

2021 Clackamas County Federal Legislative Policy Agenda

COUNTY INITIATIVE

- Federal funding to support the **I-205 Widening and Seismic Improvements Project**

COUNTY PRIORITIES

- Direct federal funding to counties to ensure a robust response to and full recovery from the **COVID-19 pandemic**
- Funding to support the repair and reopening of the **Willamette Falls Locks**
- Legislation for the responsible and sustainable **management of federal forest lands**, including O&C Lands, and **wildfire prevention**
- Permanent reauthorization or extension of the **Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (County Payments)** or similar legislation
- Funding to support redevelopment of the **Sunrise Gateway Corridor**
- Legislation to support **Mt. Hood** recreation, access, and protection
- Policies and funding to address the **housing crisis, permanent supportive housing, and human services programs** that are reliant on federal resources

LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES

Clackamas County's policy positions will be guided by the five strategic goals below. The County also will center carbon neutrality and equity, diversity, and inclusion in all policy decisions.

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 qualifies for programs that assist efforts to expand economic development opportunities.

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, enhance seismic resiliency, spur economic growth in employment areas including the Sunrise Gateway Corridor, broaden telecommunication access, and promote science-based and ratepayer-minded water quality protections.

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 our natural resource-based economy, incentivize the production of mass timber, reduce wildfire risk, and improve the financial stability of counties by creating a predictable and long-term solution to county revenue needs.

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 assist vulnerable populations including residents who are facing homelessness, substance abuse and addictions, behavioral health challenges, and public health threats. Legislation also should help reduce the crime rate and recidivism, promote and sustain best practices for justice-involved individuals, protect survivors of domestic violence, improve emergency communications and disaster preparedness, and enhance the region's readiness for threats or acts of terrorism.

Build Public Trust through Good Government

The county supports legislation that fairly allocates sufficient resources to enable delivery of effective, reliable, and equitable services to county residents. Successful legislation will maintain the county's financial sustainability, support county efforts to attract and retain qualified employees, and not preempt local tax sources or restrict local government authority.