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The Honorable Brian Schatz Chairman Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Susan Collins
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing
and Urban Development, and
Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Schatz and Ranking Member Collins,

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2023 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Merkley United States Senator

Merkley, Jeff(D-OR) Transportation Housing and Urban Development Congressionally Directed Spending Requests

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Oregon State Funding would be used to help increase childcare capacity in Deschutes County Funding would be used to help increase childcare capacity in Deschutes County	\$1,380
Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity Funding would be used to support construction of 16 permanently affordable townhomes. Bend OR	\$800
City of Bend Funding would be used to support development of affordable Bend OR housing units in Bend.	\$3,000
Benton County Funding would increase pedestrian and bicycle safety while traversing between Corvallis and Albany. Benton Senton	12,500
Port of Morrow Funds will be used to construct a roundabout, sidewalks, and interstate on-ramp improvements at Exit 165 near Port of Morrow. Boardman OR	\$2,253
Port of Morrow Funds would be used for planning and environmental review, final design, right of way, and construction of nearly 6,000 feet of aging rail at the Port of Morrow. Boardman OR	\$1,810
Morrow County Funds will be used for architecture/engineering design and construction of a Boardman transit Facility.	\$2,387
Harney County Senior and Community Services Center Funding would be used to complete the Veterans Village affordable housing project, a multi-family veteran housing and services project in Burns, Oregon.	\$500
Burns Paiute Tribe Funding would retrofit the Tribal Community Wellness Center. Burns Paiute Reservation OR	\$1,855
City of Carlton Funding would be used to reconstruct three blocks of West Main Street in rural Carlton, OR in order to increase its capacity, provide safe sidewalk access, and create a welcoming entry to the community.	\$1,240
Marion County Funding would be used for improvements to marinas, to operate throughout the entire season, considering drought impacts and reservoir drawdown requirements. City of Detroit OR	\$4,304
City of Madras Funding would be used to build safety and capacity City of improvements along US 97/26 highway corridor in Madras. Madras OR	\$2,000
Coos County Funding would allow Coos County to complete its pavement overlay project and ensure that rumble strips can be installed on new overlay, rather than on old pavement. Coos Bay OR	\$608

Oregon Department of Administrative Services	Funding would be used to rehabilitate and renovate facilities at the former Shutter Creek Correctional Institution.	Coos County OR	\$4,000
Oregon Department of Transportation	Funding would allow the Benton Area Transit to replace six buses that are due to be replaced with electric buses and install necessary charging infrastructure.	Corvallis OR	\$1,512
City of Corvallis	Funding would be used to complete the second phase of the South Corvallis Food Hub Project, including the acquisition, remodeling, and/or development of the physical space for the Hub and for other startup costs including equipment purchase	Corvallis OR	\$955
Benton County	Funding would be used to build a new railroad overcrossing of SW 53rd Street in Corvallis to address safety and freight mobility concerns.	Corvallis OR	\$11,600
Benton County	Funding would be used to replace the existing dirt floor in the Exhibit Hall at the Benton County Fairgrounds with a concrete floor so the space can be used for a variety of community events and events such as consumer/trade shows, expos, and youth sports tournaments that will generate local economic activity.	Corvallis OR	\$5,477
Greenbelt Land Trust	Funding would be used to help construct the Confluence Center	Corvallis OR	\$750
Jefferson County	Funding would be used to design, permit, and construct a new Feather Drive Bridge In Jefferson County, OR	Culver OR	\$638
Oregon Department of Transportation	Funding would be used to design and construct pedestrian facilities on an approximately 12 mile segment of US101	Curry County OR	\$1,200
City of Dallas	Funding would be used to improve pedestrian, bicycle, vehicle and rail safety with a widened roadway section and dedicated bike lane, and improve storm water management and flood controls with curbs and gutters on both sides of Godsey Road in Dalles, Oregon.	Dallas OR	\$5,000
Oregon Department of Transportation	This project addresses safety along the OR-99W corridor near the intersection with OR-18 in Yamhill County.	Dundee and Dayton OR	\$4,000
Lane Transit District	Funding would allow the Lane Transit District to update their bus facilities to include a fixed working platform and crane hoist needed for staff to safely and efficiently service electric buses.	Eugene OR	\$850
YMCA of Eugene	Funding would be used to complete construction of a new facility for the Eugene YMCA.	Eugene OR	\$2,000
Oregon Department of Transportation	Funding would construct bicycle and pedestrian rest stop on US $101.$	Florence OR	\$2,600
City of Forest Grove	Funds would be used to complete one of two remaining portions of a 13-mile multi-use pathway circling the full perimeter of the City of Forest Grove.	Forest Grove OR	\$2,240
City of Forest Grove	Funding would be used for the design, engineering, and construction of urban renewal in the city of Forest Grove.	Forest Grove OR	\$2,000
City of Forest Grove	Funding will be used to install a mid-block crossing to connect a low-income and historically disadvantaged community to transit and economic activity.	Forest Grove OR	\$3,000
City of Forest Grove	Funding would be used for solar energy projects benefitting low income customers.	Forest Grove OR	\$900
Klamath County Economic Development Association	Funding would be used to modernize the shortline railway in Crescent, OR	Gilchrist OR	\$1,575
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	Funding will be used in order to construct new resident and recreation center for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	Grand Ronde OR	\$2,000
Rogue Community College	Funding would be used to renovate the Marjorie Holzgang Concert Bowl Renovation at Rogue Community College.	Grants Pass OR	\$2,500

