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# Greater Eastern Oregon Regional Solutions Advisory Committee

November 1, 2024

Office of Governor Kotek



# Regional Solutions

A uniquely Oregon approach to community and economic development embedded in the Governor's Office that brings together state and local governments, sovereign Tribal nations, business, philanthropy, and community-based organizations to identify local priorities, advance projects, solve problems, seize opportunities, and respond to emerging needs throughout the state.

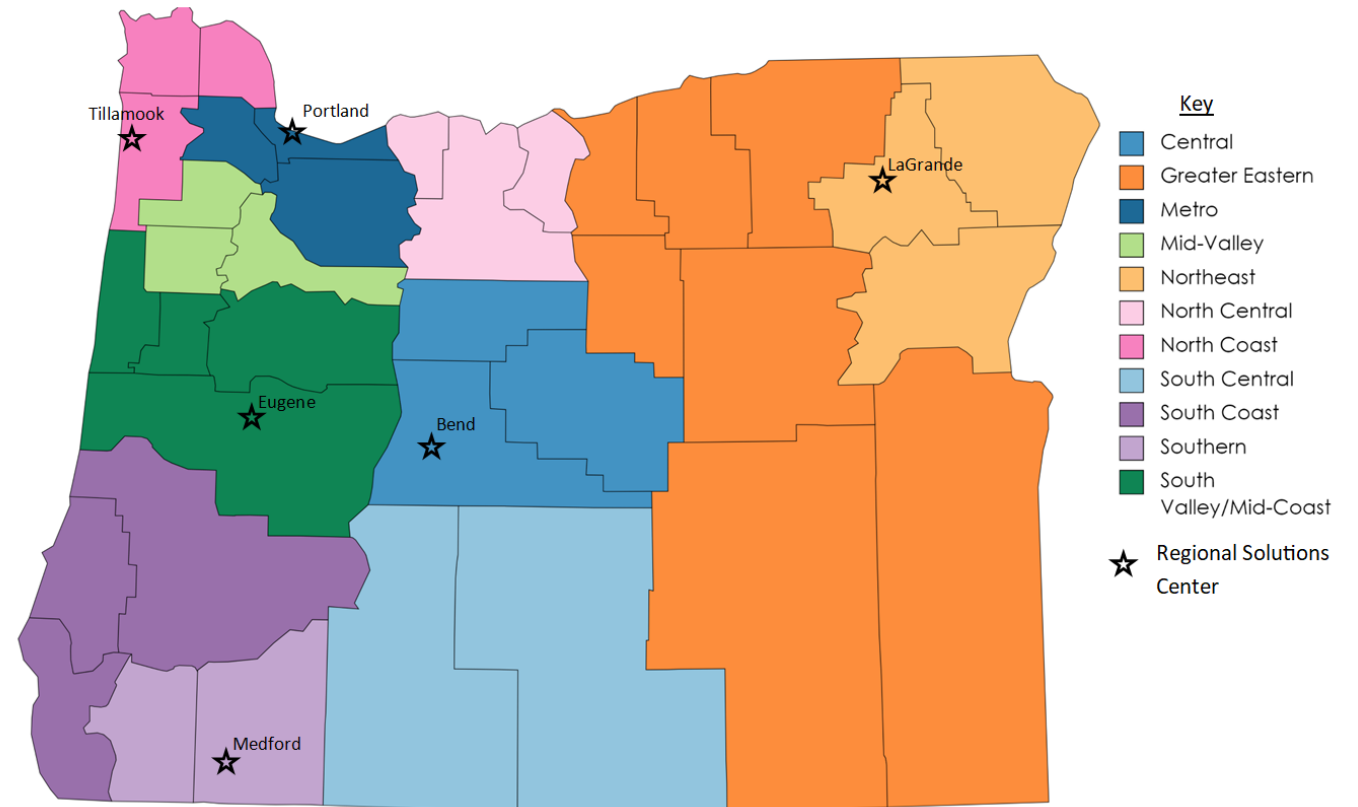


# Regions

Regional Solutions is organized into 11 regions that align with Oregon's Economic Development Districts.

