

THE FINDING FUNDING PROJECT – an introduction

Ideas for dealing with Oregon's funding shortfall

What to do about \$1.8 billion

Our Situation Now

Our \$1.8 billion shortfall demands you identify state programs you find “expendable” while you protect what we value most. But the changes made by the end of the session need not include only program cuts, and new sources of tax revenue. There is an entirely different place to look—at accumulated tax breaks. The Co-Chairs’ Budget ends all of the tax credits facing sunsets this biennium, and [the Governor’s budget suggests ending some of them](#) (see page 7). But there are other choices made in the past that are questionable in today’s economic environment.

The Need

Today we will begin a series of postings bringing you the details of some tax expenditures and funding choices, to help you ask:

- Is this more important than foster care workers, Career and Technical Education, or a well-funded water resources department?
- Does this look like a rational decision for today or the decision of another era?

The Solution

The Finding Funding Project will not find billions at a time, and in fact may not point to \$1.8 billion in total. But you are looking for, say \$1, \$5 to \$10 million or more to sustain or expand a valued program, [Finding Funding will offer some places to look for the money.](#)

