

\$21 million in FEMA funds going toward wildfire repair

Resources for Lane Electric Cooperative and Consumers Power Inc. will help pay for expenses to fix damages to electrical distribution and transmission systems from 2020 wildfires

U.S. Senators for Oregon Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley announced that Lane Electric Cooperative and Consumers Power Inc. — two electrical co-ops serving rural Oregonians — will receive a combined \$21 million in federal funds to help cover the cost of repairs to infrastructure damaged by wildfires in September 2020.

“The need for federal resources to help Oregonians rebound from these wildfires was clear from the destruction I witnessed statewide, and the powerful accounts I heard on the ground from devastated rural homeowners and small business owners working to restore their lives,” Wyden said. “I’m gratified these resources are now secured to assist these two Oregon co-ops that serve these rural communities, and will keep working both to reduce the risk of wildfire throughout the West and to ensure fed-

eral funds are available to help any of our state’s communities recover when fire or other disasters strike.”

The \$19.90 million grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Lane Electric — which serves rural customers in Lane County — will be for repairs to electric distribution and transmission system including power poles, pole heads, overhead and underground conductors, and ancillary equipment that were damaged last year by wildfires.

“Communities that have been devastated by massive wildfires are in need of repair, and the federal government needs to do all it can to assist Oregon families and businesses with those efforts,” said Merkley. “I am pleased to see federal funds go directly to entities that will be on the front lines working to revive our rural communities and rebuild critical infrastructure. I will continue fight-

ing to bring federal support that will help Oregon to rebuild and to prevent future wildfire destruction.”

The \$1.13 million FEMA grant for Consumers Power Inc. — which serves rural customers in Benton, Lincoln, Lane, Linn, Polk and Marion counties — will be for repairs to electric system components as well as system hardware including poles and transformers.

“Grants like this are essential to financing repairs to our transmission and distribution system after devastating events like the Holiday Farm Fire,” said Debi Wilson, General Manager at Lane Electric Co-op. “On behalf of our Cooperative’s 10,400 members, we thank Senators Wyden and Merkley for their diligent work to make a real difference in our community. Lane Electric is committed to rebuilding our community stronger than before and at no cost to our members.”

LCC awarded CCAMPIS grant

EUGENE, Ore. — Lane Community College has been awarded a \$114,016 CCAMPIS grant by the U.S. Department of Education.

The Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) program provides grants to higher education institutions to support the participation of low-income parents in postsecondary education through the provision of campus-based childcare services. Grants may be used for before- and after-school services.

“Students who have access to quality childcare are more successful in completing their education goals,” said Cheryl Henderson, Child and Family Education Manager at LCC. “CCAMPIS funds allow student parents to focus on their education. We are proud and excited to receive the CCAMPIS grant to support eligible Lane student parents and their children.”

Full or part-time students of LCC with children enrolled in the Lane Child and Family Center for a minimum of 20 hours per week, who are Pell Grant-eligible, may qualify for the grant. Interested students are encouraged to

contact the Center today for more information as space is limited.

The grant covers up to 80 percent of childcare fees; students are responsible for the remaining balance. Additional financial resources are also available.


The Lane Child and Family Center is a state licensed preschool/childcare program serving families on LCC’s main campus.

The program is one of three centers in Lane County accredited by the

National Association for the Education of Young Children and rated five stars by Oregon’s Quality Rating and Improvement System. The Center is a teacher preparation school and parent cooperative.

Lane was one of the four Oregon institutions awarded the CCAMPIS grant; others included Oregon State University, OSU-Cascades and Central Oregon Community College. Grants are made for four-year grant award cycles.

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Some of the key benefits of attending a support group include: ongoing education about Alzheimer’s

and other dementia, learning about community resources, improving coping skills and gaining a sense of control over individual situations.

Having the opportunity to share with others who may be going through a similar situation is very important.


Magnolia Gardens emphasizes the importance of self-care, sharing and gathering ideas on finding a better balance between the

caregiving role and other essential aspects of life such as family, work and personal time.

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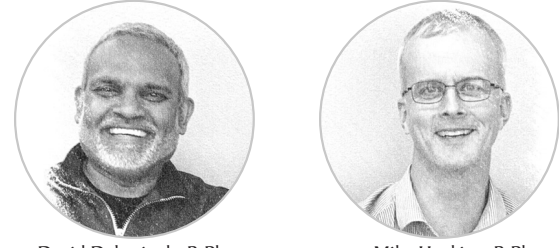
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