



HARNEY COUNTY

Good afternoon. My name is Lindsey Robertson. I am the manager of the Harney County Fair and Fairgrounds in Burns, OR. I would like to take this opportunity to express sincere gratitude on behalf of our community and the Fair Board for the generous grants awarded in 2022. Our Fairgrounds received \$1.36 million to build a Cultural Event Center and another \$2 million for infrastructure needs. The Fair Board is currently in 'design discovery' and 'detailed budgeting' phases of the Cultural Event Center with a consulting team. The plan is to erect a 200' x 300' pre-engineered steel building that will be capable of hosting the diverse events unique to our community and county. These events include weddings, funerals, graduations, our local Native American tribe's POW WOW, the Migratory Bird Festival, community movie nights, equine competitions, Old Time Fiddler's Jamboree, and so many more. In addition to these events, our livestock show will finally have a much-needed home for their show and sale during fair. The infrastructure dollars will be used to directly support the completion of this building.

Having a building like this in our community has been a dream for many, for over a decade, and has always seemed financially out-of-reach...until now! Our local businesses will experience an increase in commerce as we will have the ability to host events (for more than three months out of the year) that bring outside people into our area. Ideally, it will help our locally owned businesses thrive!

Harney County looks forward to the positive impact these dollars and this building will bring to our area and is so very grateful for this opportunity to turn dreams into reality!

THANK YOU!!