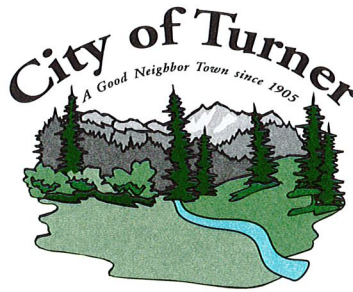


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Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
1100 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Lottery Bond Request – City of Turner

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey, Vice-Chairs and Members of the Committee,

The City of Turner is respectfully requesting \$3,000,000 in lottery bonds in order to complete a pressing water pipe project in our community.

To address the toxic blue-green algae water contamination issue, the City of Salem is redesigning their water system. The redesign has a direct impact on Turner's water system. Turner's water is currently accessed upstream from Salem's main reservoir but in the redesign would require access the water downstream from reservoir instead. This change decreases the water pressure by 40% and significantly impacts the water flow to certain areas of the city. This prevents sufficient fire flow for many buildings, including town landmarks like, the elementary school, a retirement community, city hall and the lumber mill complex. New development will be paused where they cannot attain sufficient fire flow as required by the Fire Marshal's office.

The requested funding is necessary to complete the project and mitigate the water flow and pressure issues caused by the redesign. The requested \$3,000,000 will be used to directly eradicate this problem. With this money, the City of Turner will install a new upgraded main system from the post office to City Hall on Third Street, and connect it to the city's existing mains along Chicago Street. This will allow for the water system to be able to supply adequate water flows to achieve desired fire flow water levels for the residential, industrial and commercial areas impacted by the re-design.

This is not a new request, the Legislature included funding for this effort, as part of an allocation to the City of Salem, in the 2020 budget bill that ultimately did not pass. We hope the legislature will include it in their budget again for this session.

Thank you for your consideration of allocating \$3,000,000 to the City of Turner so we can remedy the impacts of the water system changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "DS", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

David Sawyer
City Manager
City of Turner