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## **Lane County Legislators Focus on Housing and Homelessness in Local COVID-19 Stimulus Requests**

EUGENE—Seven local state legislators have announced plans to make major investments in critical local projects from federal American Rescue Plan funds, focused on housing, homelessness, food insecurity, and child care needs in Lane County.

The legislators—Sen. Floyd Prozanski (SD 4), Sen. Lee Beyer (SD 6), Sen. James I. Manning, Jr. (SD 7), Rep. Paul Holvey (HD 8), Rep. Nancy Nathanson (HD 13), Rep. Julie Fahey (HD 14), and Rep. Marty Wilde (HD 11)—collaborated to request over \$8 million in federal funding for major community investments in Lane County, including about \$5.9 million focused on affordable housing and homelessness.

In addition to the joint request, each legislator also requested funding for projects in their own districts, including for wildfire recovery, public safety, affordable housing, and homelessness supports.

The joint Lane County funding requests include:

- \$2,100,000 to FOOD for Lane County to renovate their warehouse and increase capacity to distribute and store food, train volunteers, and address community hunger needs.
- \$3,250,000 to the City of Eugene to establish “safe parking” and “safe tent” sites where people experiencing homelessness can legally park their vehicles or sleep in tents.
- \$250,000 to the City of Eugene to help prepare temporary shelter sites for people experiencing homelessness.
- \$500,000 to nonprofit St. Vincent De Paul for costs related to a new 10-unit building for veterans experiencing homelessness.
- \$400,000 to Lane County for mobile crisis response and health care vans to serve people experiencing homelessness who are not served by CAHOOTS.
- \$500,000 to Lane County for needed building improvements to a shelter for people with health vulnerabilities.
- \$522,000 to Lane County to build a seed fund that will provide grants to increase homeownership for low-income families, with a focus on BIPOC communities.

- \$500,000 to nonprofit SquareOne to acquire land for the Peace Village project, which will provide 70 units of permanently affordable, cooperatively owned housing for households with very low incomes.
- \$580,761 to nonprofit Looking Glass to renovate a facility to provide affordable child care and other services.

The state of Oregon was allocated \$2.6 billion in stimulus funds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). In addition to planned statewide investments, Oregon's 90 state legislators submitted proposals to use over \$200 million of those funds to invest in local projects in their districts.

The proposals will be evaluated by legislative budget experts to ensure they are an allowable use of the American Rescue Plan funds according to U.S. Treasury guidance.

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