

Curry Health Chemotherapy Treatment Project

2025-27 Capital Funding Request

Project name: Curry Health Chemotherapy Treatment Project

Amount requested: \$2,000,000

Project cost: \$9,373,870

Account: Lottery Bond Fund

Residents in Curry County, located on the southern Oregon coast, lack access to basic cancer treatment close to home.

The cancer mortality rate in our county is 11.8% higher than the state average, and 12.3% higher than the national average. Residents inflicted with cancer must travel significant distances for chemotherapy, driving round trip up to 7 hours as they travel to neighboring counties, sometimes across state lines, and back.

The 2021 Community Health Needs Assessment showed 38.3% of those responding believe transportation is a barrier to accessing health care. Travel for cancer patients is especially burdensome, requiring frequent chemotherapy visits.

The county is an isolated region connected north and south by a single coastal route, U.S. Highway 101, which recently made national news when a landslide closed the highway, a closure like many that have occurred in prior years, and which are likely to reoccur in the future. The closure eliminated health resources to the north for our residents receiving essential chemotherapy services and they were faced with dire options including exorbitant travel to the middle of the state in extreme weather conditions, further strain on emergency service transports, or forgoing treatment altogether.

Excessive travel is problematic for patients who need to continue working during cancer treatment for financial stability and/or health insurance. Sadly, many residents may find it too difficult to travel for treatment and forgo cancer care altogether, contributing largely to the region's high mortality rate.

The Curry Health Chemotherapy Treatment Project will serve the community with basic chemotherapy services.

When faced with a cancer diagnosis, the support of family and friends is critical for emotional stability. Traveling lengthy distances limits time spent with family.

As evidenced by our list of community supporters, this project is expected to serve many underserved, older, and disabled patients, ultimately decreasing the county's cancer mortality rate. 52% of the county population is 55 years or older, and 34% over 65. The 65-74 age group is expected to grow by 15.1% in the next five years, exacerbating the increased need for cancer services.

Curry Health Network is committed to offering this new service to our patients deserving of essential chemotherapy close to home. State funding of \$2 million would complete the project when combined with revenue from our rural health system and \$2 million from a federal HRSA grant, and allow ground-breaking to occur in mid-2025.



Attached are all Letters of Support for the Curry Health Chemotherapy Treatment Project:

- Advanced Health
- AllCare Health
- Curry County Board of Realtors
- City of Brookings, Oregon
- City of Gold Beach, Oregon
- Curry Community Cares
- Curry County, Oregon
- Curry Health Foundation
- Gerald D. Gerke
- Rotary Club of Gold Beach
- Rotary Club of Port Orford
- Southwest Oregon Children's Foundation
- Tolowa Dee-Ni' Nation
- Cal-Ore Life Flight
- Central Curry School District
- Curry General Hospital Auxiliary
- Curry Medical Center Auxiliary
- Curry Public Library
- Gold Beach Lumber
- Gold Beach Main Street
- Oregon Office of Rural Health
- Soroptimist Intl. Of Gold Beach
- Reginald G. Williams, MD
- Representative Court Boice
- Rotary Club of Brookings-Harbor
- Senator David Brock Smith
- Southern Oregon Community College
- Tu Tu Tun Lodge
- Wild Rivers Humboldt Foundation





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February 9, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
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Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of the Oregon Office of Rural Health (ORH), I am writing to support Curry Health Network's Community Project funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for its region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for this community is a critical need. Right now, people in Curry County have to travel up to seven hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because those services are not available locally. This creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. In addition, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents aren't able to access medical treatment due to Curry County's geography, which is an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route.

ORH's mission is to improve the quality, availability and accessibility of health care for rural Oregonians. We support the development of health care delivery capacity, workforce, and infrastructure in rural and frontier community hospitals, clinics, and emergency medical services agencies. This support also includes working with communities to help improve the health outcomes of rural populations. Our organization supports this request because we are committed to assuring the accessibility of needed health care services in rural communities, which will, in this case, improve the clinical outcomes of patients who require chemotherapy services.

Curry Health Network is a crucial community resource and during the COVID-19 pandemic, it has operated at peak levels to keep its community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents who need chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and support Curry Health Network's request to Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

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Robert Duehmig
Interim Director, Oregon Office of Rural Health



February 8, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
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Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of Adapt Integrated Health Care, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people in Curry County have to travel up to 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because those services aren't available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. Moreover, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents aren't able to access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route.

