

What community-initiated project recipients receiving funding in the FY25 Senate CJS bill are saying about the wins for their communities:

“I am grateful to Senators Merkley and Wyden for their bold leadership to help support durable solutions for community health and resilience,” **Governor Tina Kotek said.** “The collaboration between the federal government and the State of Oregon is critical for solving problems and getting things done.”

“With this funding, the University of Oregon will house a one-of-a kind, state-of-the-art research tool in the Center for Advanced Materials Characterization in Oregon (CAMCOR). Our facility is a full-service, comprehensive characterization and imaging facility located in Eugene. CAMCOR offers professional services and access to state-of-the-art advanced instrumentation to academic researchers and numerous startups, mid-size-, and large-scale businesses. CAMCOR also provides training opportunities for students at the undergraduate and graduate levels—a regional ‘high-tech extension service.’ The improved capabilities of this instrument will be a platform around which new collaborations with both industry and other academic institutions will be born,” **said Kurt Langworthy, Director, Center for Advanced Materials Characterization in Oregon (CAMCOR), University of Oregon.**

“Oregon State University appreciates the support and work from Senators Merkley and Wyden to secure a recommendation of funding for OSU in this bill. Funding would enable OSU to purchase new semiconductor research, test, and education equipment for a facility on main campus that will benefit state-wide efforts to advance Oregon’s semiconductor economy. With new equipment and tools, OSU can enhance our work to help our state industry partners to address the toughest challenges in semiconductor characterization and will position OSU with leading capabilities to train the next generation workforce,” **said Tom Weller, OSU Executive Director for Semiconductor Programs and Gaulke Chair in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.**

“We are extremely grateful for this potential opportunity. This funding will significantly enhance and update the Sheriff’s Offices emergency communications equipment which will benefit the citizens of Jackson County,” **said Sheriff Nate Sickler, Jackson County.**

“Building a diverse, highly skilled workforce to support the research and innovation needs of Oregon’s semiconductor industry is critical to our state’s economy. I appreciate Senator Wyden’s and Senator Merkley’s support for state-of-the-art equipment that will allow Portland State University students to be career ready, and work with our faculty on groundbreaking research,” **said Ann Cudd, President, Portland State University.**