

May 3, 2023

Honorable Co-Chairs Senator Elizabeth Steiner
Representative Tawna Sanchez
Senator Fred Girod
Representative David Gomberg
Representative Greg Smith
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St., NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Steiner, Representative Sanchez, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to seek your support for the City of McMinnville's Third Street Improvement Project.

The City of McMinnville has BIG CITY challenges without BIG CITY resources. With a population of 35,000 people, our city is too SMALL to compete for federal programs, and too BIG to meet eligibility for rural designated programs. This results in the community bearing the full cost to complete major projects.

McMinnville is FALLING through the CRACKS due to restrictive criteria based on population and proximity to urban centers.

Your support can bridge the resource gap by funding the City of McMinnville's Third Street Improvement Project direct allocation request of \$4,000,000. This project will fix deteriorated downtown infrastructure that has led to accessibility and safety issues.

The project estimate is \$11,500,000 and the city has secured \$2.9MM (City Urban Renewal) and \$600,000 (City ARPA). We are requesting your support for \$4,000,000 and have requested Federal Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funds for the remaining balance.

Thank you for your consideration and partnership in bridging this resource gap for McMinnville.

Sincerely,



Patty Herzog