



**REGIONAL SOLUTIONS OFFICE  
GOVERNOR KATE BROWN**

**Greater Eastern Oregon Regional Solutions  
Advisory Committee Meeting**

*Representing Wheeler, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Grant, Harney, and Malheur Counties*

**Wednesday, October 11, 2017  
1:00- 3:00 pm**

**Blue Mountain Community College  
President's Boardroom  
Pioneer Hall 101  
2411 NW Carden Ave  
Pendleton, OR**

*Call-in is available at: 877-411-9748, participant code: 1220301 #*

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| 1:00 pm | Welcome, introductions and approval of minutes – Cam Preus, Convener  |
| 1:05 pm | Public Comment - all  |
| 1:10 pm | 2017 Legislative Session insights- Regional Solutions Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Governor's office and Regional Solutions Program- Courtney Crowell</li><li>• Economic Development Programs- Melisa Drugge (Business Oregon)</li><li>• Transportation package- Ken Patterson (ODOT)</li></ul> |
| 1:30 pm | Greater Eastern Oregon Regional Solutions program update – Cam Preus and Courtney Crowell, Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Priority review, public comment and approval</li><li>• Regional Infrastructure Fund Process Review and Timeline</li></ul>  |
| 2:00 pm | Project Updates – Regional Solutions Team   |
| 2:45 pm | Roundtable/Good of the order  |

*The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. To request an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, please make requests at least 48 hours before the meeting to Lisa Howard at 503-378-6502 or [lisa.howard@oregon.gov](mailto:lisa.howard@oregon.gov), or by TTY: Oregon Relay Services at 1-800-735-2900.*



## REGIONAL SOLUTIONS

### **Greater Eastern Region (Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, and Wheeler Counties)**

#### **Greater Eastern Advisory Committee**

Convener	Cam Preus, Blue Mountain Community College
Philanthropic Representative	Timothy Mabry, Oregon Community Foundation
Business Representative	Donald Rice, GreenWood Resources
LOC Representative	Mayor Mike McLaughlin, City of Vale
AOC Representative	Judge Steven Shaffer, Gilliam County
Committee Appointment	Commissioner Boyd Britton, Grant County
Committee Appointment	Commissioner Bill Elfering, Umatilla County
Committee Appointment	Commissioner Melissa Lindsay, Morrow County
Committee Appointment	Judge Pete Runnels, Harney County
Committee Appointment	Judge Dan Joyce, Malheur County
Committee Appointment	Joe DeLaRosa, Chairman, Burns Paiute Tribe
Committee Appointment	Bob Levy, Windy River Farms
Committee Appointment	Fred Flippence, Harney Electric
Committee Appointment	Rick Minster, Retired
Committee Appointment	Peter Mitchell, Port of Arlington

#### **Greater Eastern Team**

Governor's Coordinator	<a href="#">Courtney Warner Crowell</a>
Business Oregon, Regional Development Officer	<a href="#">Melisa Drugge</a>
Business Oregon, Regional Development Officer	<a href="#">Scott Fairley</a>
Environmental Quality, Department of	<a href="#">Randy Jones</a>
Housing & Community Services	<a href="#">Kim Travis</a>
Land Conservation & Development, Department of	<a href="#">Vacant</a>
Transportation, Department of	<a href="#">Ken Patterson</a>
State Lands, Department of	<a href="#">Lanny Quackenbush</a>



## REGIONAL SOLUTIONS

### **Greater Eastern Priorities Adopted July 5, 2016**

The following priorities are ranked by order of importance – but all are related and implementation of each is required to advance the regional economy.

#### **Support for current and emerging businesses**

Support for traded sector, small business, and entrepreneurial job growth and retention.

#### **Natural resources utilization**

Support forestry, agriculture, mining, and recreation sectors.

#### **Water management and development**

Secure agricultural, industrial, and municipal water supply.

#### **Workforce availability**

Increase regional workforce availability to meet current and future industry needs.

#### **Workforce housing**

Increase housing availability across types and values.