Adapt Integrated Health Care is the Community Mental Health Program in Curry County. Our organization supports this request because we understand the isolation that exists for residents in the county and the need to minimize travel for those that are needing regular treatment and support for cancer, a significant and debilitating disease that wears on the emotions, energy, and wellbeing of everyone battling it. Travel is an added burden that may have significant negative outcome for treatment that otherwise may be successful.

This project deserves support from the federal government. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jerry O'Sullivan', written over a horizontal line.

Jerry O'Sullivan
Chief of Regional Business Operations
Adapt Integrated Health Care



From the Desk of Mayor Tamie Kaufman

February 8, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
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Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of the City of Gold Beach, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network has been a long-term trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people in Curry County must travel up to 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because those services aren't available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. More, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents aren't able to access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route.

The City of Gold Beach supports this request because our area residents (inside and outside the city limits) are an aging population (median age of Curry County is 55) where the odds of being diagnosed with cancer that requires chemotherapy is higher than in younger populations. Many of our residents struggle to make ends meet, and traveling such long distances for treatment is difficult. The closest is 170 miles round trip (about a four-hour round-trip drive), of a beautiful coast highway, but it is curvy and hilly and not the best when someone has had treatment. That typically means a second person needs to travel with the patient for the long drive, the 4-8 hour treatment and then the drive back. Many people have to travel to two other service centers that are even further away and include more curvy roads, that are 7- and 8-hours round trip, which will almost certainly include an overnight stay.

On a personal note, in 2015, my mom had to have chemotherapy following a breast cancer diagnosis. She was lucky and had four-hour sessions every six weeks four times. My sisters and I took turns taking her the 170 miles for treatment. Unfortunately, she was allergic to Neulasta which is a commonly used product that helps with the immune system that is compromised with the chemotherapy. The result was several trips to Curry Health Network's

Emergency Room three times since the half-life was eleven days. If her treatment had been local, it would have been a better experience for her to handle. As one of the lucky patients with only four treatments, many others have long term treatments that take longer and are more often. Not everyone has four daughters that can take time off work to make the trek.

Federal support would be the only way to make this crucial community service a reality for the betterment of our citizens. Curry Health Network has been a critical community resource and partner during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care.

We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'TK' or 'Tamie Kaufman'.

Tamie Kaufman

David Brock Smith
State Senator

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Curry, Coos & Douglas Counties
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Sincerely,

David Brock Smith

Oregon Senate
District 01

"Southwest Oregon's Fish, Farm & Forestry District"

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February 9, 2023

**Virginia Williams, CEO
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
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Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of the Southwest Oregon Children's Foundation, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people in Curry County have to travel up to 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because these services aren't available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. More, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents aren't able to access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and South by a single coastal route.

The Southwest Oregon Children's Foundation is registered 501 © 3, giving renewable educational scholarships for graduating High School seniors and continuing education graduate students as well as community grants. Our organization supports this grant for the obvious reasons of enhancing critical care for an isolated rural region, but also, as it will allow our Foundation to focus additional grants and scholarships on this critical enhancement of rural healthcare.

This project deserves support from the Federal Government. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to

keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'T' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that curves slightly upwards at the end.

Thomas R. Tuttle CFA

President

Southwest Oregon Children's Foundation



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February 8, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
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Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of Central Curry School District, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

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Central Curry School District covers students from Ophir to Pistol River and as far east as Agness. Our organization supports this request because any need for medical services outside of Gold Beach causes large disruptions in the school day for our students. Whether it's a grandparent, parent, or other family that needs care, parents often will bring their child with them for a day or sometimes overnight trip to the location where the patient is receiving chemotherapy since the parent cannot find childcare. If this happens multiple times, the child misses a large number of days which negatively affects their learning. Not to mention the stresses it puts on the family. Even if the child doesn't travel with the patient, they are affected by the stresses of a family member receiving chemotherapy. Having local abilities to provide proper chemotherapy will go a long way in decreasing the stress on the family that is already experiencing this life altering process.

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investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

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Eric Milburn
Superintendent, Central Curry SD

Gold Beach Main Street



'Growing' our
Hometown with
Big Dreams!

February 8, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
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Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of Gold Beach Main Street, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project. Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people in Curry County have to travel up to 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because those services aren't available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. More, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents aren't able to access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route.

Gold Beach Main Street supports this request because improved access to healthcare in our community can increase economic vitality in several ways, including attracting businesses, creating and expanding healthcare jobs, and lowering healthcare costs by providing access to preventative care and early treatment. This project deserves support from the federal government. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care.

