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Rural Oregon/ Small towns really needs help with this grant. We in small communities are slipping by the wayside to big funding in cities. We need this grant to help us with infrastructure in our towns. Help us keep our communities safe. Our small town of Sweet Home has for many years been on the decline with lost businesses, smaller logging contracts, mills shutting down etc and we simply don't have the funds to keep up.

Much of our problems stem from the timber industry constantly being under attack and having to fight for business, fight to maintain lands that are burning because of state laws,taxes and special interests continued pressure and continued funding while blue collar companies suffer and inevitably small towns suffer.

Please pass this bill and allow these grants that are much needed to keep our infrastructure moving forward, while we continue to bring new business in and try to build new homes, multi family additions etc for our great state and our towns. Thank you for your consideration