

Submitter: Philip Higgins
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure: SB5506

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Steiner and Representative Sanchez and members of the committee,

I am reaching out to you today to seek your support for the City of McMinnville's Homelessness Response Project.

We need your help to deliver solutions to the McMinnville community. We are seeking your support for the City of McMinnville's Homelessness Response.

I'm a citizen volunteer on McMinnville's Affordable Housing Committee and a Board Member of Encompass Yamhill Valley, I have a front row seat understanding of how the affordability crisis effects UN-sheltered people forced to live on our streets, to the struggles of low income households competing for scarce housing. These problems are made worse by the shortsighted ineptitude of our current Board of Commissioners and their refusal of funds designated to provide relief to our neighbors. PLEASE HELP US. Our ability to self rescue exists but for the shortfall of funding.

City of McMinnville's Homelessness Response: \$6,742,505 Direct Allocation
The City of McMinnville has identified four (4) construction projects that will increase our bed capacity to over 100+ new beds. We were able to secure funding from regional and local partners for one of the projects so have reduced the original request. The remaining three (3) projects are ready to be built. We are seeking a direct allocation request of \$6,742,505 for the combined three remaining housing projects.

If you need more information or have questions, please contact Heather Richards at heather.richards@mcminnvilleoregon.gov C: 971.287.8322 or Jody Christensen at jody.christensen@mcminnvilleoregon.gov C: 971.387.1800.

Sincerely,

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