

CITY OF MCMINNVILLE HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE

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

Submit written testimony online [here](#) or sign up at the same link to provide testimony.

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. Serving as McMinnville Affordable Housing Committee's vice-chair since its inception, I have testified at State Legislative hearings for our homeless population's need for subsidized housing. Our homeless population continues to increase post Covid because we are the County Seat and much of the County services and City services the homeless need are available in McMinnville. In addition to serving and testifying I have also served as the treasurer and board member for The Soup Kitchen at St Barnabas (5 years) and as treasurer and board member for the Yamhill County Action Partnership (currently). YCAP and the City are working effectively together to build and operate a Navigation Center with additional shelter beds and wrap-around services for the homeless. The AHC was instrumental in passing a Construction Excise Tax unopposed to provide funding for homelessness building projects. We are currently working toward facilitated deed restricted land to that can stay as affordable housing into the future. We need your consideration for direct allocation dollars to further our construction projects.

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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CITY OF MCMINNVILLE THIRD STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
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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 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. I have served on the Public Advisory Committee for the design portion of the McMinnville Third Street Improvement Project. I walk the sidewalks that are crumbling and disrupted by tree roots making them difficult for citizens to

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.

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