

ENCOMPASS YAMHILL VALLEY

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Dear Co-Chairs Senator Steiner and Representative Sanchez and members of the committee,

I am reaching out to you today to seek your support for the **City of McMinnville's Homelessness Response Projects**.

We desperately need your help to deliver responsive housing solutions to the McMinnville community. Encompass Yamhill Valley (EYV) has partnered with the City of McMinnville's Homelessness Response to assist efforts to provide transitional and permanent housing, safe parking shelter sites, and wrap-around support services to the growing number of individuals and families experiencing houselessness in Yamhill County.

City of McMinnville's Homelessness Response: \$6,742,505 Direct Allocation

The City of McMinnville has identified construction projects that will increase our bed capacity to over 100+ new beds. These projects are ready to be built but need funding. We are seeking a direct allocation request of \$6,742,505 for the combined three of our four housing projects.

If you need more information or have questions, please contact Heather Richards at heather.richards@mcminnvilleoregon.gov C: 971.287.8322 or Jody Christensen at jody.christensen@mcminnvilleoregon.gov C: 971.387.1800.

Houselessness is a humanitarian issue, not a partisan one. And while solutions are not free, neither is the failure to act. We are obligated to address this growing crisis not only for the benefit of our unsheltered neighbors, but also for every member of our community whose economic prosperity depends upon a stable and functioning society.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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