

BuildCMH Expansion Project: Astoria, Oregon

Columbia Memorial Hospital (CMH) is a full-service, 25-bed, critical access, not-for-profit, Level IV trauma center located in Astoria, Oregon.

CMH is expanding its current hospital facility to support the growing need for services in the community, as well as prepare for catastrophic natural disasters through resiliency measures.

As a major part of the BuildCMH Expansion Project, CMH will integrate a Tsunami Vertical Evacuation Refuge Structure (TVERS) into the construction. It will allow for 1,900 hospital patients, caretakers, staff, visitors and the public to evacuate from a Cascadia-generated tsunami to safety on the roof at CMH. A communications center; medical gas, electrical and water sources; and a food/water/medicine supply will also be elevated, as well as the helipad for evacuations and supply deliveries. The building is designed to withstand the impact of a 9.0+ Cascadia subduction event.

CMH has been awarded a FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant of \$20 million to help pay for the resiliency features in the hospital expansion. The BRIC grant requires a 30% local match to unlock the federal funding. CMH is asking for the State of Oregon to partner with FEMA and provide the local match requirement of \$6 million so the resiliency measures can be completed in the expansion. The ask represents only 2% of the total project cost, which is otherwise fully funded through prudent fiscal management, local private support and existing federal funds.

Please join us in supporting the \$6 million match for Columbia Memorial Hospital's FEMA BRIC grant.



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