



Memorandum

To: Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners
From: Tonia Holowetzki, Director, Public & Government Affairs (PGA)
Re: FY 2025-2026 Congressionally Directed Spending Recommended Projects
Date: February 11, 2025

REQUEST: PGA requests approval of the recommended project list for potential submission to FY2026 congressionally directed spending (CDS), also known as earmarks.

BACKGROUND: Congressional offices are beginning to solicit CDS proposals, including capital and programmatic funding requests. Applications to Senate offices are due February 23, 2025. The House CDS process is not yet defined.

PGA develops and recommends a list of projects suitable for CDS funding. The 2025 projects were identified in consultation with departments, and PGA is actively working with congressional offices to evaluate which projects may be competitive for funding, if any.

Given the condensed timeline for federal proposals, staff seeks the Board's approval of a recommended project list. Approval authorizes PGA to submit a CDS proposal for federal consideration should a recommended project appear competitive. Staff will keep the Board informed of any applications, or if recommended projects are determined to be unsuitable for this funding cycle.

RECOMMENDATION: PGA recommends the Board approve the attached list of projects recommended for congressionally directed spending consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonia Holowetzki
Director, Public & Government Affairs

Attachment A: FY 2025-2026 Congressionally Directed Spending Project List



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Project list pending feedback from Congressional offices.

Welches Park and Ride Project	
Department Sponsor(s)	Health, Housing and Human Services (H3S)
Request Target (Ask)	\$3,000,000
BCC Nexus	Advances federal priority – “Legislation to support Mt. Hood recreation, access, and protection” Advances federal principle – “Build a Strong Infrastructure”
<p>The project funds site acquisition and construction of a park-and-ride facility along Hwy. 26.</p> <p>In FY2024, the Mt. Hood Express served 56,264 riders. The development of a park and ride along Highway 26 in the Welches area would allow the Mt. Hood Express bus to increase service frequency between Welches and the Government Camp/Mt. Hood area. The project is a previous recipient of CDS funding (planning and development).</p>	

Clackamas Area Interceptor Improvement Project	
Department Sponsor(s)	Water Environment Services (WES)
Request Target (Ask)	\$4,000,000
BCC Nexus	Advances federal principle – “Build a Strong Infrastructure” Advances federal principle – “Grow a Vibrant Economy”
<p>The project defrays the cost to construct the Middle Clackamas Interceptor, a subcomponent of the larger Clackamas Area Interceptor Project. The project advances housing production goals, reduces sanitary sewer overflow risks, and improves system resilience under current and future flow conditions. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2026.</p> <p>The Clackamas Area Interceptor (primary sewer line) serves unincorporated Clackamas County, Happy Valley, and Carver. Improvements will increase the interceptor pipe to address system capacity issues. The larger project will serve 56,000 current housing units and help to produce 16,400 new housing units by 2040. The Middle Clackamas Interceptor starts at the intersection of Hwy 212 and SE 124th Court. It travels northwesterly to the Minuteman Way and Mather Road intersection, connecting to the Lower Clackamas Interceptor.</p>	