



**REGIONAL SOLUTIONS PROGRAM
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Central Region

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 adopted by the members of the Central Regional Solutions Advisory Committee on December 16, 2025, and some specific areas of focus within those priorities that were raised by committee and community members.

Committee Members

Convener	Tammy Baney, COIC
County Representative	Comm. Kelly Simmelink, Jefferson Co.
City Representative	Eric King, City of Bend
Business Representative	Jon Stark, EDCO
Philanthropy Representative	Chaney Coman, Roundhouse Foundation
Community-Based Organization Representative	Catalina Frank, Latino Community Assoc.
Tribal Representative	Gordon Scott, WSCAT

Priorities and Focus Areas

Central RSAC Equity of Access and Opportunity Statement:

The Central Regional Solutions Advisory Committee will accomplish its goals and approach its projects by recognizing diversity in our region, in terms of income, demographics, distance, experience, etc. and will work to tailor programs, services, and opportunities to the unique needs of different members of our communities – to promote equity of access and opportunity.

Priorities	Focus Areas
Housing Production	Mobilize resources and incentive tools to produce housing units that correspond to income needs



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	Build a housing continuum: homelessness to homeownership
	Align service provider network to support continuum of housing needs
Community Resilience	Healthcare: Promote equitable access to comprehensive health care, including mental health and substance use services.
	Wildfire: Support proactive forest health, wildfire prevention, and public education efforts to reduce wildfire risk.
	Water availability: Collaborate on critical water allocation and management issues in the Deschutes Basin.
	Homelessness to Housing: Build and sustain a coordinated regional continuum of services that reduces homelessness.
	Ensure capacity and viability of essential service providers (e.g. Fire & EMS, Parks, libraries, cultural and recreational centers, etc.)
Infrastructure	Power availability: Support new generation and transmission and support exploration of opportunities to reduce the region's carbon footprint and create locally-generated power.
	Transportation: Maintain existing transportation infrastructure and explore regional/local funding and partnership options to improve mobility and safety.
	Broadband: Address rural community broadband gaps.
Human Resilience	Workforce Development: Build a robust ecosystem for workforce development, including multiple and diverse career pathways in urban and rural areas, ensuring equitable access. Align resources to key industry needs.
	Transit: Strengthen regional connectivity by modernizing and diversifying transit services across cities and communities.
	Food Systems: Explore opportunities for coordination across agricultural organizations, producers and businesses to improve regional food security.
	Childcare: Ensure reliable access to affordable, high-quality childcare, emphasizing efforts to serve rural and low-income families and provision of infant care.
Economic Resilience	Support industry diversification.



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	Power availability: Promote solutions that resolve current capacity constraints.
	Support the development of large industrial sites
Natural Environment/Resilience	Wildfire: Mitigate wildfire suppression costs through market-based solutions and fuels reduction.
	Forests: Support healthy forests as a key ecological, recreation, and tourism asset.
	Support emergency/disaster preparedness – coordination, planning, training, services, and accessibility.
	Support efforts to mitigate natural disaster impacts to critical infrastructure.