We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

Gold Beach Main Street

Anna Marie Curtis, Business Outreach and Community Coordinator



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February 13, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
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Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of the City of Brookings, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people in Curry County have to travel up to 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because those services aren't available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. More, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents aren't able to access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route.

The City of Brookings supports this request because there is a need for increased health resources in Brookings and the surrounding area. The benefits of having access to chemotherapy close to home are critical in here, as Curry County has the highest per capita senior citizen population in Oregon.

This project deserves support from the federal government. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operates at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,


Ron Hedenskog
Mayor

Rotary Club of Gold Beach
PO Box 1289
Gold Beach, OR 97444



February 8, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of The Rotary Club of Gold Beach, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people in Curry County have to travel up to 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because those services aren't available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. More, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents aren't able to access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route.

The Rotary Club of Gold Beach supports this request due to the aging population of Curry County. We need the increased resources and we need them to be local. Several times throughout the year our Rotarians contribute to families having to travel for chemotherapy services. The time off from work, not only for the patient, but for the family member traveling with them, is a real burden.

This project deserves support from the federal government. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,


Jerry Herbage, President
Rotary Club of Gold Beach

for Jerry



*"Experience and Dedication
You Can Depend On"*

February 15, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams,

On behalf of Cal-Ore Life Flight, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Cal-Ore Life Flight is the exclusive 911 ground and air ambulance provider located in rural Curry County. We see firsthand the challenges our patients face in accessing medical care.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people in Curry County must travel up to 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because those services aren't available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. More, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents are unable to access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route, putting further strain on emergency medical services.

Cal-Ore Life Flight fully supports Curry Health Network's goal of providing chemotherapy services for our community. It is a much-needed service in our rural location and our local cancer patients deserve the opportunity to receive care close to home. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

Dan Brattain, VP

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CURRY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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*****, Commissioner

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February 15, 2023

Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Re: Chemotherapy Treatment Project
Curry Health Network

To whom it may concern:

The Curry County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses Curry Health Network's Community Project funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for healthcare in our region and has served as a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic even while operating at peak levels to keep our community safe.

Right now, people in Curry County have to travel up to 7 hours round-trip for chemotherapy support due to the lack of availability of these services in our area. This accessibility barrier creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members who need to receive frequent chemotherapy treatment over the course of several weeks. Additionally, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, the vast majority of residents do not have the ability to access chemotherapy treatment. Due to Curry County being an isolated region, only connected to the north and south by a single coastal route, attaining chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need.


The Curry County Board of Commissioners supports this request for a variety of reasons; the aging population of Curry County, the need for increased health resources, the benefits of

having expanded services at Curry Health Network, and the improved clinical outcomes resulting from the minimized travel time.

This project is highly deserving of support from the federal government and represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create vital care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

Curry County Board of Commissioners



John Herzog, Chair

Brad Alcorn, Vice Chair

, Commissioner



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February 17, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of Humboldt Area & Wild Rivers Community Foundation, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted regional healthcare provider and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Currently, people in Curry County must travel out of the county and even out of state - up to 7 hours roundtrip - for chemotherapy support because those services are not available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work, care for family members, and incur the associated travel costs as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. Moreover, Curry County is geographically isolated, with one coastal highway providing access to the north and south, which can create additional barriers to medical travel at times when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to severe weather or emergency conditions. A recent example is the multi-day closure of this highway due to the "Arizona" slide during extreme winter weather conditions in January 2023. Events like this are expected to increase in frequency in our region due to climate change effects, with more extreme weather events.

As a community foundation serving three very remote and rural counties in Northern California and Curry County in Southwestern Oregon, we have committed ourselves to enable and empower this unique region to thrive as a just, healthy, and equitable place for current and future generations. As part of those commitments, we support this request and want to lift up some of our reasons for doing so. Compared to the overall state population, Curry County residents experience additional challenges when seeking quality health care. For example, Curry County has a significantly older population, with 35% over the age of 65, compared with a state average of 18.6%. Additionally, the proportion of people with at least one disability (15.5%) and people living in poverty (14.8%) is significantly higher, while the median household income is significantly lower than the state median. Thus, the additional hardship placed on individuals and families needing to travel out of the area for chemotherapy services is further compounded. Not only will having access to chemotherapy services closer to home reduce some of the negative impacts and stressors on Curry County patients undergoing chemotherapy, but also will reduce vehicle miles traveled, impacts to road infrastructure, and carbon emissions into the environment.



