

**REGIONAL SOLUTIONS
PRIORITY PROJECTS SNAPSHOT**

Southern - Water for Irrigation, Streams and the Economy (WISE)

- **Partners/Co-investors:** Medford, Talent, and Rogue River Valley Irrigation Districts, US Bureau of Reclamation, City of Medford, Jackson County, watershed councils, conservation organizations, Regional Solutions Team, Harry & David, Medford Water Commission, NRCS, NMFS, US Senator Merkley and US Senator Wyden, numerous others
- **Funding Needs:** The WISE project requires funding to complete a programmatic EIS estimated to cost \$3 million. The US Bureau of Reclamation has agreed to be lead agency and share in this cost provided they receive congressional authorization. The WISE project cannot move forward without completion of the EIS.
- **Leverage:** The irrigation districts have pledged to provide project match by doing the actual construction work involved in installation of WISE piping. Core project partners are contributing funds for a WISE project coordinator. A host of local, state and federal agencies, private business and conservation organizations have pledged regulatory technical assistance, educational and marketing assistance, and grant writing assistance.

South Coast - Channel Maintenance Equipment for Coastal Ports

- **Partners/Co-investors:** Ports of Brookings, Gold Beach, Port Orford, Bandon, Coos Bay, and Umpqua; State and Federal Agencies, Congressional Offices
- **Funding Needs:** \$2 million would fund the primary equipment needed by the ports to perform dredging operations in the marinas and channels reducing the need for and reliance on the Yaquina.
- **Leverage:** Ports would perform labor, equipment maintenance, and handle depreciation costs.

Coos Bay Rail Infrastructure

- **Partners/Co-investors:** Port of Coos Bay, State of Oregon, USDOT, Regional Shippers
- **Funding Needs:** The Coos Bay Rail Line has an immediate need for funding to pay for critical repairs to existing infrastructure (mostly bridge rehab) to support current operations and existing customers.
- **Leverage:** Funding would be leveraged with existing and potentially future Connect Oregon funds, potential federal funding, and surcharges to shippers.

Mid Valley - White's Hauling & Farm, LLC: Grain & Seed Railcar Loading Site

- **Partners/Co-investors:** Polk County, White's Hauling & Farm, ODOT, Polk county agriculture industry
- **Funding Needs:** This multimodal project will create infrastructure for a grain and seed railcar loading site. The project will connect Oregon's farmers to domestic and foreign consumers through the use of Oregon's efficient railway system, while reducing long and short haul truck traffic and congestion.

- **Leverage:** Agriculture industry in mid-valley is expanding due to growing domestic and international markets. The mid-valley has one of the most productive outputs in the state but requires additional capacity to transport the products. Mid-valley private industries, counties and cities are supportive of using the rail system which will provide opportunities for leverage.

Metro Area Industrial Lands Readiness Initiative

RSC Advisory Committee prioritized three industrial areas for investments and actions to move to development ready. These sites include:

Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park and Gresham Vista Industrial Park:

- **Partners/Co-investors:** Port of Portland, City of Gresham
- **Funding Needs:** 1) water rights application; 2) wetland mitigation and removal-fill permit application; 3) green industrial land certification; 4) 238th Ave street upgrade; and 5) environmental clean up.
- **Leverage:** Port of Portland and City of Gresham have both invested significant staff and resources but require additional funding to pay for additional infrastructure projects including wetland mitigation, environmental clean up and transportation connectivity to certify both sites as "shovel ready."

Highway 26/Brookwood Industrial Area:

- **Partners/Co-investors:** City of Hillsboro, property owners, Washington County
- **Funding Needs:** 1) Brookwood interchange improvements on Hwy 26; 2) archaeological exploration; and 3) Hoffman Road and 153rd street improvements.
- **Leverage:** All the parties involved have pledged to get the site certified as "shovel ready," including the private owners. There are many inquiries about the site including potential investor(s), but further funding is required for infrastructure improvements. IOF funds could contribute. Hillsboro has pledged ongoing funding and staff support.

Clackamas Industrial Area Opportunity Site (CIAO):

- **Partners/Co-investors:** Clackamas County
- **Funding Needs:** 1) Road access improvements; 2) wetland removal fill permit application with US Army Corp; 3) clean up of ground contamination; 4) grading; 5) setbacks from protected natural resources and the net developable area of the site; and 6) removal of concrete construction debris.
- **Leverage:** Clackamas County has fully committed to get the site certified as "shovel ready" but additional funding is required to address environmental compliance issues, including wetland and stormwater mitigation, and transportation. IOF funds could contribute to solutions. The county has pledged funding and staff support.

OSU Cascades

- **Partners/Co-investors:** 92 partners have raised more than \$3 million in support of OSU Cascades. Examples include: City of Bend, Bend Chamber of Commerce, Bank of the Cascades, Bend Broadband, Oregon Community Foundation, Deschutes Brewery, William Smith Properties, Mike and Sue Hollern, John Teller and Amy Tykeson, St. Charles Medical Center, Sunriver Resort
- **Funding Needs:** OSU Cascades requires funding to complete the master planning and infrastructure related to the new campus.

