

“We’re very grateful for the hard work Sen. Merkley’s office has put in to advance this funding,” **said Mayor Henry A. Balensifer III, City of Warrenton.** “This project will significantly improve drainage in flood-prone areas in our Hammond district and replace failing infrastructure. This will also advance our aims to improve that district into the Gem of the Pacific.”

“On behalf of COIC and our CORE3 partners, we are grateful to Senators Merkley and Wyden for recognizing the CORE3 project,” **said Tammy Baney, COIC Executive Director.** “The Pacific Northwest, State of Oregon, and Central Oregon are facing growing threats from natural disasters. There is an immediate need to have a dedicated coordination center and collaborative training facility to support our local, state, and federal public safety and emergency management personnel; in addition to saving valuable time and money with the ability to receive word class training without the need to travel out of the area. This financial support will go directly to building the infrastructure needed to bring this critical facility to life.”

“The Clackamas County 911 Center is a vital resource for our residents. It needs upgrades to meet the needs of our growing staff to match our growing population, as well as weather any disaster the county may face,” **said Clackamas County Commissioner Paul Savas.** “Thank you to Congresswoman Chavez-DeRemer and Senators Merkley and Wyden for helping us secure this federal funding to make critical security upgrades and evacuation readiness improvements so that 911 operations may remain continuous and available for our community.”