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Senator Patterson and Representative Evans Deliver for House District 20

*2021 Legislative Session Ended Saturday June 26th with Historical Investments in
the Mid-Valley Region*

SALEM, Ore. – The past sixteen months have been amongst the most challenging in State history. The Mid-Willamette Valley has faced a historic wildfire and ice storm, challenges associated with a global pandemic, and growing housing and economic instability. Throughout the 2021 Legislative Session, addressing these challenges was a priority for Senator Deb Patterson and Representative Paul Evans. They successfully advocated for millions of dollars of state investment in school buildings, affordable housing, emergency preparedness equipment grants, economic development, infrastructure investment, transportation, veterans' services, and more.

"This has been a whirlwind of a year, and as we advocated for these funds, we kept our communities' values at the front of our mind: supporting small businesses and business development, supporting educational purposes, families and seniors, affordable housing, and lifting up people who are falling through the cracks," said Sen. Patterson. "Rep. Evans and I took these values with us to the legislature in January, and I am committed to advocating for Salem, Independence, Monmouth, Aumsville Turner, and every corner of this district."

"Senator Patterson and I worked together in a common cause for the best interests of our state community," said Representative Evans. "I am grateful for the team effort that produced significant benefits for our community."

After a Legislative Session unlike any in Oregon's history, the 2021 Legislative Session Adjourned Sine Die Last Saturday (June 26th) at 5:37 pm.

Below are some of the highlighted impacts for Marion and Polk Counties:

Bonding

- \$8.1 Million to Chemeketa Community College for Building 7 Remodel
- \$10 Million for the Office of Emergency Management State Preparedness and Incident Response Equipment Grant (SPIRE) program.

- \$20.9 Million to Western Oregon University for the Student Success Center
- \$413.5 Million to the Housing and Community Services Department for the Local Innovation and Fast Track (LIFT) Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing Statewide which will also expedite 653 affordable housing units in Salem

Lottery:

- \$4.5 Million to the Mid-Willamette Family YMCA for development of Multi-Purpose Sports Field Complex
- \$6 Million to the Salem Y Veterans Housing for Veterans' Affordable Housing Project
- \$6.9 Million to the Willamette ESD to the building of the Willamette Career Academy
- \$7.5 Million to the Center for Hope and Safety for the building of Hope Plaza
- \$10 Million for the Statewide Brownfields Redevelopment Fund
- \$15 Million for the Statewide Levee Grant Program
- \$17.5 Million for the Statewide Broadband Connecting Oregon Schools Grants

American Recovery Act Funds

- \$200,000 to the Monmouth/Independence Chamber for Small Business Support
- \$750,000 to the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency for Non-Congregate Sheltering for Chronically Homeless in Salem
- \$2,050,000 to the United Way
- \$3,000,000 to the City of Monmouth for the Monmouth-Independence Trolley

General Fund Allocations

- \$400,000 for Vietnam War Memorial Fund for a Vietnam War Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol Grounds
- \$715,000 to Marion County to replace lost tax revenue due to the 2020 wildfires.
- \$800,000 to the City of Salem for a turnkey project
- \$816,000 to the City of Salem for police body cameras
- \$975,000 to Marion County for staffing and operational needs associated with the 2020 wildfires
- \$1 Million to the City of Salem for a housing assistance voucher program
- \$1 Million to the Oregon Law Center for legal help related to housing issues statewide
- \$1.6 Million to Oregon Housing and Community Services for Statewide supportive services and rental assistance payment for permanent supportive housing
- \$5.9 Million to Cherriots to offset expiring tax credits
- \$10.5 Million to the City of Salem for shelters
- \$25 Million for the creation of an emerging opportunities program to provide funding assistance to entities for projects targeted at enabling private investment in Oregon
- \$30 Million for funding for loans to purchasers of naturally occurring affordable housing stock or land upon which affordable housing will be developed
- \$100.3 Million for housing development, construction, infrastructure, rebuilding, down payment assistance, loans and services associated with wildfire recovery statewide.

Other Funds:

- \$1.5 Million for parking lot and street improvement at the Dome Building and Yaquina Hall
- \$10 Million for Oregon Conservation Corps for programs and related grants for community projects statewide
- \$10 Million for statewide Oregon Main Street Program
- \$58.4 Million in infrastructure Grants for Marion County, the City of Mill City, and of Turner
- \$20 Million to the City of Salem for a water system projects
- \$120 Million for a Statewide Broadband fund for grants to increase broadband internet availability across the state