

CLACKAMAS COUNTY EVENT CENTER BLEACHER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Capital Construction Support Request – 2025

Overview

The Clackamas County Event Center is a cornerstone of regional identity, economic development, and public safety—drawing over **290,000 visitors annually**. It hosts two major annual events: **Clackamas County Fair** (68,000+ attendees), generating nearly **\$30 million in annual economic impact**. **Canby Rodeo** (25,000 attendees), contributing an **additional \$2.9 million in local economic activity**. The Event Center is also the **designated secondary reunification site for all schools in Clackamas County**, playing a vital role in regional emergency response. However, our aging grandstand bleachers are structurally outdated, non-compliant with modern codes, and increasingly unsafe.

The Need

Structural Deficiency: Existing bleachers, many installed decades ago, do not meet current IBC standards. **ADA Non-Compliance:** Sections lack accessible seating, entries, and pathways. **Public Safety Risk:** Deteriorating infrastructure limits seating capacity and poses liability during emergency use. **Crisis Readiness:** Modern, accessible bleachers are essential for safely staging large-scale **school reunification operations**.



The Plan

Section	Current Seats	Proposed Improvements
A	864	Aluminum bleachers with concrete footings, ADA upgrades
B	210	Fully accessible seating and ingress/egress
D	799	Structural rebuild with ADA enhancements
E & F	961	Elevated, ADA-accessible bleacher system

Code-Compliant: All bleachers will meet IBC and ADA standards. **Shovel-Ready:** Local investment is committed to site prep; permitting can begin immediately. **Multi-Use Impact:** Benefits fairgoers, youth programming (FFA, 4-H), regional events, and emergency operations.

The Impact

Secures safe access for over **290,000 visitors annually**. Supports a combined **\$33 million+ in annual economic activity** through anchor events. Reinforces the Event Center's role in **countywide school emergency reunification plans**. Demonstrates strategic investment in long-term public safety, rural resiliency, and accessibility.

Requested Support: \$500,000

With your partnership, we can ensure this vital public facility remains safe, inclusive, and equipped to serve Oregon's families year-round—and in times of urgent need.

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