



# Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

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## Clackamas County Sheriff Supports Continuing the Courthouse Replacement Program

I am writing to thank you for including Clackamas County's courthouse replacement plan in your funding consideration within the Chief Justice's Courthouse Replacement Program. State support in 2017 would guarantee that Clackamas County has the planning funds it needs to accelerate its courthouse replacement.

I am asking for your support for \$1.25 million to plan a new courthouse in our county. We are in need of a properly sized and structurally safe facility. While there have been upgrades to the current courthouse over the past 80 years, the building is inadequate for today's needs.

As a result of the distance between the current courthouse and the County Jail, Sheriff's deputies must transport prisoners for trial and other court appearances several times throughout the day. The construction of a new courthouse on the County's Red Soils campus will be on the same campus as the current jail. This co-location will save significant human and financial resources.

Clackamas County has been planning, building, and consolidating services on its Red Soils Campus in Oregon City over many years with the vision of providing an integrated public service center for citizens. The County has an approved master plan for realizing that vision.

I urge the Committee to support Clackamas County's current funding request for \$1.25 million in planning funds from the 2017 legislature.

Sincerely,



Craig Roberts  
Sheriff