#### **Competitive Communities**

Access to community amenities (bike/ped facilities, broadband, and other amenities) to attract growth, development, and workforce.

#### **Infrastructure for marketable industrial lands**

Increase availability of sewer, water, roads, and other investments to be competitive in attracting business development opportunities.

**REGIONAL SOLUTIONS PROGRAM**  
**Regional Infrastructure Fund | 2017-19**  
***Regional Implementation Projects | Phase I***  
***Request for Information***

Business Oregon &  
Regional Solutions  
Announce RFI  
*Sept-Oct 2017*

*Request for Information (RFI) identifies the following:*

- Types of funds available & eligible uses
- Eligible applicants
- Evaluation criteria & selection process
- Form for submittal
- Deadlines for submittal



Regional Solutions  
Teams Verify  
Information &  
Evaluate Projects  
*Nov 2017*

*Evaluation Criteria*

- Regional Solutions priority(ies) addressed by project outcomes
- Demonstrated community support
- Project has a sustainable business plan



Regional Solutions  
Advisory  
Committees  
Review Projects  
*Dec 2017*

*Regional Solutions Advisory Committees (RSACs)*

- Provide opportunity for public comment at least 14 days in advance of consideration at RSAC meeting
- Recommend projects for presentation to legislature to illustrate examples & demonstrate financial need



Legislative Session  
*February 2018*

*Regional Solutions Director and Business Oregon*

- Present project examples to Ways & Means Committee



## **REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION DATA SHEET**

### **Background**

The Regional Solutions Program approaches community and economic development by recognizing the unique needs of each region in the state and working at the local level to identify priorities, solve problems, and seize opportunities to complete projects. Leveraging/aligning resources (technical assistance, capacity, as well as grants and loans) to address the highest regional priorities is necessary for sound and long-term economic growth. To grow Oregon's economy and create jobs across the state, all resources in the community – public, private, and civic – must work together to shape the future and to complete on-the-ground projects.

State resources (staff time, technical assistance, and grants/loans) are strategically aligned throughout Oregon to accomplish these goals through Regional Solutions Advisory Committees, Centers, Coordinators, and Teams. This alignment serves and supports the unique needs of each region. The regional boundaries are aligned with the 11 federally designated Economic Development Districts.

In 2013, the Oregon Legislature added a tool to the Regional Solutions toolbox, the Regional Infrastructure Fund. The Regional Infrastructure Fund provides grants and loans to local governments for Regional Solutions implementation projects including planning and design. The Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) administers the fund and rules for its administration.

### **Funding for 2017-19**

During the 2017 Legislative Session, the Legislature authorized the issuance of lottery bonds to produce \$4 million in net proceeds for the Regional Infrastructure Fund. Lottery bond proceeds may only be used for capital construction projects. Responses to the Request for Information will be used to inform the funding application process which will begin in spring 2018.

Capital construction means the construction, modification, replacement, repair, remodeling, or renovation of a structure, or addition to a structure, that is expected to have a useful life of more than one year (ideally 20 years as bonds are repaid over the same timeframe), and includes, but is not limited to:

- Acquisition of land, or a legal interest in land, in conjunction with the capital construction of a structure.
- Acquisition, installation of machinery or equipment, furnishings, or materials that will

become an integral part of a structure.

- Activities related to the completion of capital construction, including planning; design; authorizing, issuing, carrying, or repaying interim or permanent financing; land use, and environmental impact studies; and acquisition of permits, licenses, or other services connected with the construction. If construction does not occur, repayment could be required.
- Acquisition of existing structures, or legal interests in structures, in conjunction with the capital construction. Capital construction does not include: (1) Maintenance and repairs, the need for which could be reasonably anticipated; (2) Supplies and equipment that are not intrinsic to the structure; or (3) Furnishings, unless the furnishings are acquired in connection with the acquisition, construction, remodeling, or renovation of a structure, or the repair of a structure that is required because of damage or destruction of the structure.

