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On Behalf Of:

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I am so happy this is possible and I hope it will pass. Our county fairs and fairgrounds are such an addition to the community and we cannot support them enough. I regularly attend Clackamas County events at the fairgrounds. It is sad to see it aging and deteriorating in place when it is such a vibrant spot. My guess is other fairgrounds are suffering similarly. In Clackamas the Livestock Barn had to be torn down and has not been replaced. The main building is a trip back in time to probably the 30s! Money here will be well spent for something that is used by most everyone. And it is the fairgrounds that folks flock to when we have disasters. Some day we may really need those facilities to be there and functioning.

I am sure there was good reasoning at the outset to cap funds for fairgrounds but it seems an easy solution to remove the cap and let the fairgrounds get more funding. I support this bill wholeheartedly.

Thank you, Ann Smith