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On Behalf Of: MEDP MIP and Visit McMinnville  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means  
Measure: SB5506

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 Third Street Improvement Project.

Why do we need your help? The City of McMinnville has BIG CITY challenges without access to BIG CITY resources. As a city of 35,000 people, we are too SMALL to be eligible for federal programs, so we miss out on matching funds for projects like transitional housing development AND too BIG to be considered rural, so we end up competing with large urban centers for resources.

We are FALLING through the CRACKS due to constraints imposed by restrictive criteria based on population size and proximity to urban centers.

We need your help to deliver solutions to the McMinnville community. We are seeking your support for the City of McMinnville's Third Street Improvement Project. Third Street is the heart of McMinnville. It brings millions of dollars in economic vitality to the City. Our downtown restaurants and shops depend on tourism to survive. These dollars are essential to McMinnville.

City of McMinnville's Third Street Improvement Project: \$4,000,000 Direct Allocation  
This project will fix deteriorated downtown infrastructure that has led to accessibility and safety issues and will define the character for the next generation. The project is \$11,500,000. The City has secured \$2.9MM (City Urban Renewal) and \$600,000 (City ARPA). We still need \$8,000,000. We are seeking a \$4,000,000 direct allocation. We are submitting a request for the Federal Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funds for the remaining resources needed.

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

Sincerely,

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