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March 26, 2025

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Subject: Support for Heard Farms Expansion – Grant Request

Dear Chair Sollman and Vice Chair Brock Smith,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Canby to express our strong support for Heard Farms' grant request to expand their operations. Heard Farms has been an invaluable partner in our efforts to manage solids by providing a sustainable and cost-effective solution. This partnership helps us maintain low and affordable sewer rates for our community.

Our wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) relies heavily on Heard Farms to help provide septage receiving options that the City does not currently offer. Treating and reducing the volume of Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) in the community is a huge advantage. Without this partnership, we would face significant challenges, including increased risk of clogged sewer lines, pump failures, and disruptions to the essential biological processes that maintain plant stability. These issues not only strain operational efficiency but also result in costly emergency repairs.

The City considered adding a septage receiving station this past year. The following is the cost breakdown for project

construction that totaled about \$3M. The annual cost for sampling and analysis, billing, maintenance and coordination of the program would cost another \$160,000 each year.

Category	Cost Range (USD)
Equipment	\$400,000 – \$900,000
Construction & Installation	\$500,000 – \$1,200,000
Odor Control & Automation	\$150,000 – \$400,000
Engineering & Design	\$100,000 – \$300,000
Total	\$1.2M – \$3M+

Expanding Heard Farms' capacity would continue to help the City avoid a substantial capital investment in an anaerobic digester to meet Class B biosolids requirements, which could cost upwards of \$5 million. By continuing to divert solids to Heard Farms, we maintain our ability to manage waste responsibly without the financial burden of constructing new infrastructure.

We also want to highlight Heard Farms' joint venture with Oregon State University (OSU) focusing on PFAS testing and mitigation strategies. PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) pose a significant environmental and public health risk and Heard Farms' proactive approach to addressing these contaminants provides immense value to the Canby community. By investing in research and implementing effective mitigation strategies, Heard Farms is reducing the potential long-term risks associated with PFAS exposure.

The risk reduction benefits to the Canby community are substantial. Ensuring safe and sustainable waste management protects public health, preserves environmental quality, and mitigates the need for costly infrastructure investments. Supporting this grant is an investment in sustainable waste management that benefits our community and the environment. It aligns with the goals of reducing the environmental footprint of wastewater treatment while preserving public funds for other critical infrastructure needs.

We respectfully urge you to support Heard Farms' grant request and help ensure the continued success of this essential partnership. Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing commitment to sustainable community solutions.

Sincerely,

Monica Stone

Environmental Services Manager

City of Canby, Oregon

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From: Faye Stewart pwdirector@cottagegrove.org
Subject: State Funding Support Letter
Date: Apr 3, 2025 at 2:10:21 PM
To: richardheard2339@icloud.com
Cc: Shauna Neigh engassistant@cottagegrove.org, Ryan Kimball
water@cottagegrove.org

Richard,

It was nice meeting you yesterday. I have attached a support letter from Cottage Grove for your funding efforts in Salem. Good luck. Please let me know if you need any changes or how we might help you moving forward.

Sincerely,

Faye Stewart
Public Works & Development Director
City of Cottage Grove



Public Works Department

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April 3, 2025

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RE: Support for Heard Farms Expansion Funding Request

Dear Honorable Chair Sollman and Vice Chair Brock Smith,

On behalf of the City of Cottage Grove and the Cottage Grove Water Reclamation Facility, I am writing to ask that you support Heard Farms' grant request to expand their operations capacity.

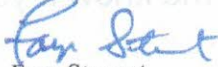
The City of Cottage Grove partnered with Heard Farms in 2013 to manage our Class B Bio Solids, following a multimillion-dollar rebuild of the facility. The City found that the former method of handling bio solids was not effective and contracted with Heard Farms to further process the bio solids and utilize them in their operations. At that time, the City had no other options for processing the solids.

Over the past 5 years, City staff has researched alternative options and equipment that the treatment plant could utilize to further process the solids to a Class A material, which could be

used at the City golf course and parks. In 2023, the City contracted with West Yost to perform a feasibility study and create 15% design documents to construct an onsite solids dryer. The feasibility study revealed that constructing the dryer would cost the City over \$12 million. Currently, there are 4,010 utility accounts served in Cottage Grove. The study also found that the utility rate increase necessary to service the debt would not be practicable or supported by the City Council and community. City staff has continued to pursue other options to process the solids but has not yet found a feasible solution.

Therefore, we respectfully request that you support Heard Farms' funding request to ensure they can continue to provide this vital service to the City of Cottage Grove.

Sincerely,



Faye Stewart
Public Works Director
City of Cottage Grove



April 1, 2023

Faye Stewart
City of Cottage Grove Public Works Director
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Cottage Grove, Oregon 97102
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RE: Support for Heard Farms' funding request for solids dryer

Dear Honorable Chair, Senator and Vice Chair (Brett Smith):

On behalf of the City of Cottage Grove, I am writing to ask that you support Heard Farms' request for funding to construct a solids dryer.

The City has been in discussions with Heard Farms for over a year regarding the construction of a solids dryer. The study revealed that constructing the dryer would cost the City over \$12 million. Currently, there are 4,010 utility accounts served in Cottage Grove. The study also found that the utility rate increase necessary to service the debt would not be practicable or supported by the City Council and community. City staff has continued to pursue other options to process the solids but has not yet found a feasible solution.

Therefore, we respectfully request that you support Heard Farms' funding request to ensure they can continue to provide this vital service to the City of Cottage Grove.

From: K Wilson coriddle647@gmail.com
Subject: City of Riddle letter of support for grant
Date: Mar 31, 2025 at 3:12:30 PM
To: richardheard2339@icloud.com

Hello Mr. Heard,

Attached is a letter of support from the City of Riddle for your grant application.
Please let me know if you need anything further.

Sincerely,

Kathy

Kathleen Wilson
Manager/Recorder
City of Riddle

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March 31, 2025

Re: Heard Farms, Inc. Grant Application
Heard Farms Inc.
Richard Heard
578 Rogers Road
Roseburg, OR 97470

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of a grant concerning Heard Farms, Inc. The City of Riddle has utilized Heard Farm's sludge hauling services for our waste water system facility since 2008. Heard Farms makes it possible for the City of Riddle to operate our waste water facility within the regulations set by the Department of Environmental Quality. The City of Riddle does not have the capacity, resources, or financial ability to acquire the property that would be necessary to treat the sludge.

This grant is imperative for Head Farm's to serve not only our City, but many cities with the issues and restrictions.

Because of the importance of Heard Farm's services to our waste water system facility system's maintenance and operations, I am asking that you strongly consider and approve the grant requested by Heard Farms, Inc.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wilson
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