

## Memorandum

**Re: Recommended County Projects for 2022 Congressionally Directed Spending (FY 2023 Federal Earmarks)**

To: Clackamas Board of County Commissioners (BCC)

From: Public and Government Affairs (PGA)

Date: February 10, 2022

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### **Action requested**

Public and Government Affairs (PGA) is requesting the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approve (or amend) the list of recommended projects for the county to pursue for congressionally directed spending in 2022.

Once approved, PGA will work with respective departments and project leads to finalize submission materials for the recommended projects.

### **Overview**

On January 5, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved a “vetting list” of potential projects to consider for federal earmarks. Since that time, PGA has worked with county administration, county departments, and project leads to determine the readiness of each project. Additionally, we have met with staff from the County’s Congressional delegation to “socialize” the projects and determine support for/interest in the various projects, who ultimately need to submit any funding requests to the various Ways & Means subcommittees.

Using project readiness and delegation feedback as criteria, PGA recommends the projects highlighted in green (page 2) for federal earmark requests in 2022. Projects highlighted in blue (pages 3-5) did not meet both of these criteria; PGA suggests that county staff continue to work on these projects for alternative funding sources, which may include pursuing federal funding in 2023.

## Recommended Projects for 2022 Earmark Submissions

Hillside Park Masterplan Improvement Investments	
<b>Department</b>	H3S – Housing Authority
<b>BCC Strategic Goal</b>	By 2025, 1,500 affordable housing units will be developed. These units will be stratified across Area Median Income (AMI) ranges as follows: 700 units at 61-110% AMI and 800 units at 0-60% AMI.
<b>Total Project Amount</b>	\$250 million
<b>Targeted Request</b>	\$3.5 to 5 million (scalable)
<b>Local Funding Origin</b>	Metro Housing Bond and Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)
<p>This project will help replace the oldest public housing in Oregon by vacating existing roadways and utilities, and pay for expenses related to the temporary relocation of existing public housing residents. Federal funds will be used to offset early infrastructure costs on the property to prepare for the capital construction of new units and provide the opportunity for the Housing Authority to retain ownership of the property upon completion of the project, thus supporting the development of more affordable housing units at a time when they are in such high demand.</p>	

Clackamas Watershed Protection Project	
<b>Department</b>	WES
<b>BCC Strategic Goal</b>	By 2026, 100% of County residents and businesses – where served – have access to safe and affordable infrastructure: multimodal transportation including roads, sewer, and broadband services.
<b>Total Project Amount</b>	\$8 million
<b>Targeted Request</b>	\$2 million
<b>Local Funding Origin</b>	Existing capital improvements loan, funded by utility rate payers
<p>Funding would contribute to replacement of the derelict Boring Lagoon Treatment Facility and improve water quality in this small, rural area. Currently, the project experiences insufficient collection that threatens runoff into local water sources, including the Clackamas River.</p>	

## Pipeline Projects for Alternative Funding Opportunities

Barton Park Master Plan Infrastructure Development – Phase 1	
<b>Department</b>	BCS
<b>BCC Strategic Goal</b>	By 2026, 100% of County residents and businesses – where served – have access to safe and affordable infrastructure: multimodal transportation including roads, sewer, and broadband services.
<b>Total Project Amount</b>	\$5.8 million
<b>Targeted Request</b>	\$2 million
<b>Local Funding Origin</b>	Metro Parks and Open Spaces Bond, Clackamas disbursement
<b>Readiness</b>	No readiness concerns
<p>Project details include restoration work on a former gravel quarry site to prepare it for public use, construction of an access road, trailhead parking area, primitive campground, overnight retreat center with cabins and a lodge, and a new day use event center, all to meet the increasing demand for these types of recreational facilities.</p>	

