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Representative Greg Smith Delivers For Eastern Oregon
Smith Brings Nearly \$40 million in Projects Back To Eastern Oregon To
Support Local Businesses In Job Retention and Creation

SALEM - [Rep. Greg Smith \(R-Heppner\)](#) today said Northeastern Oregon communities will receive a much-needed economic boost after a key legislative panel approved funding for several projects in the region. As Vice Co-Chair of the Joint Ways and Means Capital Construction Subcommittee, Rep. Smith said the panel's decision will help create jobs for local residents.

"After six long months in Salem, I'm looking forward to returning home with these important capital construction projects," Rep. Smith said. "These projects will help support our local businesses and will help in job creation and retention for people in my district."

Projects	Dollar Allocation
Eastern Oregon University (Quinn Coliseum Deferred Maintenance)	\$14,650,000
Eastern Oregon Trade Center (Hermiston)	\$7,135,000
Willow Creek/SAGE Center Economic Improvements	\$3,585,000
Milton-Freewater Levee and Bridge Improvements	\$3,250,000
Eastern Oregon University (Zabel Hall Deferred Maintenance)	\$1,522,000
Milton-Freewater Armory Phase II Remodel	\$1,425,000
Boardman Clinic Project	\$400,000
Total	\$31,967,000

In addition to securing funding for local projects, Rep. Smith accomplished several economic development priorities this year. He passed legislation to [permanently extend the personal property tax exemption on certain logging equipment](#). He won passage of an amendment to [extend provisions of the Oregon Investment Advantage program to help attract new businesses](#) to rural communities. Further; he passed a bill to provide tax relief to [Oregon's wheat farmers](#).

"Job creation was my top priority this year," Rep. Smith said. "While we still have a lot of work to do to improve our local economy, this has been a great session for jobs and economic development in Northeastern Oregon."

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