

“This funding is very much welcomed and critical for Arnold Irrigation District to complete its canal modernization. This project investment will secure water supply to our farmers after four consecutive years of having to shut down our irrigation season at the end of July, and permanently protect water instream for the Deschutes River and habitat for many species. We appreciate Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden’s continued support for this and other projects that are ‘win-win’ and provide water to agriculture and our streams in the Deschutes Basin,” **said Steve Johnson, District Manager of Arnold Irrigation District.**

“Recent multi-year drought in the Deschutes Basin again reminds us that investments are needed to ensure our water facilities are as efficient as possible. The funding in this bill will allow North Unit Irrigation District to begin construction of an ambitious piping project that will reduce water losses and increase water supply available for delivery to farms and ranches in the District. We appreciate Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden’s continued support of funding for this and other projects that improve water management in the Deschutes Basin,” **said Josh Bailey, District Manager of North Unit Irrigation District.**

“Many thanks to our congressional delegation of Senators Wyden and Merkley along with Representative Salinas for their work in securing funding for the Three Rivers Fiber Broadband project,” **said Doug Olson, Tillamook County Commissioner and Tillamook Lightwave President.** “This is another excellent step forward in bringing high-speed internet to rural Oregon. Much of rural Oregon does not yet enjoy high-speed internet which is available in more populated areas,” **Olson added.** “The project will continue over the next several years.”

"Senators Merkley, Wyden, and Representative Hoyle’s dedication to enhancing healthcare infrastructure in rural Oregon is underscored by their support for the Monroe Health Center project, which is a school-based clinic that serves the whole community. Serving South Benton and parts of Linn and Lane Counties for two decades, the center is a pivotal resource for primary care, dental, and behavioral healthcare services. This support goes beyond healthcare; it acknowledges the significance of sustaining high-quality infrastructure that underpins the legacy of Community Health Center work. We deeply appreciate their efforts to secure the future of such essential services," **said Xan Augerot, Benton County Commissioner and liaison to the Community Health Centers of Benton and Linn Counties Board.**

“Whether during an ice storm or wildfire event, first responders in Lane County depend upon robust and resilient radio communications infrastructure to ensure the safety of our residents. Our thanks to Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden for ensuring Lane County’s request for financial assistance for emergency communications equipment and infrastructure was included in the FY 24 federal budget.” **Said Commissioner Laurie Trieger, Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners**

"Thank you to Senators Merkley and Wyden and Representative Salinas for supporting the replacement of the City of Carlton’s failing sewer collection pipes. Replacement of these pipes is critical to address the health, environmental, and safety concerns caused by the failing system. Replacement of the failing infrastructure will allow Carlton to continue to grow and

businesses to thrive, creating a healthy and prosperous community for businesses and residents alike," **said Mayor Linda Watkins, City of Carlton.**

"Dayton's City Hall campus was constructed in 1935 and no longer meets the modern needs of the City. It's too small to host administrative staff, is seismically vulnerable, and many areas are not ADA accessible. Thanks to Congresswoman Salinas, Senator Merkley, and Senator Wyden, this funding will support development of the Dayton Civic Center. The Civic Center will be the heart of the community, setting the standard for future economic development in design and renewable energy infrastructure. It will provide multiple uses such as community space for public meetings, expanded library space to accommodate more services and educational opportunities for youth and seniors, and emergency services such as emergency warming and cooling for vulnerable residents," **said City of Dayton, City Manager, Rochelle Roaden.**

"The City of Oakridge would like to personally thank Senator Merkley, Senator Wyden, and Congresswoman Hoyle, for including \$500,000 in funding for the Oakridge Willamette Activities Center (WAC) in the FY 24-25 appropriations bills recently passed by Congress. For decades, the WAC served as the social services center for the citizens of Oakridge, Westfir and surrounding rural east Lane County, until roof leaks and electrical issues made the building uninhabitable. Thanks to this Congressional funding, the City of Oakridge is one step closer to being able to bring back these services and repair the building and transform it into a state-of-the-art Resilience Hub, emergency operations center, cleaner air space, food bank, medical service provider, and disaster recovery center. We are very grateful to our Congressional Delegation for their continued support of projects like this, which are vital to rural Oregonians like us." **Said James Cleavenger, Oakridge City Administrator.**

"Thank you to Senators Merkley and Wyden and Representative Hoyle for championing Glide Revitalization's request for the new Community Resource Center and Little Loggers Daycare in Glide, Oregon. As our community looks to the future, beyond rebuilding from the 2020 Archie Creek Fire, the new center will provide access to critical resources, programs, childcare and more to help our community thrive for years and generations to come." **said Jeana Beam Southwick, Glide Revitalization Executive Director.**

"The Port of Newport greatly appreciates the support of Senators Merkley and Wyden and State Representative Val Hoyle for continuing to invest in our International Terminal. These funds will help us maintain our International Terminal, to serve our existing customers while staying attractive to prospective customers and support economic opportunity in Lincoln County," **said Paula Miranda, Executive Director Port of Newport.**

"The CyberMill has proved a successful model in frontier communities for addressing the need of equitable access to technology, meeting spaces, and broadband. This support will help replicate this success in additional underrepresented populations in Grant County increasing access to telehealth, workforce development, education and addressing social determinants of health in our communities," **said Didgette McCracken, OSU Grant County Open Campus and Agriculture Faculty.**

"South Lane Mental Health is a community mental health organization whose mission is to restore hope and renew life through compassionate mental health care services, support, and advocacy. We are grateful that Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden understand that the mental health crisis affecting our nation was exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic, and even more so for those low-income individuals living in rural areas who often cannot afford mental health care," **said Norma Barton, South Lane Medical Health Director of Development and Community Relations.** "SLMH focusses our spending on client care, leaving little to no financial resources for much needed repairs to facilities. Funding for our facility repairs will assist us in continuing to provide mental health therapy for low-income folks in our rural service area of Lane County, Oregon; regardless of their ability to pay for services, a tradition we have kept since our inception in 1988."