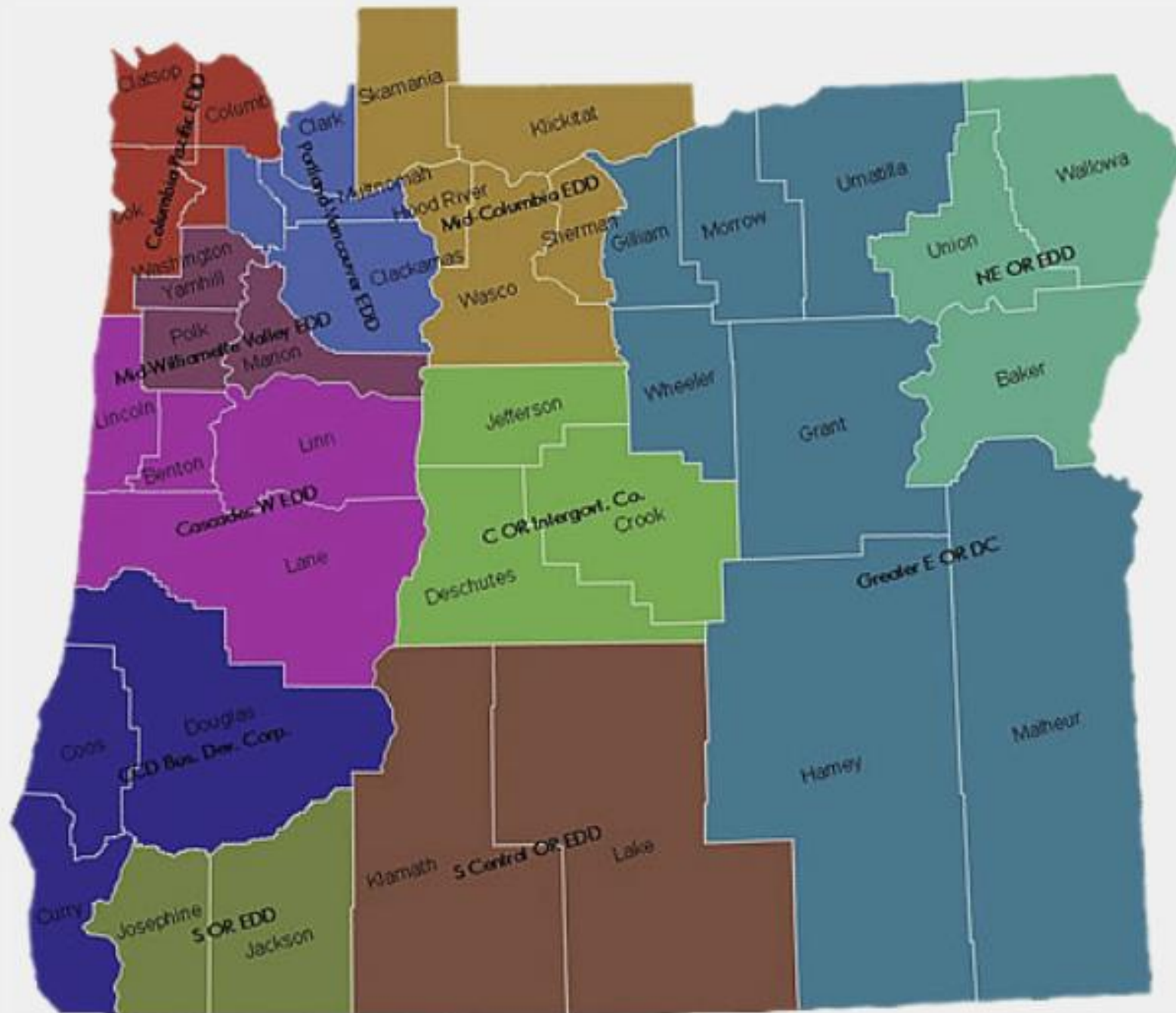




**OREGON  
ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT  
DISTRICTS**

## OUR DISTRICTS

- Oregon has 12 Economic Development Districts (EDDs) recognized by the U.S. Economic Development Administration
- Oregon's EDDs cover the state's 9 federally-recognized Tribes, 36 counties, 297 municipalities, and unincorporated communities
- EDDs offer technical assistance, project development, grant-writing services, and more

