



CITY OF DONALD

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To: Joint Committee on Ways and Means
From: City of Donald Leadership
Date: April 22, 2021
RE: Testimony for Expenditure for ARPA Funds: Support Local Infrastructure

The Donald City Council and Planning Commission had a joint City Goal Setting Meeting on April 20, 2021 and rising the to the top of the goals is to **build a new well and a sewer lagoon**, with the necessary components. These projects are of the utmost importance to our City's health.

Water System need is \$1,500,000
Sewer System need is \$4,227,000
Request for 50/50 Match: \$2,863,500

Having a **State Match Funds Program** would mean the world to our small City. It takes us from a having to take out large loans with long-term debt payments, to quick action and getting the infrastructure built by the end of summer.

The City only has **one working well** and it is 40 years old. This means that our **only water source is unstable**. The City has completed all the studies to determine the location of the new well and is working with Oregon Health Authority for approval. Resiliency is important for any community, but in Donald we are working quickly so that we do not face being left without water. All that is left to determine is funding.

The City's **sewer system is at capacity**. We have gained approval from DEQ. Again, we just need funding to move forward.

As you can see, our major advantage in Donald is that we are shovel-ready and if selected to receive funding you will see immediate results! These projects support our current and future residents. The matching funds will be used proportionately between residents and developers for needed infrastructure projects.

The City of Donald has the largest population projection in Marion County, at a whopping 4.1% AAGR in the next 25-years, doubling our population. However, locally we believe that we will reach this population much sooner because of the Harvest Gardens project.

Harvest Gardens, is an approved planned unit development for 297 single-family plus between 49-133 multi-family units. This housing development compliments Donald because it is centered around a working farm. The Harvest Gardens project received Governor Brown's Pilot Project award for Workforce Housing, but we need infrastructure money to offset the skyrocketing prices for materials and supplies to keep these houses at a price that is affordable for the working class.

Additionally, on Thursday, April 22 the Donald Planning Commission will review a Site Design Review application for Pacific Lumber, for a 15-acre lot with three buildings, this will add additional jobs to the State. We are working City, happy to boast well-known industrial companies like GK Machine, Hazelnut

Growers of Oregon, Bear Electric, and Wilco; but their growth is stagnated by our City's water and sewer systems' constraints.

Thank you for your consideration to support our City by creating a 50/50 Match Program. We are in dire straits for funding both to keep our current levels of service and to provide for a sustainable future.

Best Regards,

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