City of Gresham	Funding will go toward adding and improving sidewalks, a new signalized intersection to facilitate neighborhood connectivity, enhanced roadway lighting, and undergrounding of overhead utility lines along 181st in Gresham.	Gresham OR	\$3,179
City of Hermiston	Funding will be used to complete Phase 1 of the Gettman Road/Railway Alternative Transportation Enhancement (GRATE) Project.	Hermiston OR	\$1,500
City of Hillsboro, OR	Funding would be used to expand the City of Hillsboro's fiber optic network service availability to approximately 3000 more residential addresses.	Hillsboro OR	\$4,000
Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation	Funding would be used to develop affordable housing units in Hood River, OR.	Hood River OR	\$3,000
Port of Hood River	Funding would be used by the Port of Hood River to construct two streets and associated utilities.	Hood River OR	\$450
Oregon Department of Transportation	Funding would be used for enhanced features as part of this existing STIP project, scheduled for bid in late 2023 and construction in 2024.	Jackson County OR	\$2,300
Burns Paiute Tribe	Funds would be used for planning/design of simple and complex retrofits of existing highway infrastructure (bridges, culverts) to facilitate safe wildlife passage under US20.	Juntura OR	\$940
Klamath Housing Authority	Funding would be used to prepare necessary infrastructure needed to build affordable housing in Klamath Falls, OR.	Klamath Falls OR	\$1,515
Community Enroots	Funding would be used to support emergency and 18-month shelter services to youth/young adults who are homeless, unsuccessful in foster care, or coming out of the juvenile justice system.	Klamath Falls OR	\$1,000
Union County Oregon	Funding would go toward La Grande Union County Airport's fuel farm expansion, addition of a maintenance shop and an airport hangar, increasing the storage of Jet A fuel, acquiring new electric generators, The airport also needs a maintenance shop to store fueling trucks, and snowplow equipment.	La Grande OR	\$1,190
Oregon Department of Transportation	Funds will be used to increase available parking for trucks near La Grande and install an overhead Variable Message Sign that will be used by the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Oregon State Police to conduct chain sorting and education during winter storms.	La Grande OR	\$2,692
Lane County Government	This funding would specifically pay for the planning necessary to ensure the facility will continue to be functional after a Cascadia Subduction Zone seismic event.	Lane County OR	\$1,500
Oregon Department of Transportation	Funding would be used to construct approximately one-half mile of sidewalk along U.S. 101 in Lincoln City, which the Lincoln City City Council identified as a top priority sidewalk.	Lincoln City OR	\$2,800
Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency	Funding would be used to develop a multi-family housing complex in rural Marion County, OR.	Marion County OR	\$1,000
City of McMinnville	Funds will go toward reconstructing 9 linear blocks of McMinnville, OR's award winning "Main Street" in the heart of downtown. This street currently has accessibility issues that affect people who are differently abled, tourists, and residents due to deteriorating street and sidewalk infrastructure.	McMinnville OR	\$3,000
City of Medford	Funding would be used to develop the Midway Inclusive Community Park and Urban Trail System.	Medford OR	\$2,400
Kid Time Discovery Experience	Funding will be used to fund an expanded childcare and early education space within an existing organization.	Medford OR	\$1,000
Housing Authority of Clackamas County (HACC)	Funding would be used to redevelop near-obsolete single family structures into apartment buildings, walk-up apartments, and townhouses, a majority of which will be affordable to households at 60% AMI and below.	Milwaukie OR	\$3,750