Child Care Access Recovery Program	
<b>Department</b>	H3S – Children, Family and Community Connections
<b>BCC Strategic Goal</b>	By 2024, 75% of businesses working in Clackamas County report a business-friendly environment that supports stability and growth.
<b>Total Project Amount</b>	\$2.5 million
<b>Targeted Request</b>	\$2 million
<b>Local Funding Origin</b>	In-kind staff time to support Task Force, administer proposed program
<b>Readiness</b>	Project lacking CDS criteria
<p>Funding will support post-COVID economic recovery with the short term needs of removing barriers to restarting childcare facilities in the county (e.g. an opportunity fund that supports permitting, repair and equipment needs), and supports a longer term strategy by establishing a task force with education and early childhood specialists with the goal of establishing a master plan to create and fund a preschool/child care for all program.</p>	

Emergency Shelter and Livestock Barn at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds	
<b>Department</b>	BCS
<b>BCC Strategic Goal</b>	By 2026, 10% increase in food production and food production acres from agricultural land in Clackamas County.
<b>Total Project Amount</b>	Requires Refining
<b>Targeted Request</b>	TBD
<b>Local Funding Origin</b>	None yet identified. State ARPA funding cannot be used as a local match for federally funded projects.
<b>Readiness</b>	Project scope, costs, and local match have not yet been determined
<p>Funding would support the rebuilding of the livestock barn that was destroyed during significant weather events and subsequently demolished for safety purposes. Reconstruction would make the building a safe shelter for humans and livestock during county emergencies, such as what was experienced during the 2020 wildfires and 2021 ice storm.</p>	

<b>Oak Lodge Concord Community Center</b>	
<b>Department</b>	NCPRD
<b>BCC Strategic Goal</b>	By 2026, 100% of County residents and businesses – where served – have access to safe and affordable infrastructure: multimodal transportation including roads, sewer, and broadband services.
<b>Total Project Amount</b>	Requires Refining
<b>Targeted Request</b>	TBD
<b>Local Funding Origin</b>	TBD, Diversified
<b>Readiness</b>	Awaiting community consensus on final project scope
Funding would contribute to construction of the planned repurposing of the Concord Elementary School into a community center in an underserved section of the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District.	

<b>Oak Lodge Library</b>	
<b>Department</b>	BCS
<b>BCC Strategic Goal</b>	By 2026, 100% of County residents and businesses – where served – have access to safe and affordable infrastructure: multimodal transportation including roads, sewer, and broadband services.
<b>Total Project Amount</b>	Requires Refining
<b>Targeted Request</b>	TBD
<b>Local Funding Origin</b>	TBD, Diversified. State ARPA funding cannot be used as a local match for federally funded projects.
<b>Readiness</b>	Awaiting community consensus on final project scope
Funding would contribute to construction of the planned library in unincorporated Oak Grove and Jennings Lodge.	

<b>OSU Extension Service Facility</b>	
<b>Department</b>	BCS
<b>BCC Strategic Goal</b>	By 2026, 10% increase in food production and food production acres from agricultural land in Clackamas County.
<b>Total Project Amount</b>	Requires Refining
<b>Targeted Request</b>	TBD
<b>Local Funding Origin</b>	Saved revenue + potential bond or loan
<b>Readiness</b>	Awaiting updated cost estimates and certainty of build prior to 2024
Funding would contribute to the building of an expanded extension service facility in partnership with Oregon State University. This extension service provides access to rural and agricultural investments and research, with the potential for including county services in the building.	

<b>Trolley Trail Improvements</b>	
<b>Department</b>	NCPRD
<b>BCC Strategic Goal</b>	By 2026, 100% of County residents and businesses – where served – have access to safe and affordable infrastructure: multimodal transportation including roads, sewer, and broadband services.
<b>Total Project Amount</b>	\$1.3 million
<b>Targeted Request</b>	\$900,000
<b>Local Funding Origin</b>	NCPRD Capital Repair and Replace Funding (NCPRD General Fund)
<b>Readiness</b>	No readiness concerns
Funding will contribute to improvements along the trolley trail to increase visibility and user safety, and improve trail conditions including sections at existing parks.	