

Testimony from Jess Groves Commission President Port of Cascade Locks.

To the Ways and Means Committee Oregon State legislature.

Thank you Co-chairs and members of the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Jess Groves and I'm the President of the Port of Cascade Locks Commission. I'm submitting written testimony today on behalf of the Port and City of Cascade Locks and Mayor Bob Walker, I want to thank you for the opportunity to address you today regarding a couple of priority projects we feel checks some boxes of the Governors 10 -point check list for economic recovery from the COVID pandemic, for your consideration coming from the American Recovery Plan Act Funding.

The City is requesting support to help complete a vital electrical infrastructure upgrade that will allow our community to grow economically into the future.

The City also has an ask for much needed funds to upgrade our 1920's City Hall that houses all the City's vital activity including the food bank, water, streets, electrical and City admin services, it needs many safety improvements.

The Port is looking for funding to build a much needed 50 vehicle parking lot with restrooms right at the trail heads of the Pacific Crest Trail 400 and new multipurpose trails, this lot would also accommodate our CAT transit system as well. Lack of parking and restroom access are a big problem in the gorge and impacts our much needed tourism economy.

The Port is also seeking funds to complete a critical electrical upgrade to our infrastructure in our business park this would allow for future new business growth to help our economic stability and the growth our community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jess Groves  
Commission President  
Port of Cascade Locks