

Memorandum

May 9, 2025

To: Co-Chairs Senator Girod, Representative Nosse, and members of the Capital Construction Sub-Committee of Ways and Means.

From: Dan Golden, Director, Klamath County Juvenile Department.

Please support **Shasta House**, Klamath Crimson Rose (KCR) Construction Project.

Klamath County is applying for **\$4.6 million in Lottery funds** to build **Shasta House**, the final phase of the KCR Construction Project. Costs were estimated by a professional engineering firm.

Klamath County's KCR program is an intensive residential treatment and educational program for teenage girls from **all over Oregon** who are in the custody of the Oregon Youth Authority.

KCR prepares OYA clients to return to community placement **instead of commitment** to OYA's youth corrections system. **KCR removes 40 clients a year from the pipeline to OYA corrections.**

With past legislative help, Klamath County demolished the oldest juvenile detention building in Oregon and replaced it with a new residential treatment home and educational facility for the KCR program. This new **8-bed** KCR stabilization center will be opened this summer.

Thank you, Oregon Legislators, for your past help to build the KCR stabilization center.

But this project is **not yet complete**. Often, OYA clients have **no appropriate placement** after completing KCR stabilization. That's why Shasta House is necessary. Shasta House will provide an **8-bed** transitional home where KCR clients can continue substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, and education while OYA develops appropriate placements. We need Shasta House for client support to guarantee future transition to successful community placement.

The site for Shasta House is owned by Klamath County, adjacent to the KCR project, and served by utility improvements put in place. This includes underground lines for our on-site geothermal heating system. Plans for Shasta House have been drawn, the site graded, water, sewer, and electric utilities installed, and service road paved to the site.

Because of improvements in place, Shasta House could be completed in **one year** after funding.

Shasta House has been designed to include residential treatment space in a **home-like setting** emphasizing emotional support for each client. Each will have her own room to enhance a sense of privacy, safety, empowerment, and well-being. Shasta House transitional services will support clients to ensure successful transition back to community placement.

Please support Klamath County's request for **\$4.6 million in lottery funds for the KCR Shasta House transitional home for Oregon Youth Authority clients from all over Oregon.**

Thank you.

