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August 18, 2022

Board of Commissioners  
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Approval to apply for a Bridge Investment Program Discretionary Transportation Grant to replace the bridge across the Bull Run River- \$11,509,700 in grant funds will be requested. Matching funds in the amount of \$2,877,425 (20%) will be provided from County Road Funds. Weyerhaeuser will contribute \$10,000 towards this project. Total Project: \$14,397,125. No General Funds

<b>Purpose/ Outcomes</b>	Approval to apply for a Bridge Investment Program Discretionary Transportation Grant to replace the bridge across the Bull Run River on Bull Run Road.
<b>Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact</b>	\$11,509,700 in grant funds will be requested. Matching funds in the amount of \$2,877,425 (20%) will be provided from County Road Use Funds. Weyerhaeuser will contribute \$10,000 towards this project.
<b>Funding Source</b>	Federal Highway Administration and Clackamas County Road Funds. Weyerhaeuser will contribute \$10,000. No county general funds will be involved.
<b>Duration</b>	Grant award would occur no later January 2023. Project development would begin in 2023 and be complete no later than September 2027.
<b>Previous Board Action</b>	-The Board previously approved a similar grant application for funding from a very similar federal program in April 7, 2022. -Discussion item at issues on August 16, 2022
<b>Strategic Plan Alignment</b>	1. This project will help meet the goal to provide travelers safe roads that are in good condition. 2. This project aligns with the Performance Clackamas Goal that by 2026 100% of county residents and businesses have access to safe and affordable infrastructure including multimodal transportation facilities.
<b>Counsel Review</b>	This items does not require Counsel Review. Finance has reviewed the lifecycle form.
<b>Procurement Review</b>	1. Was this item processed through Procurement? No 2. If no, provide brief explanation: This project is a grant application. If funds are awarded it will be processed through procurement.
<b>Contact Person</b>	Stephen Williams, Principal Transportation Planner - 742-4696

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (PL 117-58) established the Bridge Investment Program (BIP). The purpose of BIP is to improve the condition of bridges in the US by reducing the number of bridges in poor condition. Full replacement of the bridge over the Bull Run River on Bull Run Road is a strong candidate for BIP funding. The bridge is over 129 years old and has a sufficiency rating of 2 (out of 100), the second worst rating among over 8,000 publically owned bridges in Oregon. The bridge is a vital connection to the Bull Run community (population 360) for emergency response and access to services in Sandy. Applications are due on September 8, 2022.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully recommends approval to apply for the Bridge Investment Program Discretionary Transportation grant in the amount of \$11,509,700 and submit the attached Letter of Support.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stephen Williams*

Stephen Williams- Principal Transportation Planner

# Financial Assistance Application Lifecycle Form

Use this form to track your potential award from conception to submission.

Sections of this form are designed to be completed in collaboration between department program and fiscal staff.

**\*\* CONCEPTION \*\***

## Section I: Funding Opportunity Information - To be completed by Requester

Award type: Direct Appropriation (no application)  
Subrecipient Award Direct Award  
Award Renewal? Yes No

Lead Department & Fund #: \_\_\_\_\_

**If renewal, complete sections 1, 2, & 4 only. If Direct Appropriation, complete page 1 and Dept/Finance signatures only.**  
**If Disaster or Emergency Relief Funding, EOC will need to approve prior to being sent to the BCC**

Name of Funding Opportunity: \_\_\_\_\_

Funding Source: Federal State Local

Requestor Information (Name of staff person initiating form): \_\_\_\_\_

Requestor Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Fiscal Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Name and prior project # (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Project:

Name of Funding Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Notification of Funding Opportunity Web Address:

**OR**

Application Packet Attached: Yes No

Completed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

**\*\* NOW READY FOR SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT FISCAL REPRESENTATIVE \*\***

## Section II: Funding Opportunity Information - To be completed by Department Fiscal Rep

Competitive Application

Non-Competing Application

Other

CFDA(s), if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Funding Agency Award Notification Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Announcement Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Announcement/Opportunity #: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Category/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Funding Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Allows Indirect/Rate: \_\_\_\_\_

Match Requirement: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Deadlines: \_\_\_\_\_

Award Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Deadline Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Award End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Income Requirement: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Application Meeting Schedule: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional funding sources available to fund this program? Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

How much General Fund will be used to cover costs in this program, including indirect expenses? \_\_\_\_\_

How much Fund Balance will be used to cover costs in this program, including indirect expenses? \_\_\_\_\_

**Section III: Funding Opportunity Information - To be completed at Pre-Application Meeting by Dept Program and Fiscal Staff**

**Mission/Purpose:**

1. How does the grant/funding opportunity support the Department and/or Division's Mission/Purpose/Goals?

2. What, if any, are the community partners who might be better suited to perform this work?

3. What are the objectives of this funding opportunity? How will we meet these objectives?

4. Does the grant/financial assistance fund an existing program? If yes, which program? If no, what is the purpose of the program?

**Organizational Capacity:**

1. Does the organization have adequate and qualified staff? If no, can staff be hired within the grant/financial assistance funding opportunity timeframe?

2. Are there partnership efforts required? If yes, who are we partnering with and what are their roles and responsibilities?

3. If this is a pilot project, what is the plan for sunseting the project and/or staff if it does not continue (e.g. making staff positions temporary or limited duration, etc.)?

4. If funded, would this grant/financial assistance create a new program, does the department intend for the program to continue after initial funding is exhausted? If yes, how will the department ensure funding (e.g. request new funding during the budget process, supplanted by a different program, etc.)?

