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Marion and Polk County Delegation Secures Major Investments in Behavioral Health Treatment, Housing Infrastructure

Lawmakers deliver over \$16 million in new funding to address urgent local needs

Salem, OR - Today, the Governor signed the Emergency Housing Stability and Production Package ([Senate Bill 1530](#), [Senate Bill 1537](#)) into law. Between this package and other legislation signed recently, including the Oregon Drug Intervention Plan ([House Bill 4002](#), [House Bill 5204](#)), lawmakers representing Marion and Polk Counties in the Oregon State Legislature are celebrating over \$16 million in new funding to address urgent local needs. These investments will go towards increasing behavioral health treatment capacity, improving infrastructure to support housing development, and increasing housing support for vulnerable communities.

“We were able to secure funding that will make a real difference on the urgent problems people in our community are facing,” **said Sen. Deb Patterson (D- Salem)**. “We hear every day how the homelessness and drug crises are making life harder – for everyone – and these investments represent our strong commitment to delivering results.”

Major projects secured by lawmakers include:

- Developing Bridgeway Medical Center and substance use disorder treatment facilities (\$11.5 million) – *HB 5204*
- Developing a centralized social service and resource center within Family YMCA of Marion and Polk Counties (over \$3 million) – *SB 5701*

- Improving water, sewer and stormwater for the City of Monmouth’s Riddle Road development (\$1.2 million) – *SB 1530*
- Low income housing project for survivors through Center for Hope and Safety (\$750,000) – *SB 5701*
- Building out sewage infrastructure for Polk Community Development Corporation on Gun Club Road (\$500,000) – *SB 1530*
- Iron Tribe Network Self-pay home purchase in Marion County (\$650,000) – *SB 1530*
- Affordable veterans housing development in West Salem (\$300,000) – *SB 1530*

“As a former Salem City Councilor, I’ve seen first-hand the need for improved services in our community,” said **Rep. Tom Andersen (D-Salem)**. "This funding will fill significant gaps and begin to address the urgent crises on our streets and prevent people from falling into homelessness and drug use in the first place."

Marion and Polk counties will also benefit from statewide investments in these key areas, including \$9.7 million to support and expand specialty courts.

“Polk County has been in need of critical infrastructure improvements and affordable housing for veterans for a long time,” said **Rep. Paul Evans (D-Monmouth and Independence)**. “I am excited to see the positive change these investments will make in our community.”

These new investments are part of the legislature’s statewide commitment to taking immediate action on the drug crisis, repairing critical infrastructure, and providing housing to our communities. The [Senate](#) and [House](#) Democratic caucuses prioritized these issues in their 2024 session agendas.

Senator Deb Patterson (D-Salem), Representative Tom Andersen (D-Salem), and Representative Paul Evans (D-Monmouth and Independence) all represent Marion and Polk Counties in the Oregon Legislature and worked to secure this funding for the community.

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