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Sincerely,

Rachel Montgomery

Program Officer for Community Solutions
she/they

Humboldt Area & Wild Rivers Community Foundation
363 Indianola Road, Bayside CA 95524
Working on the unceded ancestral territory of the Wiyot



April 5, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
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Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of Advanced Health, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

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Advanced Health is the Medicaid Coordinated Care Organization serving Coos and Curry Counties. Our organization supports this request because members are at the heart of everything we do. Having chemotherapy services close to home reduces the negative impact that the travel burden places on the aging population of Curry County and their caretakers. Curry County historically struggles with access to care and resources. The addition of chemotherapy services not only expands services at Curry Health Network but aids in improved health outcomes by keeping critical services in the community.

This project deserves support from the Oregon Legislature. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge the Oregon Legislature to include it for funding.

Sincerely, 
Ben Messner
Chief Executive Officer
Advanced Health



February 22, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
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Sincerely,

Ben Messner
Chief Executive Officer
Advanced Health



Changing healthcare to work for you.

April 5, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
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Dear Ms. Williams:

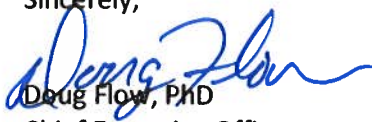
On behalf of AllCare Health, Inc., I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people in Curry County have to travel up to 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because those services aren't available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. Moreover, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents aren't able to access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route.

Our organization supports this request because this will add much needed services for this rural region, and help address some of the existing health inequities experienced by the citizens of Curry County. Having to travel for chemotherapy services adds significant emotional and financial stress for these patients and their families, many of whom are already among our most vulnerable populations. This area is in need of increased health resources, which will improve the clinical outcomes for these communities.

This project deserves support from the Oregon Legislature. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge the Oregon Legislature to include it for funding.

Sincerely,


Doug Flow, PhD
Chief Executive Officer
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April 17, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of Curry County Board of Realtors, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

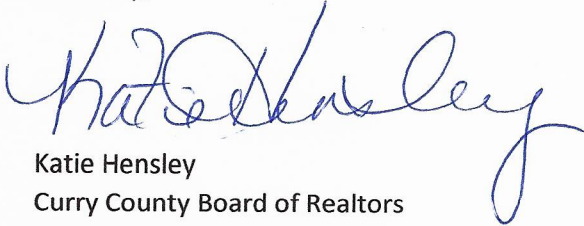
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The Curry County Board of REALTORS® (CCBR) is a non-profit trade association comprised of local realtors and affiliate companies. We are an organization that strives to provide the public with clear communication as to what is happening in the real estate market and other related markets. We also work to strengthen and enhance the community of Curry County through participation in county events and issues.

Our organization supports this request as the global population continues to age, there is an increased need for accessible healthcare services, especially when it comes to treatments like chemotherapy. Chemotherapy is a crucial treatment option for many cancer patients, but it can be physically and emotionally taxing, particularly for older individuals. Access to chemotherapy services close to home can greatly improve the quality of life for aging patients by reducing the need for long travel times and allowing them to receive treatment in a familiar and comfortable environment. However, proving these services requires increased health resources, including funding, personnel, and infrastructure. It is essential that policymakers prioritize the expansion of healthcare resources to ensure that individuals can receive the care they need without unnecessary burden.

This project deserves support from the Oregon Legislature. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge the Oregon Legislature to include it for funding.

Sincerely,



Katie Hensley
Curry County Board of Realtors
Community Outreach Committee



94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444
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February 16, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of Curry General Hospital Auxiliary, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people in Curry County have to travel up to 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because those services aren't available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or who care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. More, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents aren't able to access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route.

Curry General Hospital Auxiliary supports this request because as an isolated community interested in attracting health and education professionals as well as businesses, we require full-service health care to attract to and build a vibrant community. Sadly, many of our senior citizens and our workforce have been unable to remain in Curry County because of the lack of necessary health care. The benefits of having expanded services at Curry Health Network include having access to chemotherapy services close to home. The improved clinical outcomes from not having to travel out of County for chemotherapy services are important for the population of all ages.

This project deserves support from the federal government. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

Terry Caldwell
President
Curry General Hospital Auxiliary



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April 13, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of the City of Brookings, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people in Curry County have to travel up to 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because those services aren't available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. More, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents aren't able to access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route.

The City of Brookings supports this request because there is a need for increased health resources in Brookings and the surrounding area. The benefits of having access to chemotherapy close to home are critical in here, as Curry County has the highest per capita senior citizen population in Oregon.

