



**REGIONAL SOLUTIONS PROGRAM
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Southern Oregon Regional Priorities and Focus Areas

Appointed by the Governor, Regional Solutions Advisory Committees are composed of community leaders, including a Convener and representatives for cities, counties, businesses, sovereign Tribal nations, and philanthropic and community benefit organizations. Committees are tasked with identifying Regional Priorities for community and economic development, assisting with obtaining and connecting to resources and funding, and utilizing their local connections to advance regional efforts. Below are the priorities and tactics adopted by the members of the Southern Regional Solutions Advisory Committee on December 5, 2024.

Priorities	Focus Areas
Housing Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote innovative solutions to housing production: code amendments, community land trusts, financing options, etc.• Land availability and readiness: address limited land supply and work on readiness of available land for housing.
Community Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small business resilience: Strengthen sector in the face of wildfire and other natural hazards.• Access for all & sustainable living• Energy resilience• Food security• Disaster resilience, preparedness and recovery
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Broadband• Childcare• Industrial development
Natural Resources and Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic Water, water & wastewater infrastructure: continue to address significant need for updates to water and wastewater infrastructure (including septic) to support housing and employment.• Irrigation modernization• Agriculture sector resilience: Strengthen sector in the face of global market fluctuation, regulatory headwinds, and climate change.
Economic Diversification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education and workforce facilities, including childcare facilities• Economic Diversification• Educational opportunities in Rural Oregon• Support nonprofit sector• Workforce development• Behavioral Health

Committee Members

Convener	Dee Anne Everson
County Representative	County Commissioner Rick Dyer
City Representative	Eric Swanson
Business Representative	Matthew Borman
Philanthropy Representative	Kate Dwyer
Tribal Representative	Travis Hill
Community-Based Organization Representative	Karen Chase