

April 30, 2025

RE: Senate Bill 5525 – Additional Letters of Support

As a direct recipient of this funding, I am providing letters of support from trusted community partners who endorse our work and support funding to continue—those that follow are in addition to the ones I submitted on April 28th.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Andrea Pacheco
Executive Director

Six Rivers Dispute Resolution Center

Home to: Oregon's USDA Certified Agricultural Mediation Program



Columbia Cascade Housing Corp.

April 29, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation (CCHC), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Six Rivers Dispute Resolution Center in their application for funding Community Dispute Resolution Services through Resolution Oregon.

CCHC has had the privilege of collaborating with Six Rivers Dispute Resolution Center over the past several years, witnessing firsthand the transformative impact of their mission to empower and train individuals and organizations to resolve disputes in healthy, civil, and peaceful ways. Their housing mediation services have consistently demonstrated a commitment to fostering harmony and constructive dialogue.

The work of Six Rivers aligns seamlessly with our shared values and objectives. Their emphasis on equipping people with the tools and strategies necessary for managing conflicts effectively not only addresses immediate needs but also nurtures long-term growth, understanding, and respect within the community.

This grant funding will enable Six Rivers to sustain their efforts, reach individuals and organizations, enhance accessibility, and refine the resources necessary for impactful dispute resolution. We firmly believe that their continued success will yield tangible, far-reaching benefits to our community and beyond.

We wholeheartedly endorse Six Rivers and their application for this funding. Please feel free to contact me directly should you require additional information or clarification.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karen Long Karen Long

Executive Director

Columbia Cascade Housing Corp.

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April 29th, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the HRCSD Migrant Education Program, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Six Rivers Dispute Resolution Center in their application for funding Community Dispute Resolution Services through Resolution Oregon.

Our team has had the privilege of collaborating with Six Rivers Dispute Resolution Center over the past year, witnessing firsthand the transformative impact of their mission to empower and train individuals and organizations to resolve disputes in healthy, civil, and peaceful ways. Their training on conflict resolution and mediation demonstrated a commitment to fostering harmony and constructive dialogue and was of great value to our team members.

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I wholeheartedly endorse Six Rivers and their application for this funding. Please feel free to contact me directly at patricia.ortega-cooper@hoodriver.k12.or.us should you require additional information or clarification.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patricia Ortega-Looper

Equity & Family Partnership and Migrant Education Director #1011 Eugene St. Hood River 97031 (541) 387-5714



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April 29, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Mid-Columbia Community Action Council (MCCAC), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Six Rivers Dispute Resolution Center in their application for funding Community Dispute Resolution Services through Resolution Oregon.

MCCAC has had the privilege of collaborating with Six Rivers Dispute Resolution Center over the past several years, witnessing firsthand the transformative impact of their mission to empower and train individuals and organizations to resolve disputes in healthy, civil, and peaceful ways. Specifically, we have collaborated around tenant-landlord dispute resolution efforts as part of the interagency work of the Mid-Columbia Houseless Collaborative.

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We wholeheartedly endorse Six Rivers and their application for this funding. Please feel free to contact me directly at skellems@mccac.com should you require additional information or clarification.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah Kellems

Sarah Kellems Development and Partnerships Director Mid-Columbia Community Action Council (MCCAC)