- **Leverage:** The funding partners have pledged more than \$3 million to the campus. A host of local and state agencies, private and philanthropic organizations have pledged to help with grant writing and with planning and approving the new campus.

Work Force Housing in North Central

- **Partners/Co-investors:** City of Hood River, Hood River County, Hood River Chamber of Commerce, Employers, Oregon Housing and Community Services, Mid-Columbia Housing Authority and potentially Meyer Memorial Trust
- **Funding Needs:** Work Force Housing requires funding to provide a loan or loan guarantee for the construction of rental housing units for individuals who earn 80-120% of average median income.
- **Leverage:** The partners have pledged to develop an innovative funding approach, assist with grant writing and explore all available state funding programs that can be leveraged for the needed infrastructure.

Forest Project in South Central

- **Partners/Co-investors:** US Forest Service, Collins Products, Lake County Resources Initiative, Lake County, Wilderness Society, The Nature Conservancy
- **Funding Needs:** Funds would be used to accelerate harvests that have been agreed to through the collaborative process. (i.e. complete environmental review, plan and execute harvests). Berry Point fire burned the first four years of the collaborative forest landscape restoration plan (CFLP). The group is working in planning a salvage sale for that area (NEPA review needed). Planning is now needed for harvests that were agreed to in years 5 and 6 in the 9 year CFLP.
- **Leverage:** State funds will leverage USFS federal funds and funds from the National Forest Foundation. The partners have pledged significant time and resources to the process of reaching consensus on harvests. Some projects will improve sage grouse habitat by removing juniper providing an opportunity for new partnerships with groups involved in that issue.

Rainier Rail Corridor Safety Improvements

- **Partners/Co-investors:** The City of Rainier, Foss Maritime, Portland & Western Railroad, Teevin Brothers, Port Westward rail customers
- **Funding Needs:** Final cost estimates are not complete but this project could cost up to \$6 million with much of this depending on staging. The safety improvements generated will protect and revitalize the community as well as bring the safe delivery of commodities throughout this long industrial corridor.
- **Leverage:** This project will require several funding sources which will deliver improvements greater than the individual sum of their parts. The city will fund elements of the project and there will be Port and County participation. The private sector will also fund land acquisition and contribute to improving the rail corridor throughout the city. ODOT Rail has committed to invest rail crossing safety funds. The Portland & Western Railroad will contribute at least that much with customers at Port Westward also participating in order to production inputs to them quickly and safely.

Eastern - Columbia River Umatilla Solutions Team - Water for Fish and Farms

- **Partners/Co-investors:** Umatilla Basin farmers, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla, Water Watch of Oregon, Freshwater Trust, Umatilla and Morrow Counties, BPA, USFW Service, Bureau of Reclamation, NW Power Planning Council, Washington Office of the Columbia, ODFW, OWRD, OSU, and Blue Mountain Community College, and Umatilla Electric Cooperative. Task Force convened by Umatilla County Commissioner Dennis Doherty and Richard Whitman, Governor's Natural Resources Policy Director.
- **Funding Needs:** The CRUST developed consensus on a number of short and long-term projects that will provide economic and ecological benefits. Consensus based projects that require additional funds include developing additional capacity for storing Columbia River water (aquifer and above ground storage) during winter months for later use during irrigation and fish migration seasons; using water more efficiently and productively (greater investments in conservation practices, potential transfers of developed water rights, and improved water transaction mechanisms to move water between users and uses); investment in new large (up to 1 million acre-feet) water storage projects. Funding is needed for both project design and implementation.
- **Leverage:** Opportunities for leverage include co-investment from Umatilla Basin farmers and regional irrigation districts, and financial and technical assistance from state and federal agencies. The Columbia River Umatilla Solutions Team will re-engage as needed until long-term institutional capacity is funded.

South Valley - RAIN (Regional Accelerator Innovation Network)

- **Partners/Co-investors:** Cities of Eugene, Springfield, Corvallis, Albany, Lebanon; Lane, Linn, and Benton Counties; Chambers of Commerce; Lane Metro Partnership; University of Oregon; Oregon State University; Lane Community College; Linn Benton Community College; State Senator Lee Beyer; Regional Solutions Team; Business Oregon; Oregon's Signature Research Centers; South Willamette Valley technology industry; QE Chem; Perpetua Power; Peace Health; numerous angel investors and business investors in the Willamette Valley.
- **Funding Needs:** The RAIN project has received nearly \$60k in process start up funds from the partner jurisdictions to initiate an Oregon Solutions process. This innovative regional collaboration is seeking \$7.5 million.
- **Leverage:** The RAIN project will leverage existing and new assets within the South Willamette Valley region to accelerate the successful development of high growth, innovation-based companies bringing jobs and diversifying the economies of the Willamette Valley. Both Universities have pledged matching support through their foundations as well as staffing, facilities and equipment. Partner local governments and civic organizations have pledged ongoing support to the network.