

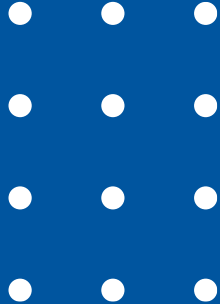


OREGON VOICES

Following the Dollar in Rural Oregon



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Why this MATTERS

- Data centers bring investment, jobs, and economic growth.
- The question for rural communities: ***How do we ensure those benefits address local needs and create lasting value?***





FOLLOWING THE DOLLAR LOCALLY

These funds are most effective when decisions are made by those closest to the challenges and the opportunities.

Industrial Investment



Enterprise Zone Agreements



CREZ Board Revenue



Local Decision Makers



Community Investments

WHAT COMMUNITIES HOPE TO ACHIEVE

Through the work of Counties, Ports, Cities, and local Economic Developments, these priorities vary by community and evolve over time.

- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
- **WORKFORCE HOUSING**
- **INFRASTRUCTURE READINESS**
- **ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION**
- **QUALITY OF LIFE**

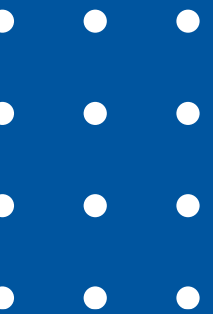


GROWTH CREATES OPPORTUNITY AND PRESSURE



The same investments that create economic opportunity can also increase demand for housing, infrastructure, childcare, and workforce development

- **HOUSING SHORTAGES**
- **WORKFORCE COMPETITION**
- **RISING PROPERTY VALUES**
- **INFRASTRUCTURE DEMANDS**



HOUSING EXAMPLES

One example of how these funds can address local challenges

- **HOMEBUYER INCENTIVES**

- Over \$2.5 Million has been invested over the last 15 yrs to incentivize people to move to Boardman.

- **WORKFORCE RETENTION**

- Over 60% of Employees live outside of Boardman.
- Over 8000 jobs within the Port of Morrow industrial businesses.

- **LONG-TERM COMMUNITY STABILITY**

- Increase # of people to live where they work



INVESTING BEYOND HOUSING

Locally we invest in business development, schools, and recreation projects that strengthen Boardman's economy, improve quality of life, and support a vibrant and livable community for current and future residents.

- **Business incubators**

- The Boardman Business Opportunity Incubator is a \$6 million project funded through a \$1.5 million SBA grant, BCDA funds and local investment partnerships. The facility will support business growth, attract new services and employers, create jobs, and strengthen the long-term economic resilience of our community.

- **Schools**

- Investing in our local schools and youth programs to support workforce development, educational opportunities, and the future success of Boardman students, recognizing that strong schools are essential to a strong community.

- **Recreation and livability**

- BCDA invests in recreation and youth opportunities by helping remove financial barriers and increasing participation by covering registration costs for local youth programs and activities.

- **Childcare Support**

- By investing in childcare by making annual contributions, supports working families, workforce retention, and long-term community growth.



WHAT DECISION MAKERS SHOULD UNDERSTAND

One size does not fit all—communities need flexibility, transparency, and meaningful local benefits to successfully manage growth.

● EVERY COMMUNITY IS DIFFERENT

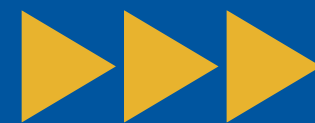
- Local needs vary across Oregon

● BENEFITS MUST BE VISIBLE

- Community investments should reflect community needs.

● COMMUNICATION MATTERS

- Residents should see tangible outcomes from the growth





CLOSING THOUGHTS!!!



Communities like Boardman are proud to help power Oregon's economy and innovation future.



The most successful model is one where investment creates benefits both for the state and for the communities hosting that growth.



Local voices should remain central in determining how those benefits are invested.





THANK YOU

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