**Collaboration**

1. List County departments that will collaborate on this award, if any.

**Reporting Requirements**

1. What are the program reporting requirements for this grant/funding opportunity?

2. How will performance be evaluated? Are we using existing data sources? If yes, what are they and where are they housed? If not, is it feasible to develop a data source within the grant timeframe?

3. What are the fiscal reporting requirements for this funding?

**Fiscal**

1. Will we realize more benefit than this financial assistance will cost to administer?

2. Are other revenue sources required, available or will be used to fund the program? Have they already been secured? Please name other sources, including General Fund or Fund Balance and amounts.

3. For applications with a match requirement, how much is required (in dollars) and what type of funding will be used to meet it (CGF, In-kind, Local Grant, etc.)?

4. Does this grant/financial assistance cover indirect costs? If yes, is there a rate cap? If no, can additional funds be obtained to support indirect expenses and what are those sources?

Program Approval:

*Karen Buehrig*

Name (Typed/Printed)

Date


Signature

**\*\* NOW READY FOR PROGRAM MANAGER SUBMISSION TO DIVISION DIRECTOR \*\***

**\*\*ATTACH ANY CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY THE FUNDING AGENCY. COUNTY FINANCE OR ADMIN WILL SIGN.\*\***

**Section IV: Approvals**

<b>DIVISION DIRECTOR (or designee, if applicable)</b>		
Name (Typed/Printed)	Date	 Signature

<b>DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR (or designee, if applicable)</b>		
Name (Typed/Printed)	Date	 Signature

<b>FINANCE ADMINISTRATION</b>		
Elizabeth Comfort	8.5.2022	 Signature
Name (Typed/Printed)	Date	

<b>EOC COMMAND APPROVAL (DISASTER OR EMERGENCY RELIEF APPLICATIONS ONLY)</b>		
Name (Typed/Printed)	Date	Signature

**Section V: Board of County Commissioners/County Administration**

*(Required for all grant applications. If your grant is awarded, all grant **awards** must be approved by the Board on their weekly consent agenda regardless of amount per local budget law 294.338.)*

**For applications less than \$150,000:**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	Approved:	Denied:
Name (Typed/Printed)	Date	Signature

**For applications greater than \$150,000 or which otherwise require BCC approval:**

BCC Agenda item #:

Date:

OR

Policy Session Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Administration Attestation

County Administration: re-route to department contact when fully approved.  
Department: keep original with your grant file.

August 18, 2022

Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: 2022 Bridge Investment Program Application for Replacement of the Bull Run Bridge in Clackamas County, Oregon**

Dear Bridge Investment Program Application Review Committee:

The Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners wishes to express their strong support for the 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant for \$11.5 million to replace the Bull Run Bridge in Clackamas County, Oregon. The Bull Run Bridge is vital to the health, safety and welfare of residents of the upland area of Clackamas County and the Portland area. Replacement of the bridge is the only way to avoid closure of this important access route since the bridge cannot be repaired or reinforced.

At our August 18, 2022 Business Meeting, the Board of County Commissioners approved the submission of a Bridge Investment Program grant application for this important project. Through this approval we also authorized the use of available county funds to provide the required \$2.9 million match. We are pleased to note that the project is a Public Private Partnership project which includes a contribution of \$10,000 by Weyerhaeuser Corporation in support of the project. The replacement of the Bull Run Bridge is a critical need for the following reasons:

- The 129 year old Bull Run Bridge is a vital facility for the residents of the Bull Run watershed, the economy of Clackamas County and the Portland region that will need to be closed to traffic in the next 5 years due to structural deterioration. In November 2021, the Bull Run Bridge was inspected by the Oregon Department of Transportation Bridge engineering staff and given a Sufficiency Rating of 2 out of 100, the second lowest Sufficiency Rating out of over 8,000 public bridges in Oregon.
- Residents of this area of Clackamas County experience an enviable quality of life in a rural upland location in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains with the community of Sandy, Oregon that provides work, school, shopping and recreation just 15 minutes away. If the Bull Run Bridge is closed, the quality of life of local residents will be seriously impacted by an increase of 30 miles in the length of each trip to Sandy, Oregon for work, school, shopping or recreation.
- Closure of the bridge will add at least 1½ hours to each round trip to Sandy, Oregon by area residents. The closure of Bull Run Bridge will result in an additional 7.9 million annual vehicle miles traveled by area residents. In addition, closure of the Bull Run Bridge will result in additional greenhouse gas generation of 3.22 tons per day and 1,042 tons per year.
- The longer trip required to meet all of life's needs will not only cost time, but also money. At the current average price of gas in Clackamas County (\$4.89), each family in the Bull Run area would experience an increase in their annual fuel costs of over \$8,628.
- The Bull Run Bridge is also the only route available for use by logging trucks and equipment into the Bull Run watershed. The timber industry is one of the most important employers in the area, but if the Bull Run Bridge is closed, access to the area for timber harvest will end resulting in the loss of at least 250 jobs in the area.
- The Bull Run Bridge is also the main access route for the Bull Run River Reservoirs #1 and #2. The reservoirs are the water source for Portland and the surrounding cities. If the bridge is

closed, maintenance of the water system will be impeded and the cost of water system operations would increase due to increased travel by Portland Water Bureau vehicles.

We urge that the Bull Run Bridge replacement project be selected for funding through the US DOT Bridge Investment Program.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this project proposal.

Sincerely

**CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Tootie Smith, Chair

On Behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners