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I am a senior instructor with the Portland State Civil Engineering department and help teach our senior capstone engineering course. This course is modeled to allow our engineering students to work on an engineering project with community partners to help the students bridge the transition from academic concepts to real world applications. Our program has partnered with the Sustainable City Year program administered through the University of Oregon to connect with community partners and enable our engineering students to apply their engineering knowledge to real projects important to the local community. I have seen first hand the success of the students and the wonderful learning environment this program provides our students that also has a real and positive impact on local communities. I urge you to continue to fund this program and invest in our students.