Each region has an Advisory Committee that identifies Regional Priorities and a Team of state agency staff that works together to move projects forward.

6 Regional Solutions Centers located around the state serve as community convening spaces and collaborative workplaces for team members.





# Regional Solutions Advisory Committees

Appointed by the Governor, Regional Solutions Advisory Committees are composed of local elected and community leaders:

- Convener who chairs the committee
- County Representative (*recommended by the Association of Oregon Counties*)
- City Representative (*recommended by the League of Oregon Cities*)
- Business Representative
- Philanthropic Representative
- Two members representing Sovereign Tribal Nations and Community-Based Organizations

Committees identify Regional Priorities for community and economic development, assist with obtaining and connecting to resources and funding, utilize their local connections to advance regional efforts, and serve as a conduit between their communities and the Governor.



# Regional Solutions Teams

Cross-functional teams of state agency staff work collaboratively together to solve problems, work on multi-agency projects, advance regional priorities, and streamline access to state government.

Regional Solutions agencies include:

- Business Oregon (OBDD)
- Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
- Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)
- Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS)
- Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)
- Other agencies and partners join as needed to address local issues



# Regional Solutions Coordinators

Embedded in their communities,  
Regional Coordinators:

- Represent the Governor in the field
- Work with Advisory Committees and Teams to ensure effective state government support to local partners
- Serve as a conduit between the Governor and local communities





# Regional Solutions Value to Communities

- **Interagency Coordination**
  - Multiple agencies that work as a collaborative team with regional knowledge and relationships to move projects forward and problem-solve
- **Connection to Resources**
  - Serve as a connector to local, state and federal resources and key leaders
- **Outreach Meetings**
  - Opportunity for multiple agencies to meet with your community at one time and brainstorm solutions
- **First Stops and One Stop funding resources**
  - Getting projects ready and then finding available funding
- **Disaster Recovery**
  - Key link to assistance through disaster recovery challenges



# Regional Solutions Exchange

- Regional Solutions publishes a biweekly newsletter that includes:
  - Advisory Committee meeting notices
  - Regional project updates
  - Resources such as grant programs and other funding opportunities, job openings, public engagement opportunities and conference reminders.
- Scan the QR Code to sign up!







# Regional Priority Setting

The Governor has asked each RSAC to identify 5-6 priority areas:

- 3 are arising statewide (Governor identified)
- 2-3 locally specific (committee identified)



# Regional Priority Setting

Within each priority area, RSAC should define the local challenges and opportunities related to that priority by asking:

- Are there ways this issue looks different in our region?
- What are the unique considerations we face here, and the unique resources we can utilize to meet this challenge?
- What can *we influence locally to improve the situation or advance the opportunity?*



# Statewide Priority Areas

- Housing Production
- Community Resilience
- Infrastructure



# Recap of Last Meeting Discussion

## Priorities and topics raised at last meeting:

- Workforce Development
- Middle Market Housing development
- Reciprocity for trades
- Childcare
- Water infrastructure
- Food Security
- Transportation
- Energy Resilience
- Rural Downtown Revitalization
- Food Processing manufacturing efficiency



# Beginning to Focus Priorities

By identifying what regional issues fit under the statewide priority areas we can begin to narrow down to the locally identified priorities:

## Housing:

- Middle market housing
- Workforce development
- Reciprocity for trades

## Community Resilience:

- Rural downtown revitalization
- Energy resilience
- Food security

## Infrastructure:

- Water infrastructure (water and wastewater needs, water projects i.e. recharge, etc)



# Locally Identified Priorities

Topics that stand out from statewide priorities could include:

Childcare

Rural Manufacturing Success

Others?



# Timeline

- Goal is to have the 2-3 locally identified priorities finalized by the end of the year
- Moving forward we will begin to dig into the details of each regional priority and identify tactics and actions

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# Questions?

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