



## Farmworker Housing Development Corporation

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***"A Home Is Just the Beginning"***

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Dear Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, Co-Vice Chairs, and Members of the Committee:

The Farmworker Housing Development Corporation (FHDC) supports the development of the Greater Woodburn Opportunity Center and its effort to achieve full funding of its construction.

Since 2018 FHDC has been actively engaged with this project including the feasibility study that affirmed the compelling need for a multicultural, intergenerational spiritual, community services and gathering space. We plan to develop 50 low-income units at this project and utilize the wrap around services and for our residents.

FHDC was started in 1990 when PCUN (Oregon's Farmworker Union), Oregon Legal Services, Farmworker Ministries, Salud Medical Center, and a number of individuals joined forces to establish a single agency for the development of affordable housing for low-income farmworkers. Our mission is to develop farmworker leadership for stronger and more secure families and communities through affordable housing, social services, education, and economic development. Our core purpose is building communities and community assets so working people can attain equity and self-determination.

Our mission aligns well with this project and its current assessment of potential uses – including a community services/resource center, affordable housing, and possible commercial enterprises. FHDC has expertise with real estate and community development. Our partner organization, Evolve Property Management and Workforce Development, has expertise regarding various property management issues.

FHDC will be a project partner helping to achieve the capital campaign and actively help guide the facility's operation. Our staff and leadership are "all in" to see this project through construction and beyond.

Please invest in this project that holds great potential for the Woodburn community. Thank you for your serious consideration.

Sincerely,

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