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SUMMIT

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*A Community-Led Disaster,
Recovery & Resilience Gathering*



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SUMMIT OVERVIEW

We are thrilled to once again be partnering with community organizations across the state to produce the Oregon Resilience Summit! The 2024 gathering was rich with connection, reflection, learning and healing. We've heard from a diversity of the inaugural event's attendees: ORS was a unique and productive event generating momentum and fueling community-led initiatives and solutions.

One very consistent message: **"Yes yes yes to another Summit!"**

The inaugural Summit in 2024 was made possible by a diverse group of public, private and philanthropic support. This year, in addition to these same supporters, we are excited to welcome the Office of Governor Tina Kotek to feature the Plan for a Resilient Oregon and celebrate the 50+ community-based organizations who developed this plan in collaboration with state agencies and partners.

BUILDING ON THE INAUGURAL SUMMIT

In 2024, with five co-hosting organizations steering the ship, we brought wildfire survivors, the nonprofits and Community-Based Organizations who serve them, the public sector, philanthropy, businesses and experts together under one roof for a three day Summit in Central Oregon. United by a **shared dedication to a more connected, resilient Oregon**, these groups had "disaster" in common and shared years of experience, frustration, heartbreak, and importantly - *ideas*.





COMMUNITY-LED APPROACH WITH A DUAL FOCUS

The ORS is distinctive in its **community-led approach**, emphasizing the involvement of those directly impacted by disaster and the organizations tirelessly supporting them. ORS elevates community-based organizations by *recognizing them as the experts they are*, and valuing their direct experience and line to those impacted or most vulnerable. By creating a space that prioritizes community voices, we facilitate meaningful conversations, address existing challenges with valuable insider perspective, and celebrate and share the successful initiatives that already exist. **Support will elevate authentic stories of recovery and resilience, platform smaller nonprofits with valuable real world insights, and bring together multi sector partners, survivors, elected officials and others** to inspire a hopeful, healthy, and unified path towards the future.

The dual focus of the Summit, thematically represented as **Reflections** and **Horizons**, provides space to both look back at what we've experienced and the ongoing impacts of disasters, and future-forward, applying what we have learned from the past to inform our resilience, skillshare, and make Oregon more resilient - *together*.

GENERAL THEMES FOR EACH FOCUS

REFLECTIONS

- Debrief recent and past disaster events, such as the Summer wildfires, the 2025 spring and winter floods, and others
- Reflect on challenges and opportunities
- Explore the recovery, rebuilding and healing process
- Review roles of sectors and identify where they do - or could - influence and intersect
- Celebrating wins and insights gained



HORIZONS

- Learn skills and share knowledge with a diversity of resilience champions
- Participate in technical assistance matchmaking - share, receive or both! Network with regional and statewide experts and existing groups
- Explore the latest local, regional and statewide resilience innovations
- Develop, deploy and operationalize tangible tools and programs to strengthen resiliency across populations, sectors, geographic areas and more



The second Oregon Resilience Summit will stay true to the spirit of the inaugural event, bringing all sectors together under one roof to **network and brainstorm** while utilizing the Reflections - Horizons theme to guide session content.



DISASTER ISN'T GOING ANYWHERE - AND NEITHER ARE WE

The urgency of the ORS Summit has been marked by compounding disasters that Oregonians have faced over the past few years, and which has only increased with a volatile 2026 wildfire season well underway. As communities work hard to mitigate and recover from these fires, the Summit will be ready on the other side to host them and elevate their voices in a room with state agency partners, local emergency managers, legislators, philanthropy and many others involved in the disaster lifecycle. Organizers and partners are finalizing thoughtful, engaging event content to connect, reflect, celebrate, grieve, and learn – all in the spirit of fortifying statewide resilience.

"This early season conflagration should come as a reminder to Oregonians to be ready for wildfire," stated State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple. *"The predictions for this summer are extremely concerning."*

Compounding these near-term predictions is the uncertainty of funding for disasters and other emergencies, at both the state and federal level. **There has never been a more important time to come together and build together**, collectively developing solutions and promising models to address and adapt to the certainty of unprecedented disaster in uncertain times.

SESSIONS & SUBJECT MATTER

The following are just a few of the many session topics that community-based organizations have prioritized. A Call for Speakers and a community-based planning committee will support ORS in finalizing content. Last year, over fifty speakers and panelists presented on over twenty different topics, organized around eight different themes within Reflections and Horizons.

