

Clackamas County 2024 Congressional Briefing



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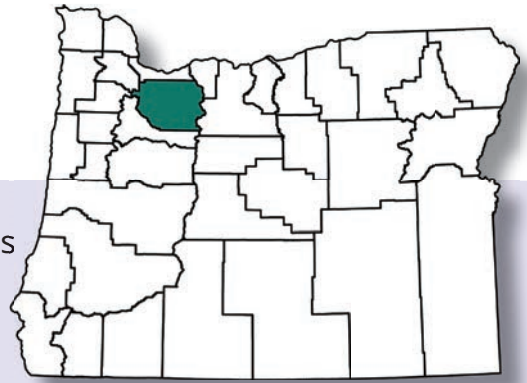
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Clackamas County by the numbers

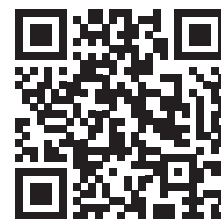


Land Area:	1,879 sq. miles
City, County & State Roads:	2,428 miles
Persons per sq. mile:	225
% of Federal Forest:	52%
2023 Population:	422,739
Civilian Labor Force:	226,250 (Nov/23)
Employed Labor Force:	219,260 (Nov/23)
Unemployment Rate:	3.1% (Nov/23)
2022 Average Industry Wage:	\$66,268
Per Capita Income (2022):	\$50,987
Oregon's Fastest Growing Cities:	Happy Valley (1), Sandy (2) Estacada (3) Molalla (4) and Wilsonville (5)

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County Legislative Priorities**

2024 Clackamas County Federal Legislative Policy Agenda



County Initiative

- Federal funding to support the **I-205 Improvements Project**

County Priorities

- Funding and legislation to support the repair and ownership transfer of the **Willamette Falls Locks**
- Legislation for the responsible and sustainable **management of federal forest lands**, including O&C Lands, for **wildfire prevention and predictable revenue to counties from shared timber receipts**
- Legislation to support **Mt. Hood** recreation, access, and protection
- Policies and funding to support **housing and human services programs**, and other county operations that are reliant on federal resources
- Policies and funding to encourage **increased food production and production acreage in the county**, and support for the farming industry – especially family farms – to thrive and adapt to market and climate impacts

LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES

Clackamas County's policy positions will be guided by the five strategic goals below.



Build a Strong Infrastructure

The county supports legislation that encourages long-term investments in major infrastructure projects to improve the quality of life of county residents. Successful legislation will ease congestion, expand travel options, enhance seismic resiliency, spur economic growth in employment, increase housing inventory, broaden telecommunication access, and promote science-based and ratepayer-minded water quality protections.



Ensure Safe, Healthy, and Secure Communities

The county supports legislation that improves the health, safety, and wellbeing of all county residents and communities. Successful legislation will support access to community assets, such as parks and libraries, and assist vulnerable populations including residents who are facing homelessness, substance abuse and addictions, behavioral health challenges, and public health threats. Legislation also should help to reduce the crime rate and recidivism, promote and sustain best practices for justice-involved individuals, improve emergency communications and disaster preparedness, and protect survivors of domestic violence.



Grow a Vibrant Economy

The county supports legislation that incentivizes businesses to grow and prosper. Successful legislation will ensure the county has dedicated resources for attracting and growing industries and workforce and has access to an adequate supply of shovel-ready employment lands to expand economic development opportunities.



Honor, Utilize, Promote & Invest in our Natural Resources

The county supports legislation that ensures effective and sustainable management and conservation of our abundant natural and agricultural resources. Successful legislation will stimulate and preserve the integrity of our natural resource-based economy, reduce and sequester carbon emissions, and adhere to the public process of Oregon's land use system.



Build Public Trust through Good Government

The county supports legislation that enhances the county's ability to deliver effective, reliable, and equitable services to county residents. Successful legislation will maintain the county's financial sustainability, allocate sufficient resources for county programs, preserve state and county shared revenue agreements, support county efforts to attract and retain qualified employees, and ensure adequate community engagement. Legislation also should not impose unfunded mandates, preempt local tax sources, or restrict local government authority.

Congressionally Directed Spending for Federal Fiscal Year 2024



Clackamas County Priorities

Clackamas County serves over 430,000 residents and thousands of visitors each year. Congressionally Directed Spending is a vital funding mechanism that supports local priorities and enables the county to enhance the delivery of services to the public. In 2024, the county is requesting federal funding that enhances our ability to meet the needs of today's addiction crisis, as well as improve climate and cost efficiencies for buildings that serve the public.

Clackamas Net Zero Building Efficiencies: Clackamas Community Libraries



Requesting \$690,000

Local Match \$30,300,000

Subcommittee/Account: THUD - Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

The Oak Lodge and Gladstone Library Projects are underway now, which will include rooftop solar arrays to meet State required green energy technology standards. The new libraries include building efficiency features to sustainably reduce operations costs, including LED lighting, an efficient variable refrigerant flow heating/cooling system, low-flow plumbing fixtures and natural lighting. Along with the installation of solar arrays, these investments will offset energy use and costs, while creating the capacity to achieve net zero energy usage in each building and contributing to a cleaner energy mix of the future.

In addition to providing a modern, larger community space to meet the growing needs of the nearly 54,000 local residents of Gladstone and Oak Grove, the new library spaces will function as a community center and can be utilized as emergency shelter and resource centers to the residents of Clackamas County.

Initial planning for the library projects began in 2017 and a community taskforce conducted extensive community outreach to develop masterplans for each location from 2019-2021. Federal funding for the installation of the solar arrays represent needed last-dollars in funding to help both buildings achieve net zero energy consumption.

