CITY OF MCMINNVILLE HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE

Ways and Means Committee Submission – Due by May 3 at 5PM

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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 Project.**

We need your help to deliver solutions to the McMinnville community. We are seeking your support for the City of McMinnville's Homelessness Response. As a board member of Encompass Yamhill Valley and frequent volunteer at the First Baptist Church homeless shelter, I have seen firsthand what living on the streets is like for this population. Housing is critical for establishing a stable environment to allow positive change in the lives of our disadvantaged neighbors.

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

The City of McMinnville has identified four (4) construction projects that will increase our bed capacity to over 100+ new beds. We were able to secure funding from regional and local partners for one of the projects so have reduced the original request. The remaining three (3) projects are ready to be built. We are seeking a direct allocation request of \$6,742,505 for the combined three remaining 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.

Sincerely,

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