

May 15, 2015

Attn: Oregon Subcommittee on Capital Construction
Eric Sorenson, Subcommittee Administrator

Re: HB 5005 (relating to lottery bond funding of HB 3562)

The Dayton Community Development Association is a 501c3 non-profit organization leading the effort to revitalize downtown Dayton. We are part of the Oregon Main Street Program at the Transforming Downtown level, following the Main Street Four Point Approach. We are working hard, collaborating with the City of Dayton and many of our Dayton residents to bring life back to our downtown. We have had many successes in the 5 years since our inception. Façade improvements to some of our downtown buildings, downtown beautification, wonderful events, park improvements and the creation of a substantial volunteer pool are some of these achievements. However, we can use some help from this grant to fulfill our goal of creating a destination community that has an economically healthy and walk-able downtown.

Dayton's downtown business district is situated around our beautiful historic "Courthouse Square Park". Within this area are 13+ historic structures, 9 of which are listed on the National Register of historic Places. We are located in the heart of Oregon's Yamhill Valley wine country. Our history, physical assets and geographic location make us a prime candidate as a destination that can be enjoyed by wine enthusiasts and heritage tourists, alike.

Our challenge lies with the 3 large vacant, undeveloped, lots around our square. There are also 4 of the historic structures in need of renovation and seismic upgrade to make them viable as desirable retail spaces. These will be costly endeavors. Our experience has been that even a small grant can act as leverage for significant private and public investment. We feel that the Oregon Main Street Grant Program can act as a catalyst and incentive to our property and business owners.

Please consider funding this grant with an amount that can truly benefit Oregon's rural communities who are trying to keep alive the spirit that grew them in the first place. Dayton wants to have a downtown where its residents and visitors can once again live, work, shop and play.
Thank you.

Sincerely,


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