



SAVE OUR FAIRGROUNDS SUPPORT SB 451

FAIRGROUNDS ARE THE HEART OF OREGON COMMUNITIES

County Fairgrounds are **critical** to our rural communities. Not only do they act as a year-round cultural and economic driver, they:

- Engage youth in business and agricultural practices- raising our next generation of farmers & ranchers.
- Act as emergency facilities- housing people and animals during times of emergencies, like wildfires, COVID-19 & extreme temperatures.
- Build community awareness by hosting over 6 million people and 17,000 local events each year.
- Give back to the community through providing volunteer opportunities, multi-purpose community centers and even vaccination clinics.

Unfortunately, **our county fairgrounds are in trouble.** Compounding maintenance & repair costs, building upgrades and increased staff & contracting wages have many fairgrounds in desperate need for stable funding.

While our fairgrounds have been helping our Oregon communities for decades, it's time to return the favor & provide permanent funding so they can continue to serve the community.

