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Findley, Owens Direct Federal Aid Requests to Critical Infrastructure Needs in Legislative Districts

ONTARIO, Ore—On Wednesday, Senator Lynn Findley (R-Vale) and Representative Mark Owens (R-Crane) announced funding requests for critical infrastructure in Senate District 30 and House District 60 through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). The aid is part of President Biden’s \$1.9 trillion federal relief package passed by Congress in March to offset economic damages from the pandemic.

In total, Oregon should receive an estimated \$4 billion allocated to various government jurisdictions such as counties, city, tribal governments, as well as at a legislative district level. Each Oregon House member is able to direct \$2 million and each senator \$4 million in federal American Rescue Plan funds toward their communities' needs.

“We worked closely together and alongside local leaders to research and learn which projects are most needed and that would provide the greatest benefit to our communities,” said Sen. Findley. “These infrastructure improvements are critical to the future of our region.”

Sen. Findley and Rep Owens sought funding for the following projects spanning their districts:

- Vale Wastewater Treatment Facility: \$1,000,000
- John Day Wastewater Treatment Plant: \$1,500,000
- Madras Industrial Space Grant: \$750,000
- Harney County Fairgrounds: \$1,000,000
- Malheur County Fairgrounds: \$455,000
- City of Unity Water Tower Replacement: \$500,000
- Sumpter Valley Railroad: \$45,000
- Jefferson County Housing-Disadvantaged Community Shelter: \$750,000

The projects must meet certain criteria in order qualify. The projects must be new projects, not continuing or ongoing; each legislator was limited a total of four projects total; the projects must be completed and/or funds spent by December 2024 to qualify and projects could not be those being considered as a bill during the legislative session.

“Our local economies have been hit hard by the pandemic response. Traditional economic drivers we depend on like small business revenue, hosting fairs and rodeos, tourism, and more, haven’t been there,” said Owens. “This funding makes a difference not just now, but for the long haul.”

House District 60 and Senate District 30 both include Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur and parts of Lake Counties. Senate District 30 additionally includes Wheeler and Jefferson Counties, and parts of Wasco, Deschutes, Clackamas, and Marion Counties.

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