



We, the undersigned community organizations, businesses, non-profit groups, and public agencies, respectfully request your support for Consejo Hispano's funding request of \$1.5 million to purchase Casa Mariposa in Astoria, Oregon. Casa Mariposa will serve as a vital community hub for all residents in the region, providing a wide range of services centering youth and families.

Oregon's North Coast is home to a growing Latinx population that faces significant barriers to accessing essential services, including educational support, health and wellness programs, workforce development, and tax preparation services. Situated in the heart of Astoria, Casa Mariposa will bridge these gaps and offer a safe, welcoming space where community members can access the resources they need.

Under the dedicated leadership of Consejo Hispano, a capital campaign has been launched that will bring together private and foundational support to purchase Casa Mariposa. To ensure the success of this one-of-a-kind project, it is crucial that the state play a role by contributing \$1.5 million towards the cost of this \$3 million project.

Casa Mariposa supports the needs of the community in the following key areas:

Educational Support and Youth Empowerment:

Casa Mariposa will provide educational programs for all ages, including after-school tutoring, summer enrichment program, youth leadership development, adult education classes, and workshops on financial literacy and job readiness. These programs will empower individuals to achieve their educational and career goals, fostering long-term community development. Consejo Hispano leverages prevention strategies and community-based services to reclaim the lives of at-risk youth, and to ensure whole families achieve stability.

Family Stability and Support:

With a focus on holistic well-being, Casa Mariposa will offer a place for families to connect with each other. In a centrally located site where people feel welcomed and respected, Consejo Hispano staff will coordinate much-needed programs and services that families need. Space will be dedicated to house Consejo Hispano's family stability and wellness programs tailored to the unique needs of our Latinx community. These services are in high demand and include tax preparation, workforce development, tenant rights education, advocacy for workers' rights, and immigration navigation support.

Cultural and Community Activities:

Casa Mariposa will host cultural events and community gatherings, celebrating our rich traditions and heritage. These activities will strengthen community bonds and provide opportunities for cultural exchange and understanding.

The state's contribution of \$1.5 million is essential to making this vision a reality. Our community yearns for a place that we can call our own. Casa Mariposa will serve as a safe space for children and youth to learn and grow in an environment with no glass ceilings and no roadblocks to top quality educational enrichment and programs. By supporting this funding request, you will help create a lasting impact on the lives of Latinx residents in Clatsop, Columbia, and Tillamook Counties, access to the resources and support needed to thrive.

We need Casa Mariposa in our community to serve and uplift the Latinx community on Oregon's North Coast. It's critical that the state do its part to make this center of hope a reality.

We urge the legislature to allocate \$1.5 million toward the purchase of Casa Mariposa.

Business Industry



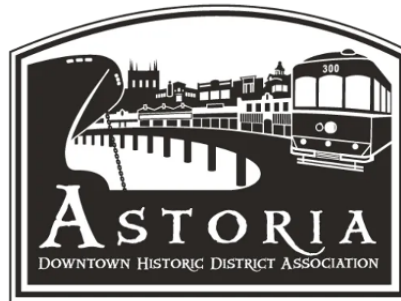
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