

**FULL COMMITTEE PONY**

**Department of Veterans' Affairs  
The Dalles Veterans' Home Renovation**

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The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends approval of the submission of a federal State Home Construction Grant application to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in the amount of \$2,805,305 for renovation of the Oregon Veterans' Home in The Dalles.

The State Home Construction Grant program requires a match rate of 35% of state funds, which equates to \$1.5 million. ODVA's match would be met with Other Funds generated from the Veterans' Home program. ODVA does not expect the match requirement to result in any significant increase in resident rates, which, at The Dalles, is about 63% of Oregon market rate skilled nursing care. The initial application is due April 15. If the grant application is successful, expenditures could take place in the spring of 2016 or 2017, depending on placement in the federal project queue. To facilitate inclusion on the USDVA's priority construction list, additional Other Funds expenditure limitation can be included in the agency's Legislatively Approved Budget, with the understanding that the Department of Administrative Services unschedule the funds until the disposition of the grant application is known.

Planned upgrades include basic maintenance and updating or replacing high traffic areas and fixtures, including flooring, lighting, new paint, wall coverings, upgrades to resident rooms and nurses stations, remodeling of nutrition centers and rehabilitation areas, and replacement of furniture. The federal grant provides an opportunity to recoup the majority of costs associated with these items. The total anticipated budget is \$4.3 million.

Your Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends approval of the request.