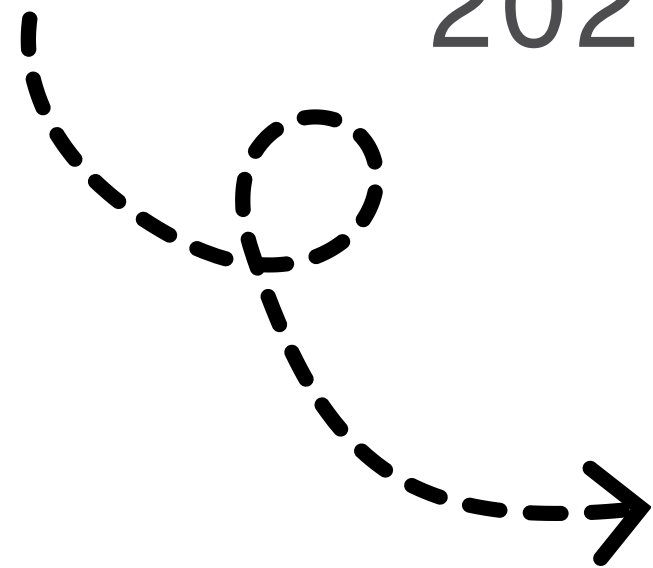




# RURAL CAPACITY FUND REPORT

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

**\$500,000** state investment (HB 2345)  
2021 Legislative Session



**\$67,000,000+** grant dollars  
brought into Oregon by 2024,  
and counting!



# THE IMPACT

Thanks to a **\$500,000** state investment from House Bill 2345 passed during the 2021 Legislative Session, matched by a **\$500,000** investment from **The Ford Family Foundation**, Oregon's EDDs have been working over the past two years to move vital capacity-building projects forward in rural communities in every corner of the state.

**230+**

**PROJECTS  
SERVICED**

**170+**

**COMMUNITIES  
IMPACTED**

**\$67M**

**BROUGHT INTO  
OREGON SO FAR**

# PROJECT TYPES

- Broadband
- Tourism
- Housing
- Youth Services
- Wildfire Mitigation
- School District Services
- Transportation Infrastructure
- Water and Wastewater Infrastructure
- Downtown Revitalization
- Community Centers
- Business Development
- Parks and Recreation
- City Planning
- Emergency Preparedness
- Flood Mitigation

