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Memorandum

To: Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners
From: Tonia Holowetzki, Interim Director, Public & Government Affairs
RE: RAISE support letter request from Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Date: December 04, 2024

Request: The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (Grand Ronde) is requesting from the Board of County Commissioners a support letter for a RAISE grant that will support improvements at *tumwata village* in Oregon City.

Background: Grand Ronde is applying for an FY 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant for their *tumwata village* Complete Street's project. They are requesting \$9.9 million to design and fund infrastructure improvements on Phase 2 of their project, namely:

- Previously vacated Main Street will be extended south from 4th Street to 3rd Street
- Previously vacated Railroad Avenue will be extended south from 4th Street to 3rd Street
- Previously vacated 3rd Street will be extended east from Main Street to Railroad Avenue
- Previously vacated 4th Street will be extended east from Main Street to Railroad Avenue

No supporting funds are being requested from Clackamas County for this application. Clackamas County is not presently planning to apply for a RAISE grant in FY 2025.

Grand Ronde has requested support letters be submitted by the end of December 2025.

Recommendation: PGA recommends the BCC submit a support letter to Grand Ronde for their FY 2025 RAISE grant application.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonia Holowetzki
Interim Director, Public & Government Affairs

December **DRAFT**, 2024

Dear Grant Review Committee:

Clackamas County supports the tumwata village Complete Streets application by The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon (Grand Ronde Tribe) for the FY 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant.

The tumwata village Complete Streets project is part of the overall Master Plan at the site, which includes housing, jobs, cultural history and healing, and other elements. The Complete Streets infrastructure will integrate climate and sustainability designs to the new roadways. In addition to contributing to short-term and long-term economic expansion and workforce development, the project will promote tourism within the City of Oregon City, Clackamas County, the Portland Metropolitan Region, and throughout the State of Oregon as a whole. The tumwata village site is located adjacent to Willamette Falls, which is the second largest waterfall by volume in the United States. Completing the street network will open up the site to the public and allow views of Willamette Falls unseen for over 100 years.

The Grand Ronde Tribe purchased the Blue Heron Paper Mill in 2019 and has been working to remediate contamination, demolish buildings and structures, and prepare the site for redevelopment. This site sits within the Grand Ronde Tribe's ancestral homelands as defined by the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855 and has tremendous historic and cultural significance.

We fully support this application for grant funding and look forward to continued collaboration with the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon and the tumwata village Complete Streets project and to see the project through to construction.

Sincerely,

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Chair Tootie Smith

On Behalf of the Board of Commissioners