



CITY OF REDMOND
Office of the Mayor

Members of the 2021 Oregon Legislature Joint Ways and Means Committee:

Thank you for conducting statewide hearings and seeking public testimony on how Oregon should prioritize spending of the State's \$2.6 billion in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. Redmond, Oregon has four requests totaling \$37.0M. The project requests range in size from \$1.5M to \$25.0M.

The projects are:	Total Cost	Request
• Sidewalk connectivity	\$8.0M	\$1.5M
• South Highway 97 Reconstruction	\$70M	\$25M
• New Well (Well 9) to meet growth demands	\$4.0M	\$3.0M
• Public Safety/Mental Health Triage Facility	\$18M	\$7.5M

Redmond has a population of more than 32,000. With a population growth rate of more than 4 percent annually, we are among Oregon's fastest growing cities. The growth comes amidst a demographic with a poverty rate of 16.2 percent (one out of every 6 people) which is higher than the state average of 14.9 percent (as of 2017).

Our greatest minority population is Hispanic at around 13 percent.

These four projects are very important for addressing immediate needs associated with managing growth, investing in essential infrastructure, enhancing economic prosperity, caring for vulnerable populations, and bringing improvements to lower income census tracts. We hope the diversity of the projects and range in financial requests positions the Committee with the opportunity to provide our community with beneficial assistance.

Project descriptions are below:

Name: Sidewalk Connectivity

Total State Request: \$1.5M

Total Project Cost: \$8.0M

Other Resources: City

Project Readiness/Completion Estimate: Complete by end of 2023.

Purpose/Benefit: Many of our older neighborhoods are in socio-economically distressed areas. In many cases, these areas completely lack sidewalks or have very poor connectivity. While the City makes annual investments to advance our Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan, an injection of ARP resources will accelerate the pace and allow us to make improvements beyond our current budget.

Name: South Highway 97 Corridor Reconstruction

Total State Request: \$25M

Total Project Cost: \$70M

Other Resources: City (\$40M); Federal Request of up to \$35M

Project Readiness/Completion Estimate: Official plans are adopted. Begin in 2022.

Purpose/Benefit: State Highway 97 stretches north to south through Redmond. During peak periods, more than 30,000 vehicles travel this highly congested corridor daily. It also serves as an important freight corridor as well as playing an important economic role given the large number of businesses which line the west and eastern properties. Critical safety issues exist along the South Highway 97 Corridor, spurred by significant regional growth. Motor vehicle accidents occur at a rate of 43 per year and are expected to nearly double by 2040. The City adopted a new urban renewal district in February 2021 with the primary goal to use tax increment to leverage state and federal dollars. A \$70M corridor rebuild will include: Frontage roads and shared access for existing businesses and properties; pedestrian and bicycle facilities; and other investments which help business vitality, encourage private investment, advance highway preservation goals, and improve freight mobility.

Name: Construction of a new Well

Total State Request: \$3.0M

Total Project Cost: \$4.0M

Other Resources: City

Project Readiness/Completion Estimate: Complete by spring 2023.

Purpose/Benefit: Redmond has a population of more than 32,000. With an annual population growth rate of more than four percent, we are among Oregon's fastest growing cities. Our peak daily water demands exceed 15 million gallons per day. To stay ahead of growth the City needs to build additional water facilities in the form of our 9th Well. We are currently completing an \$18M Water Facility (Well 8). Well 9, would serve as a water supplier to all of our reservoirs. It would be the largest capacity well to date at 3,500 gallons per minute.

Name: Public Safety/Mental Health Triage Facility

Total State Request: \$7.5M

Total Project Cost: \$18M

Other Resources: City

Project Readiness/Completion Estimate: Complete by 2025.

Purpose/Benefit: Redmond's existing Police Department is nearly 25 years old and no longer serves the department nor the community. Therefore, the City has a goal of building a new facility which reflects the values of Redmond and important partnerships with the Deschutes County Stabilization Center. Our vision is to design a new public safety facility which is co-located with mental health triage services. The City is currently seeking available land and has ambitions to open the facility by 2025. The City Council has viable funding and financing strategies under consideration.

Thank you again for considering our requests.

Sincerely;



George Endicott

Mayor