### **Program Goals**

- Address regional priorities.
- Support capital projects with strong economic development impact.
- Align with, or leverage, other investments to retain and create jobs.

### **Eligible Projects & Applicants**

Because the source of funding is bonded debt, eligible expenditures are only for capital construction as noted under funding for 2017-19. Some past examples of funded projects include industrial land development; broadband infrastructure; workforce housing; construction or renovation of water/sewer systems, docks, trails, roads, and buildings; levee modernization; infrastructure for career/technical education; and food processing and distribution.

The Regional Infrastructure Fund is managed by OBDD and provides grants and loans to local government sponsors for infrastructure projects, including planning and design. Private and non-profit entities are able to receive funds provided they have a local government sponsor as the applicant. The local sponsor will be responsible for ensuring project completion and contracting with the ultimate recipient. Local government means a city, county, authority, or entity organized under state statute or city or county charter, and includes any council of governments.

Projects funded with lottery bonds should plan to expend the funds within two years of issuance of the contract.

# REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FORM

Return this form to:



**Note:** Completion of this form does not guarantee an application will be invited.  
 RST and/or Business Oregon may provide comments and suggestions for further project development.

SECTION 1 A: POTENTIAL APPLICANT	
Organization Name	Organization <i>(Identify the ORS under which entity is formed if potential applicant is an entity other than city or county, such as special district, authority, association, et cetera.)</i>
Street Address	Mailing Address
Office Phone	Web URL

SECTION 1 B: PROJECT CONTACT	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>
<b>Phone (cell)</b>	

SECTION 1 C: PROJECT OVERVIEW
<b>Project Name</b>
<b>Project Region</b> To see the website version of each region's priorities, see this link to "All Regions - Advisory Committees, Teams, Priorities" document: <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/gov/admin/regional-solutions/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.oregon.gov/gov/admin/regional-solutions/Pages/default.aspx</a> Select one region, then select all applicable Regional Solutions Priority or Priorities addressed by project outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Coast (Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, and western Washington Counties)</li> <li>Mid-Valley (Marion, Polk, and Yamhill Counties)</li> <li>South Valley/Mid Coast (Benton, Lane, Lincoln, and Linn Counties)</li> <li>South Coast (Coos, Curry, and Douglas Counties)</li> <li>Southern (Jackson and Josephine Counties)</li> <li>Metro (Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties)</li> <li>North Central (Hood River, Sherman, and Wasco Counties)</li> <li>Central (Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties)</li> <li>South Central (Klamath and Lake Counties)</li> <li>Greater Eastern (Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, and Wheeler Counties)</li> <li>Northeast (Baker, Union, and Wallowa Counties)</li> </ul>

**Project Location** (*physical address including city and county*)

**Is there community support for this project?**      **Yes**      **No**  
Describe and attach letters of support.

**Project Category**

Planning	Design only	Construction only	Design & Construction
Other			

<b>SECTION 1 D: ESTIMATED FUNDING REQUEST</b>		
	Amount	
Funding Request from Regional Infrastructure Fund		
Funds from potential applicant		
Other Funds:		<b>Pending</b> <b>Committed</b>  If committed, provide term:
Other Funds:		<b>Pending</b> <b>Committed</b>  If committed, provide term:
Estimated Total Project Cost		
<b>Cost Estimate Date:</b>		<b>Prepared by</b>
<b>Estimated Project Start Date:</b>		<b>Completion Date:</b>

## SECTION 1 E: PROJECT DESCRIPTION

### Opportunity / Problem

**Proposal / Solution** Describe the proposed solution to the above problem / opportunity including identification of whether the proposed solution is a planning (feasibility, preliminary engineering, technical assistance et cetera) only project, a final design only project, a construction only project or a combined final design / construction project. Also indicate who will be final benefactor / recipient if not same as potential applicant.

## SECTION 1 F: BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Is the project based on a technical document that shows the project is feasible and cost effective (such as approved Master Plan, Facilities Plan or other technical report)?

Yes

No

If yes, date of plan or report: