Hi Lee,

I haven’t hear back from the police department or Ricardo Rodriguez from the Linn-Benton Hispanic Advisory Committee at this time. I did get in touch with the Philomath and Monroe School Districts regarding the number of students with IEP’s (Individualized Education Program).

Monroe
There are 56 students in the school district with active IEP's.
There are 11 homeless students currently

Philomath
190 students with an IEP in the district (2017-2018 school year)
Homeless count N/A
Krista McGuier is working with the homeless services coordinator to gather information and new numbers for this school year.

Thanks,
Nodabi
From: Lazaro, Lee [mailto:Lee.Lazaro@corvallisoregon.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 11:21 AM
To: 'Paul Smith'
Cc: nodabi.srf@ruralfamilies.org
Subject: RE: Request for Rural Communities Data

I am looking for as detailed as you can give us, Paul and Nodabi, and yes, another aspect our requirements is that 1% of the funds must go to serve school age children grades 9-12 (also preferably low-income or Title I / REAP schools) with public transit so school district level info is good.

Thanks, Lee

From: Paul Smith <paul.srf@ruralfamilies.org>
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Subject: RE: Request for Rural Communities Data

Hi Lee,
Are you looking for something more specific than what we have included in the rural fact sheet? We can certainly dig down to school or school district level information. That is often some of the best info at the local level. I have also cc’d Nodabi, our Latino Outreach Coordinator on this as she has been working on the rural fact sheet project for us. We are certainly interested in assisting with better understanding and resources for our rural communities.

Best,
Paul

From: Lazaro, Lee [mailto:Lee.Lazaro@corvallisoregon.gov]
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Subject: Request for Rural Communities Data

Importance: High

Hi Paul, hope you are well and had a great summer. Paul, you’ll recall when you made the presentation to our STAC Committee that I mentioned our need for your organization’s data regarding the low-income communities around Benton County, to support our new requirement to identify the low-income rural communities within the County for transit development purposes. I have found that the data available from the 2010 US Census survey (and other programs that use it) is fairly good within the Corvallis greater urban area, but really poor (or basically non-existent) once you get outside of Corvallis boundaries.

I am therefore requesting your help to please provide me your Strengthening Rural Families data on the low-income communities within Benton County. This would also include our Hispanic, ESL communities. I believe that your organization may be one of the very best sources of information that we have about our rural communities in the County. You handed out some written material at our STAC meeting that contained some of that data.

I would like to be more specific in my request, Paul, but I don’t actually know what form or format it is in, or what the best means of transmitting it would be (flashdrive, CD-rom, probably not email because of file size?).
Paul, I know that this could be a significant request, involving some staff time to compile and organize this information, and that Strengthening Rural Families is a non-profit organization with limited resources. We are certainly more than willing to cover and reimburse SRF for reasonable staff and material costs associated with this request. We are not asking for “something for nothing”. If you could provide us with an estimate of your cost associated with this request, I will confer with Debie and we’ll determine how best to expedite any payment to you for that expense.

Thanks very much for your assistance with this task, Paul. As Janeece may have informed you, the purpose of our gathering this information is to develop public transit services that better serve the under-served or un-served low income communities within the County, so it is in fact very important work. In helping us identify where those low income, ESL households and communities are, you will be contributing in a very direct way to the development of plans and projects that will hopefully benefit those communities, in the years to come.

Please feel free to contact me by phone or email if you have additional questions. Also, Janeece now has a resource binder that includes extensive background information about the requirements and objectives of the new public transit funds, including the identification of low income households and communities (defined at 200% of the federal poverty level, or below), which may be helpful. Rocio, who serves as ex-officio member of our STAC and is our liaison to Health Services, is also knowledgeable about our need for information in this area.

Best, Lee

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