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Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development
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900 Court St. NE
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RE: 2019-2021 Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF)

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development,

CCD Business Development Corporation (CCD) is writing this letter of support for the Governor's Regional Solutions Program and the Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) part of the Business Oregon's budget.

CCD's mission is *"To encourage economic development, diversify local economies, support industry, and enhance quality of life for all in the region."* Our service area is Coos, Curry and Douglas counties.

RIF funding is critical to support rural communities in Oregon. Having support and access to funding that is locally-driven and addresses our regional priorities is key to economic development organizations, like CCD.

Our Regional Solutions Team is more than a source of money, they are one of our partners. They assist with regulatory issues and provide input, guidance, and are an important connection to our state government.

Creative and innovative projects were able to move forward by the opportunity to receive RIF funding. Projects like the Port of Port Orford re-development and the Whiskey Run mountain bike trail are projects that will leverage other private and public investment that will make a meaningful change on the south coast.

CCD appreciates the partnership we have with our Regional Solutions Team and having additional tools in our tool box to utilize with community economic development in our service region.

Respectfully submitted.

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Mission Statement

To create a climate that encourages economic development that will retain existing jobs, create new jobs, diversify local economies, support existing industry and enhance the quality of life for the regions residents, as well as providing an atmosphere for personal growth for the employees.