Oregon Department of Transportation	Funding would be used to design and construct transportation improvements on US Highway 30 in downtown Mosier.	Mosier OR	\$3,800
Oregon Department of Transportation	Funding would be used to construct a regional connection in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.	Multnomah County OR	\$2,600
Coos County	Funding would be used to replace the Gaylord Bridge.	Myrtle Point OR	\$7,656
Newberg Area Habitat for Humanity	Funding would be used to develop three units of permanently affordable housing for low income homebuyers in Newberg, OR.	Newberg OR	\$450
City of Ontario	Funding would be used to construct a multi-use trail to provide recreational opportunities in Ontario.	Ontario OR	\$500
Oregon Department of Transportation	Funding would be used for the installation of concrete barrier and a widened multi-use path between a busy multilane highway to safely accommodate people walking or biking across the Snake River Bridge and I-84 Interstate Bridge.	Ontario OR	\$4,487
Tillamook County	Funding would be used to construct a portion of the multi-use path along Cape Kiwanda Drive.	Pacific City OR	\$5,000
City of Pendleton	Funding would be used to construct an arterial road to support housing development	Pendleton OR	\$1,500
City of Pendleton	Funding would enable the Eastern Oregon Airport in Pendleton to construct a new facility to house new Snow Removal Equipment.	Pendleton OR	\$2,297
City of Pendleton	Funds are needed to upgrade Pendleton's Vert Auditorium.	Pendleton OR	\$1,934
Oregon Food Bank, Inc	Funding would be used to renovate new warehouse, vehicle fleet modernization, and expanding storage and food distribution efforts.	Portland OR	\$5,000
City of Portland	Funding would be used to rehabilitate affordable single room occupancy (SRO) units for very low income individuals in Portland, OR.	Portland OR	\$2,000
Albina Vision Trust, Inc.	Funding would support land acquisition and site development to rebuild the Albina neighborhood to include affordable housing and community services hubs.	Portland OR	\$2,000
Black United Fund of Oregon	Funding would support construction of a building complex including office, retail, event, and community space with an emphasis on Black owned businesses and organizations.	Portland OR	\$1,000
Oregon Department of Transportation	Federal investment in the Steel Bridge Improvement Project will alleviate delays resulting from chronic failure of outdated bridge equipment and decisively contribute to improvements in on-time performance and reliability of intercity passenger service and freight rail movements through Portland.	Portland OR	\$2,600
Forth Mobility Fund	Funds would be used to implement clean energy initiatives	Portland OR	\$2,600
Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation	Funding would be used by the TriMet transit district to complete the first phase of its Columbia Bus Base construction project, which will be the eventual hub for its zero-emission fleet.	Portland OR	\$7,500
Artists Repertory Theatre	Funding would be used to develop a multi-use performing arts center with two rehearsal halls and collaborative work spaces.	Portland OR	\$2,000
Multnomah County	Funding would be used to advance the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project design portion of the work to 30% completion.	Portland OR	\$2,000
City of Portland	Funding would be used to construct a new facility serving East African communities in Portland, OR.	Portland OR	\$1,000
Habitat for Humanity Portland Region	Funding would be used to build affordable, single family townhomes along with necessary infrastructure installation on the site in Portland, OR.	Portland OR	\$2,500

