



# LIBRARY EXPANSION

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Located in the bustling Portland-Metropolitan region, [Happy Valley Library](#) is a regional hub for literacy, cultural, and community programming. A well-loved amenity, the Library makes available information and resources on everything from mental health, diversity, history, financial wellness, and more! The Library serves approximately 62,000 people, the majority of whom are residents in unincorporated Clackamas County.

## BE PART OF OUR STORY

To meet the needs of one of Oregon's *fastest growing* and *most diverse* communities – and the unincorporated areas that we serve – the City of Happy Valley is preparing to construct a 7,000 square-foot expansion to the existing Library building. Improvements will enable the City to provide a 300-person community room, community kitchen, and quiet study rooms — creating a welcoming place for all to use, gather, and celebrate our unique and shared cultural experiences.

## PROJECT BENEFITS

- Facility expansion will allow the Library to host more programs, better serving the Library's large, multijurisdictional service area.
- Resident feedback has consistently shown that there is a lack of meeting space for large groups to gather, share ideas, and build community. Proposed enhancements will create additional space for community events, gatherings, and meetings.
- There is currently no other public space to provide these services within the city. Absent facility expansion, residents must commute outside of the City to receive services.



## STATE FUNDS NEEDED

The City of Happy Valley has a population of more than 26,000 neighbors. While Happy Valley Library is managed by the City, the Library serves a community of more than 62,000 people, most of whom do not live in the City. **Notably, the City can only collect funds from City residents, not the other 36,000 people who depend on the Library for critical services. The City is seeking State funding to cover expansion costs associated with non-resident library users.**

Happy Valley is ready for investment. Designs are complete and construction can begin by 2023, pending available funding.

**\$11 MILLION**  
TOTAL PROJECT COST

**\$7 MILLION**  
LOCAL CONTRIBUTION

**\$4 MILLION**  
STATE FUNDS REQUESTED

## ABOUT THE LIBRARY POPULATION

The City of Happy Valley incorporated in 1965, growing from a rural area of about 300 people to a thriving community of 26,689 neighbors. As mentioned above, the Library serves a population of approximately 62,000, including a large area of unincorporated Clackamas County. Within census tracts touched by the Library service area, many residents identify as Asian (14.1 percent), and/or Hispanic or Latinx (7.7 percent). Together, we celebrate and honor the spirit of unity bringing people together and making our Library the kind of place where everyone feels welcome and valued.

## THE NEXT CHAPTER