Clackamas Center for Treatment and Recovery



Requesting \$5,000,000

Local Match \$10,000,000

Subcommittee/Account: LHHS – Health Resources and Services Administration

Like communities throughout Oregon and across the nation, Clackamas County is in the midst of a substance use, addiction and drug overdose crisis. In Clackamas County, opioid overdose hospitalizations increased 18% from 2020 to 2021, and hospitalizations related to the dangerously potent drug, fentanyl, along with other synthetic opioids more than doubled in that same time.

Vision

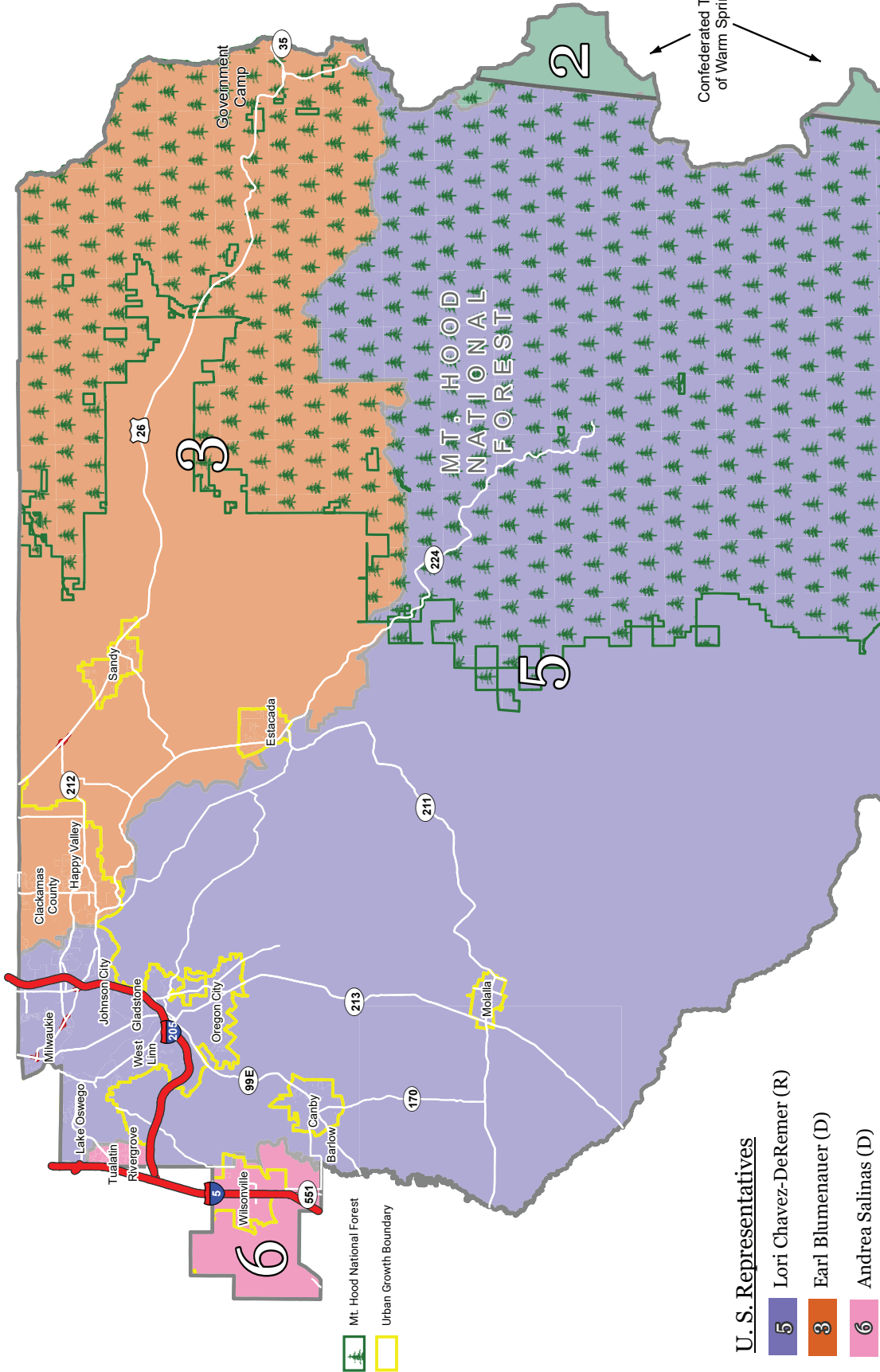
Clackamas County is creating a recovery-oriented system of care to provide a network of community-based services and supports for all individuals struggling with substance use. The Clackamas Center for Treatment and Recovery will help ensure individuals struggling with substance use disorder receive timely person-centered support, treatment and resources. The county is pursuing various funding sources.

Framework

The Center embraces the “Hub and Spoke” model and will also serve as the coordinating hub, outreaching to underserved and under-resourced communities. There will be multiple pathways to enter services with a particular emphasis on providing case management, employment training and educational opportunities after treatment to provide people with purpose, a key goal of recovery oriented services. Peers will be an important resource and be integrated into the entire continuum.

The Center will house co-located services to provide individuals with the full continuum of services including immediate access to assessment, withdrawal management (detox), and residential treatment, transitional housing and post-recovery services that help people integrate back into their communities.

Congressional Districts in Clackamas County 2023-2024



- U. S. Representatives**
- 5** Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R)
 - 3** Earl Blumenauer (D)
 - 6** Andrea Salinas (D)
 - 2** Cliff Bentz (R)
- U. S. Senators**
- Ron Wyden (D)
 - Jeff Merkley (D)



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