Portland Japanese Garden	Funds would go toward new studio equipment, security and technology improvements; improving HVAC systems, and new global and cultural improvements.	Portland OR	\$1,034
Proud Ground	Funding would be used to support first-time homebuyer down-payment assistance grants.	Portland OR	\$1,000
City of Portland	Funds will go toward planning and construction of safety improvements on a high crash network of streets.	Portland OR	\$1,000
Feed'em Freedom Foundation	Funding would go toward the construction of a Black Community Food Center in Multnomah County, which will include a community hub and kitchen, cold and dry food storage areas, a hydroponic freight farm, industrial greenhouse.	Portland OR	\$280
Portland State University	Funding would be used for a feasibility study, to identifying and prepare a location, and to leverage state and philanthropic funds to build or buy affordable or no-cost housing for up to 900 PSU students.	Portland OR	\$3,500
Oregon Native American Chamber of Commerce	Funding would be used for green energy business training and construction.	Portland OR	\$370
Latino Network	Funding would be used to construct LatinX community resource and social service center.	Portland OR	\$1,000
Heart of Oregon Corps, Inc.	Funding would be used for construction of buildings on a new centralized campus for Heart of Oregon Corps.	Redmond OR	\$2,000
City of Roseburg	Funding would be used to reconstruct a narrow two-lane collector section into a complete street including bike lanes, sidewalks, storm drainage, improved street lighting, and an enhanced pedestrian crossing to serve the adjacent public park and Eastwood elementary school.	Roseburg OR	\$2,232
Salem Area Mass Transit District	Funding would be used to acquire land in a strategically placed location in south Salem in order to move forward with building a transit center and mobility hub.	Salem OR	\$2,560
Sheridan School District 48J	Funding would be used to establish center-based Career-Technical Education programs in Truck Driving/Diesel Mechanics, Fire Science, Agricultural Business, and Manufacturing.	Sheridan OR	\$1,000
City of Sherwood	Funds would support brownfield cleanup costs to transform a contaminated former leather tannery site into productive reuse.	Sherwood OR	\$2,500
City of Sherwood	Funding will be used for construction of an approximately 1-mile east/west industrial collector road that will unlock the Tonquin Employment Area (TEA) for private development.	Sherwood OR	\$3,000
North Willamette Valley Habitat for Humanity	Funding would be used to develop seven units of permanently affordable housing for low income homebuyers in Silverton, OR.	Silverton OR	\$1,666
City of Sisters	Funding would be used for finishing design and construction of a roundabout at the intersection of US HWY 20 and Locust Street in Sisters, OR.	Sisters OR	\$4,000
Corvallis Neighborhood Housing Services Inc. dba D	Funding would be used to complete two Community Land Trust (CLT) developments that will create new permanently affordable homes in Eugene and Salem for low income families.	Springfield OR	\$850
Lifempowered Riverside Training Centers	Funding would be used to construct a fully accessible center for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	St Helens OR	\$500
CASA of Oregon	Funding would be used to complete construction on up to 75 new manufactured dwelling units to the redeveloped park at Talent Mobile Estates.	Talent OR	\$1,000
Mid-Columbia Community Action Council	Funding would be used to construct tiny homes for homeless individuals in The Dalles, OR.	The Dalles OR	\$400

City of Tigard	Funds would help complete design and construction of Universal Plaza	Tigard OR	\$2,000
Home Forward	Funding would be used for \$3 million of soft and hard construction of a a 94 unit affordable housing project in Troutdale, OR.	Troutdale OR	\$3,000
Capaces Leadership Institute	Funding would be used to purchase the commercial kitchen and farming equipment necessary to provide workforce development opportunities for Latinx community members, and build space to incubate new farms, culinary businesses and value-added products.	Turner OR	\$850
Oregon Department of Transportation	Funding will go toward intersection improvements at two sites – Hemlock and Spruce Streets.	Washington County OR	\$3,200
Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District	Funding will be used to design an ADA-accessible, paved trail connection covering a critical 1,000-foot gap in the Waterhouse Community Trail.	Washington County OR	\$434
Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District	Funding would be used for the installation and purchase of electric vehicles chargers.	Washington County OR	\$404
Clatsop County	Funds would be used to build a safer transportation network by constructing an alternative access route to Westport, OR from US30 to the Ferry terminal, boat landing, and park on the Columbia River.	Westport OR	\$1,410