

May 3, 2023

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. McMinnville has seen a decline in affordable housing options, and therefore an increase in community homelessness.

At Habitat for Humanity, we strive to fulfill our mission to bring people together to build homes, community, and hope. But more importantly, our vision includes a world where everyone has a decent place to live. The City needs funding to help increase the supply of options for ALL of our community members who are in need of safe shelter.

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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