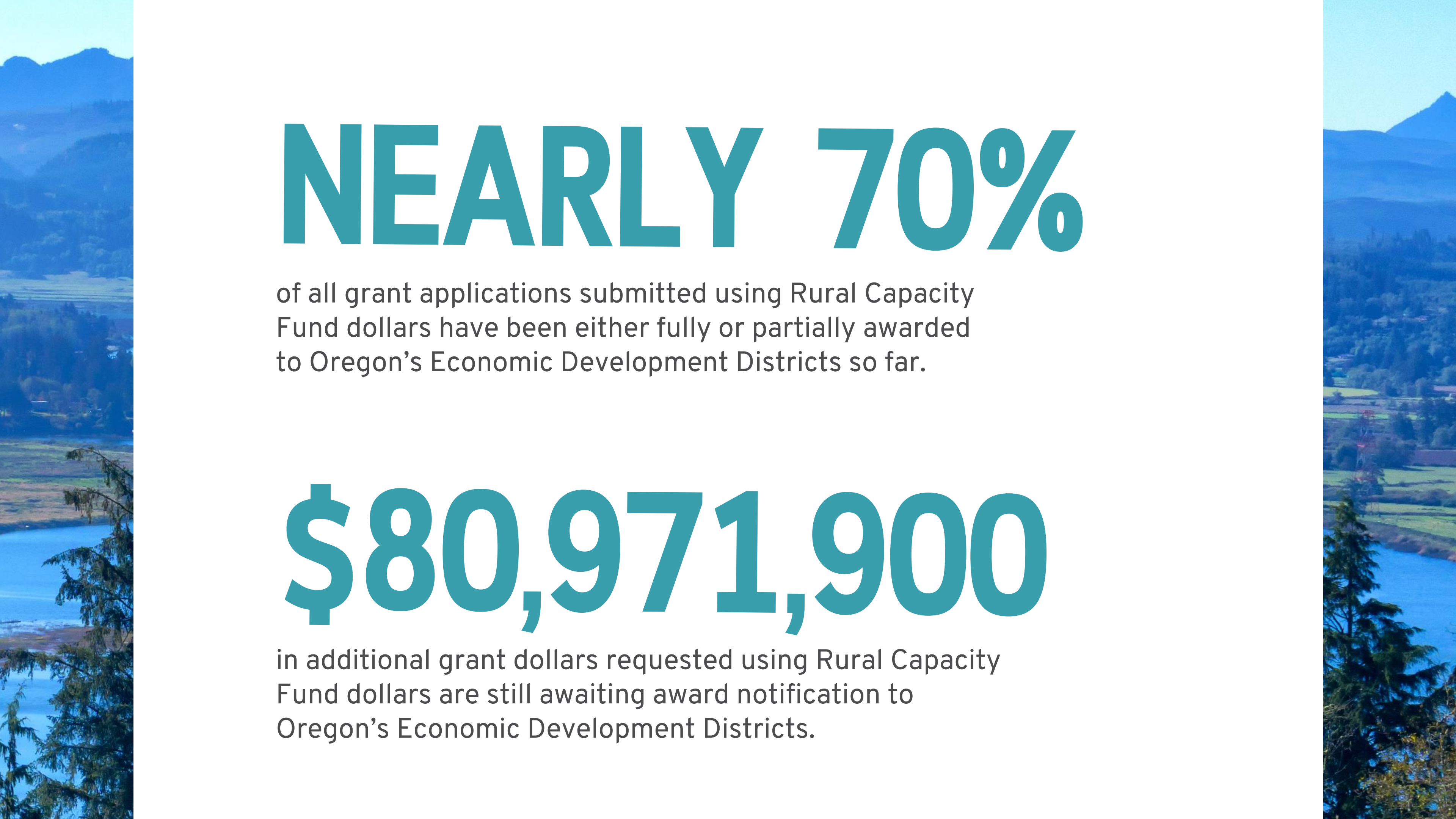




## COMMUNITIES SERVED

In total, **95 cities** across the state had projects funded or served through the Rural Capacity Fund dollars, across more than **14 rural or underserved counties:**

- Baker County
- Crook County
- Deschutes County
- Gilliam County
- Hood River County
- Jefferson County
- Klamath County
- Lake County
- Linn County
- Marion County
- Sherman County
- Union County
- Wallowa County
- Wasco County

A scenic background image of a rural landscape. It features rolling green hills, a winding river or lake in the foreground, and distant mountains under a clear blue sky. The image is split vertically, with the left and right sides showing the landscape and the center being white space for text.

# NEARLY 70%

of all grant applications submitted using Rural Capacity Fund dollars have been either fully or partially awarded to Oregon's Economic Development Districts so far.

# \$80,971,900

in additional grant dollars requested using Rural Capacity Fund dollars are still awaiting award notification to Oregon's Economic Development Districts.



# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## Willamina Water Line

In 2022, the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (MWVCOG) was able to secure **\$1.25 million** in funding to help the City of Willamina with its waterline replacement project, thanks to technical assistance provided through the Rural Capacity Funds. The City is replacing the existing Willamina Creek raw water intake, fish screen and sediment strainer system; replacing approximately 4,280 linear feet of existing raw water pipeline within existing public right-of-way and utility easement; and installing approximately 3,410 linear feet of distribution main to improve pressure to the Willamina school complex.

