

Mid-Columbia FY2024 Community-Initiated Project Quotes:

“The Hood River White Salmon Bridge Authority would like to recognize both Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden’s efforts in getting a \$4 million THUD bill passed through the US Senate. This money is associated with the building of our new bridge. We have had great support from both Senator’s in obtaining needed funding,” **said Mike Fox, co-chair of the HRWS Bridge Authority.**

“This project is vital to the health of our communities, so we’re thrilled to see this funding from the federal government,” **said Jacob Anderson, co-chair of the Hood River-White Salmon Bridge Authority.** “We want to thank Sen. Merkley, Sen. Wyden and the congressional delegation from Washington and Oregon for prioritizing this project, and we look forward to working with them to secure more funding in the future.”

"We are grateful for Senator Merkley's support of this community initiated project that will provide an affordable place to call home for over 70 lower income households in Hood River. These federal investments will leverage many other resources to bring this development to fruition," **said Joel Madsen, Executive Director, Mid-Columbia Housing Authority and Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation.**

"The Condon Arts Council extends our sincere gratitude to Senators Merkley and Wyden for fighting for rural frontier communities. The Liberty Theatre in Condon is steeped in history and has served the community for more than a hundred years. Musicals, plays, performing artists, and school performances have been held at the Liberty Theatre. This beacon for arts and culture in the region was at risk of being lost. Thanks to the efforts of our senators, the Liberty will live on and with the support of the community, will be a cornerstone of the community for another hundred years," **said Stephen Allen, Condon Arts Council board member.**