



MADRAS CAMPUS

4/24/23

Re: Support of Capital Fund Request for Jefferson County - *COCC Early Childhood Education and Health Careers Center*

Dear Co-Chair Steiner, Co-Chair Sanchez, and Honorable Committee Members;

My name is Jeremy Green and I work in Madras and Jefferson County as the COCC Madras Campus Director. We are requesting support from this committee for \$5 million for a capital construction project for Jefferson County and Central Oregon Community College (COCC).

This is truly a collaborative project addressing three of the largest workforce and community needs in Jefferson County and the state: the need for well-trained early childhood educators, the shortage of healthcare workers, and the shortage of available childcare slots. This project will construct and furnish a 20,000 square foot expansion of the COCC Madras Campus on land donated by the locally based Bean Foundation, and will provide the following:

- **Early childhood education center offering up to 100 childcare slots, with services provided by The Children's Learning Center**
- **Bilingual Early Childhood Education degree and certificate programs delivered by COCC**
- **Rural health careers degree and certificate programs delivered by COCC in Nursing, Certified Nursing Assistant, and Medical Assistant, in clinical partnership with St. Charles Health System, Madras.**

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this request. The information below provides further details of deliverables, need, and status of the project to-date.

Best Regards,

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Program Deliverables: Programs will be community-centered and culturally responsive to meet the growing needs in Jefferson County and in Madras specifically. The programming will utilize community expertise through partnerships and highlight cultural strengths in all aspects. The building will house and include:

- 4 anchored programs:
 - Nursing
 - Nursing Assistant
 - Medical Assistant
 - Early Childhood Education (delivered in both English and Spanish)
- 3rd party childcare provider with space to serve up to 100 children



Up to 58 health careers students per year will earn credentials needed to enter the local workforce at the expanded COCC Madras campus.

Community Need for Project: Central Oregon is a well-documented childcare desert, with only one open childcare slot for every three children in our region. Staffing shortages in childcare and healthcare are also well documented and are heavily affecting Central Oregon. Demand for COCC health careers students from local employers cannot keep up with the number of graduates. COCC has met with business and community leaders in Madras over the last 18 months, and all have identified the lack of childcare and the lack of healthcare and childcare staff among the largest needs in the community. To address these issues, COCC has engaged with community childcare and healthcare partners over the last several years to identify solutions.



Up to 30 educators per year will be trained through the COCC Early Childhood Education program and up to 100 childcare slots will be available to the community.

For childcare, solutions include leveraged space to expand or develop childcare centers, creating a registered apprenticeship program for early education, and expanding the number of graduates from early education teacher training programs. On the healthcare side, Central Oregon's largest employer, St. Charles Health System, has worked with COCC over the last year to expand COCC's health careers programs. especially in rural parts of Central Oregon such as Madras.

Jefferson County by the Numbers:

- 39.9% BIPOC population, most diverse county in Oregon (statisticalatlas.com)
- 4th most diverse school district in Oregon, Jefferson County 509-J (2022 Oregon Educator Equity Report)
- 2nd MOST Distressed County (Business Oregon Distressed County 2022)
- 2nd LOWEST per capita income (Business Oregon Distressed County 2022)
- 3rd LOWEST at 27% BELOW state average Assessed Property (taxable) Value per capita (DOR FY 21-22)
- Health Careers and Education, 3rd largest employment sector in Madras (OED Quality Info)
- 183% increase from 2011 to 2022 in Education and Health Careers (OED Quality Info)
- 26% projected job growth in Education and Health Careers from 2021-2031 in Central Oregon (OED Quality Info)

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Building Site Plan



Project Status as of April 2023:

- OPSIS Architecture, under contract (October 2022) and working through design phase
- Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company is serving as the Construction Manager/General Contractor and is currently working on design development

Jefferson County - COCC Early Childhood Education & Health Careers Center
Milestone Schedule - 2-28-23

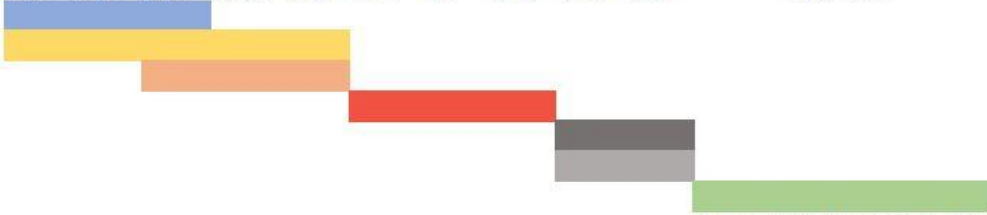
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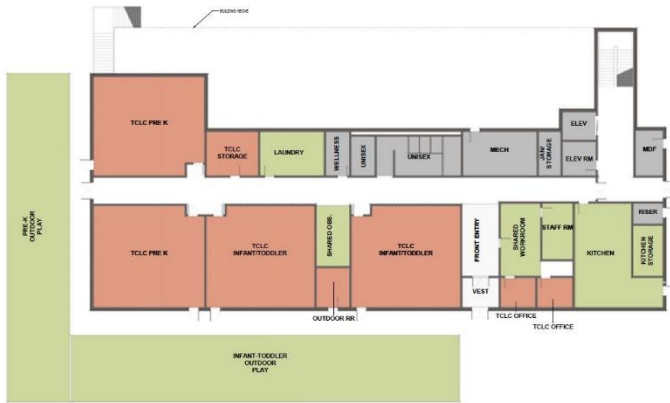
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- Schematic Design
- CMGC Preconstruction
- Design Development
- Construction Documents
- Permitting
- Bidding/Contracts
- Construction



Open - Winter Term Classes *Fall/Winter 2024

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Level One Plan



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Level Two Plan