- ★ The Shifting Funding Landscape: Filling Federal Gaps to Fund Recovery, Response and Resilience
- ★ The Power of Homegrown, Locally-Powered Rangeland Fire Protection Associations & Preserving these Assets
- ★ From Model to Movement: Community Land Trusts in Oregon and Regionally
- ★ Building and Maintaining Resilient Food Systems
- ★ Centralizing Resilience Hubs: Establishing Consistent Standards, Shared Definitions and More to Uplift All
- ★ Existing Networks Roll Call! - Taking Stock, "Speed Dating" Networking Activity
- ★ Avoiding Donation Disasters - Keeping Money Local when Disaster Strikes: Empower and Equip Rural Communities with Tangible Resources
- ★ *And so much more!*



“I really appreciate that it centered indigenous wisdom around the land, food, and cultural burning. Belinda Brown's daily openings and Sky and River's music was very deep and beautiful.”

- **CENTRAL OREGON COUNTY EMPLOYEE**

ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

The inaugural Summit was known for its welcoming, inclusive, diverse and warm atmosphere. The intimate event space and single great hall for sessions meant attendees were on the same journey and exploring topics simultaneously.

We fostered accessibility by choosing a location in central Oregon and offering sponsor-supported stipends to eligible attendees, which could be used for travel, hotel rooms, childcare, to supplement income while away from work, or to lower any other barrier encountered.

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INCLUSIVITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND OTHER WELCOMING FEATURES

- Spanish & English printed materials
- Live Spanish Interpretation
- Technical Assistance & Community Matchmaking
- Community Dinner
- Survivor Recognition
- Practical supports and resources for community action
- Opportunity to enroll in the Disaster Resource Directory (to share needs or offerings, network, and more)
- A space for healing, connection, and the sharing of expertise
- Inspiration from innovative programs across Oregon

OTHER FEATURES OF THE SUMMIT

- A Spanish-language Community Charla exploring stress, with a mindfulness activity
- Daily acknowledgement of ancestral lands and tribal people with song and drums performed by River and Sky Rondeau (Klamath, Modoc, Northern Cheyenne and Apsáalooke)
- Emotional health resource connections (via flyers and handouts)
- A workshop hosted by The Hearth, “The Healing Power of Story”
- The Shaky Grounds Cafe, a hands on "escape room" style game teaching real-life disaster preparedness skills
- A nearby Continued Conversations room for speakers and panelists to continue the discussion after presentations
- Swag which tied into a session exploring everyday items useful in an emergency
- Raffle tickets for each attendee; prizes included gift baskets from Oregon-based and Native-owned companies) and disaster preparedness items (Go bags, water purifiers, etc.)
- Multiple short film or video screenings
- An interactive art piece attendees could contribute to throughout the Summit
- Multi-sector representation, including disaster survivors, legislators, nonprofits, and Tribal, county, state and local government representatives.



“It truly felt like a community-led effort, with the agenda and topics set by the community-based organizations and community leaders that have been working hard in wildfire recovery for the last several years...this conference lifted up the stories of grassroots organizations and networks that have been "boots on the ground" since day one (or before day one).”

- **STATEWIDE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION**

“Great networking - so many subject matter experts in one room together!”

- **OREGON PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDATION**

“I appreciated the level of humor and authenticity of the event. Folks seemed intent on learning from each other without challenging each other in unproductive ways.”

- **STATE AGENCY**

“I most enjoyed building relationships with other attendees and thinking about how we might partner in the future.”

- **COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION**

“The most profound aspect of the conference was being in the same room with so many people who have been on this wildfire recovery journey for the past several years. The folks in attendance were such a clear cross-sector representation of resilience work - food systems, Tribal and Indigenous land management, disaster philanthropy, policy and legislation, community wildfire protection, mental health and wellbeing. **These are all important and interrelated aspects of resilience work, but this is truly the first time I have seen folks from all these areas of work brought together in one place.** The panels were excellent but as usual it was the productive side conversations & spontaneous networking where the magic really happened.”

- **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY**



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BENEFITS	PRESENTING SPONSOR				
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Event speaking opportunity (up to five minutes) or Session presentation opportunity					
Your organization banner hung at event (banner provided by sponsor)					
Dedicated sponsor spotlight during opening and closing ceremonies					
Recognition during specific event activities					
Complimentary tickets to Summit	2	4	6	8	10
Recognition during breaks					
Sponsor spotlight recognition via Community Partner social media	1	1	2	2	3
Logo recognition on website with link to sponsor's website					
Prominent logo placement on digital and printed event and promotional materials					

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR ALL SPONSORS

- Inclusion in pre-event and post-event communications
- Opportunity to display promotional materials at the event
- Recognition in event press releases

OTHER WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

Purchase one or more tickets so survivors, others impacted by disasters, and those in high-risk areas can attend the event free of charge.

Share your expertise
Present on a topic or moderate a panel.
We'd love to hear your ideas!

Spread the word!
To potential sponsors, speakers, experts, and attendees!
We have a Communications Toolkit with assets for sharing over social media or elsewhere.



CURATED SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE.

To learn more about the Oregon Resilience Summit, request the Communications Toolkit, or to share your ideas, please contact the ORS production team at **hello@oregonresilience.org**

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