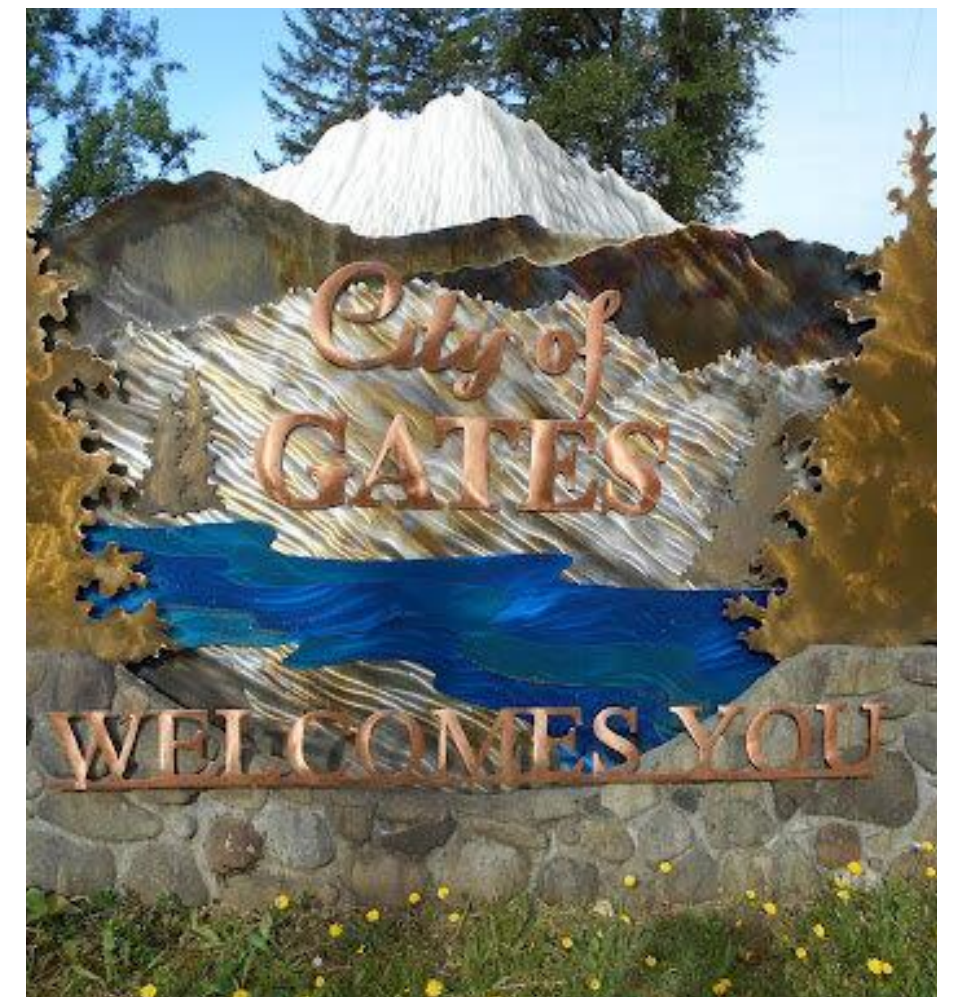




# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## ECWA Grants in Gates

In 2022, the City of Gates received **\$1.4 million** in funding from the Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants available from USDA Rural Development. This program helps eligible communities prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water, specifically for rural towns with 10,000 people or less. Gates has a population of 548 — all families who need access to clean, safe drinking water. This funding was used for essential water improvement projects as it continues to recover from the natural disasters it has faced in recent years.





# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## Central Oregon Septic Assistance Program

In Central Oregon, COIC created a unique, one-time opportunity to support low- to moderate-income households desperate to repair or replace septic systems connected to their homes, or to connect their systems to the sewer line. During the first round of funding to access the program's grants, 70 projects were approved and **\$1.2 million** in awards have been distributed directly to homeowners to cover the cost of repairing or replacing septic systems. After a successful first round, COIC was able to secure an additional **\$877,998** — serving 20 more households.



# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## Toledo Arcadia Park Improvements

In the City of Toledo, OCWCOG was contracted to assist with technical assistance, budget development and grant writing support for the city's long-overdue Arcadia Park project. With funds received from OPRD, the City of Toledo was able to add a **full-service public restroom to the park, improve its ADA-accessibility, and offer improved lighting and sidewalks** throughout the facility.

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*"The completion of the Arcadia restrooms have dramatically improved the park, allowing it to become a full-service park, and serve as a great resource with its centralized location to the recreation around this area."*

- Doug W. Toledo City Manager

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# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## Fire Mitigation and Maintenance in Southern Oregon

With nearly **\$250,000 in awarded grant funding**, SOREDI and RCVOG was able to help the City of Phoenix purchase a front loader tractor with a flail mower attachment, and accompanying dump trailer, to assist with the removal of high risk fuels and creating a much-needed buffer zone from potential wildfires.

In the Town of Butte Falls, funding was secured to help purchase a commercial chipper. In the City of Talent, a commercial tractor with multiple fuel reduction attachments designed for landscape resiliency was able to be purchased thanks to grants acquired from the Rural Capacity Funds.





# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

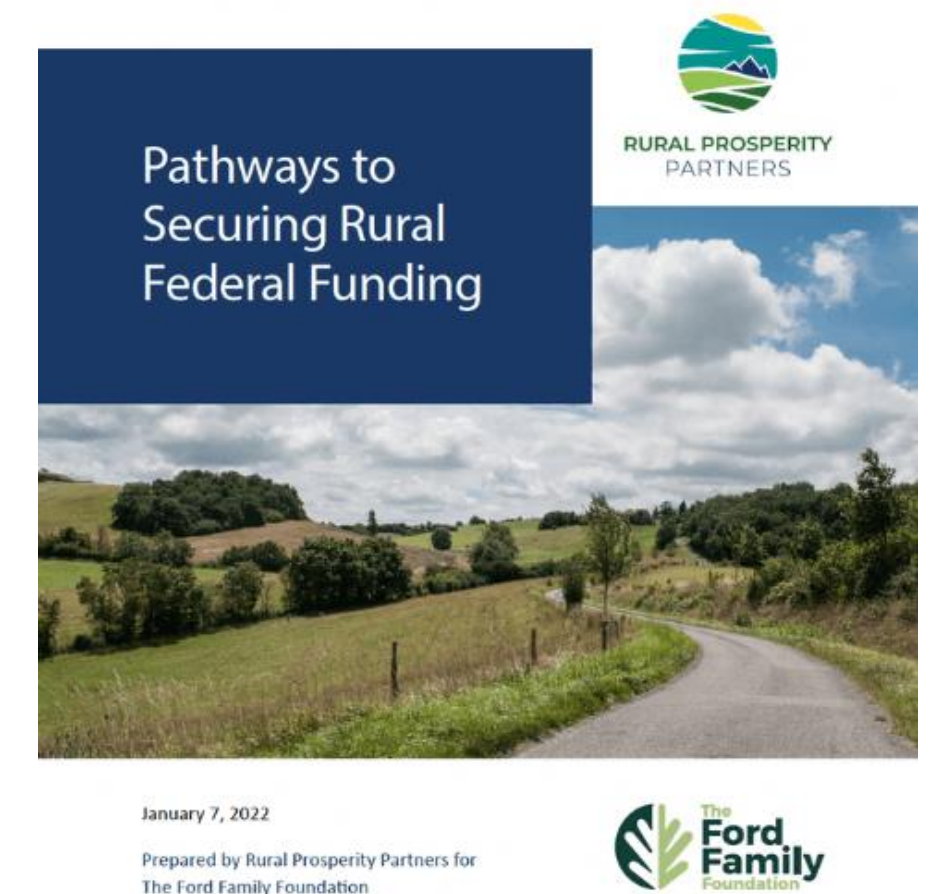
## The Lone Elk Marketplace

By using just \$4,500 in funding from the Rural Capacity Fund, staff from the Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC) were able to secure a **\$200,000 grant** for the Lone Elk Marketplace in the City of Spray. With this funding, the marketplace was able to undergo a complete renovation of its facility, rebranding itself as the Spray General Store. The project encompassed a comprehensive remodel of the building's interior and exterior — offering an opportunity to foster community pride, and serving as a new host facility for various events and activities that attract both locals and tourists alike.



# THANK YOU

For decades, EDDs have been working towards viable, locally-focused and solutions-oriented approaches to supporting underserved communities across the state. But every year, the biggest barriers remain the same: **time and financial resources**. Thanks to the funds in HB 2345, and generous matching from The Ford Family Foundation, Oregon's EDDs have been able to overcome these barriers long enough to make real, tangible differences in our rural communities. And based on data and research charted by The Ford Family Foundation, we know there is a continued need to "[increase capacity, expertise, networking ability and match for rural organizations and jurisdictions](#)," (*Pathways to Securing Rural Federal Funding, 2022*).



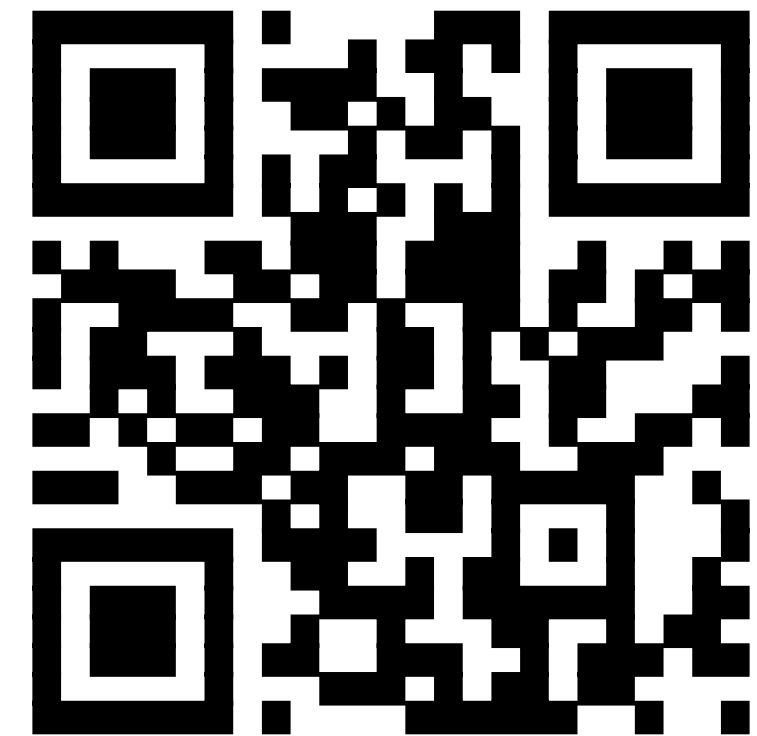
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