sites program

Central Services/Cross Program Budget Priorities



Improve community outcomes through enhanced engagement on environmental justice



Ensure agency has adequate support staffing



Update equipment and staffing structure for the DEQ Lab



Add capacity to the Office of Compliance and Enforcement