

**What community-initiated project recipients receiving funding in the FY25 Senate FSGG bill are saying about the wins for their communities:**

“The City of Pendleton could not be more excited about this amazing news. This Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) award will allow the Oregon UAS Accelerator to renovate the currently unusable second story of the historic B-17 Hangar (10,000 sf), creating state-of-the-art, ADA-compliant workspace and increasing the number of startups the Accelerator can assist. We would never have achieved what we have without the unwavering support of Senator Wyden and Senator Merkley,” **said Steve Chrisman, Pendleton Economic Development Director.**

“The City of Portland thanks Senator Wyden and Senator Merkley for supporting our Regional Procurement Dashboard project that will improve access to government contracting opportunities for small businesses,” **said Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler.** “This funding will be a boon for small businesses, public agencies, and the broader community—all of which benefit from inclusive growth.”

“North Coast Food Web is delighted to have the support of Senators Merkley and Wyden in our mission to build a resilient and equitable local food system. Our new food hub will be a major upgrade in food storage and small food business incubation infrastructure, allowing us to keep more of our food abundance here year round, build our local economy, and significantly increase our community's disaster resilience,” **said Yana Ludwig, Executive Director.**

“Built Oregon is humbled and excited with this news. This funding will allow us to build upon our successful farmer’s market program, which creates opportunities for BIPOC led companies to get access to new market opportunities, and extend it to rural based companies as well. Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden understand that farmer’s markets provide a critical role in supporting small businesses throughout Oregon and providing a stepping stone for growth, and we are thankful for their support that allows us to provide this opportunity and mentorship to a greater number of Oregon based companies,” **said Director Mitch Daugherty.**