This project deserves support from the State of Oregon. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operates at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

Ron Hedenskog
Mayor



From the Desk of Mayor Tamie Kaufman

April 11, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of the City of Gold Beach, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project. Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our area's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a **critical** need. Right now, people in Curry County must travel **hundreds of miles** because those services are not available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. More, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents can't access medical treatment due to Curry County **being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route**.

The City of Gold Beach supports this request because our area residents (inside and outside the city limits) **are an aging population (median age of Curry County is 55)** where the odds of being diagnosed with cancer that requires chemotherapy is higher than in younger populations. Many of our residents struggle to make ends meet, and traveling such long distances for treatment is difficult. The closest is 170 miles round trip (about a four-hour round- trip drive), of a beautiful coastal highway, but it is curvy and hilly and not the best when someone has had treatment. That typically means a second person needs to travel with the patient for the long drive, the 4–8-hour treatment and then the drive back. Many people must travel to two other service centers that are even further away and include more curvy roads, that are 7- and 8-hours round trip, which will almost certainly include an overnight stay.

In 2015, my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. She only had four chemotherapy appointments, but we had to take a day off work to take her to Coos Bay (about a two hour drive each way) for her treatments. She ended up with an allergy to one of the after drugs and it created several trips to our local Emergency Room to handle the symptoms of the allergy. It would have been easier to have done this closer to home where she would have been more supported. Thankfully, there were three of us daughters that could help her in this time.

This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care.

We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge the Oregon Legislature to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'TK' with a stylized flourish.

Tamie Kaufman, Mayor



CITY OF PORT ORFORD

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February 8, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of the City of Port Orford, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people in Curry County have to travel up to 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because those services aren't available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. More, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents aren't able to access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route.

The City of Port Orford is located on the southern Oregon Coast with approximately 1,100 residents. Our organization supports this request because of the aging population in the City of Port Orford where the average age is over 60. This will help our residents have access to the necessary healthcare they need. Currently they have to travel outside of the County for the chemotherapy treatments, in a lot of cases travel over an hour in one direction. This creates stress that can have a negative impact on the clinical outcomes.

This project deserves support from the federal government. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

Pat Cox

Pat Cox
Mayor-City of Port Orford

CURRY MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY
500 5th Street
Brookings, OR. 97415

February 15, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of the Curry Medical Center Auxiliary, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

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Our organization supports this request because the benefits of having access to chemotherapy services close to home for the aging population of Curry County would increase the clinical outcomes of the patients in our community by not having to travel extra miles and at extended expense.

This project deserves support from the federal government. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

Becky L. Winter

President

CMC BROOKINGS AUXILIARY



616 MEMORY LANE, BROOKINGS, OR 97415

April 5, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:


On behalf of Curry Community Cares, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people in Curry County have to travel up to 7 hours round trip for chemotherapy support because those services aren't available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. More, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents aren't able to access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route.

Curry Community Cares provides home repairs for seniors living in unsafe conditions. Our organization supports this request because as a community, Curry County has a higher population of elderly who have difficulties traveling the 7 hour round trip to receive chemotherapy. We believe that the clinical outcomes will improve if people do not have to travel so far for chemotherapy services.

This project deserves support from the Oregon Legislature. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Oregon Legislature to include it for funding.

Sincerely,


Janece Payne
President-Curry Community Cares

February 23, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444



Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of Curry County Board of Realtors, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people have to travel up to 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because those services aren't available in our county. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. More, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents aren't able to access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route.

The Curry County Board of Realtors supports this request because having advanced health care locally is typically one of the top concerns of potential home buyers who are interested in moving to our area. More often than not, we hear from Sellers that the lack of extensive advanced health care is one of the primary reasons people leave Curry County (especially retirees

This project deserves support from the federal government. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

Adam Briggs
2023 CCBR President
Brookings, Oregon 97415



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April 19, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Re: Chemotherapy Services Available in Curry County

Dear Ms. Williams:

The Curry County Board of Commissioners are writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

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The Curry County Board of Commissioners supports this request because of the benefits of having access to chemotherapy services close to home, the aging population of Curry County and the need for increased health resources, the benefits of having expanded services at Curry Health Network, and the improved clinical outcomes from not having to travel out of County for chemotherapy services.

This project deserves support from the Oregon Legislature Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge the Oregon Legislature to include it for funding.

Curry County Board of Commissioners,


John Herzog, Chair


Brad Alcorn, Vice Chair


Jay Trost, Commissioner

April 10, 2023



Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of Curry Health Foundation (CHF), we are writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

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As the only foundation in Curry County supporting health partners for over 29 years, Curry Health Foundation understands the crucial need for cancer treatments being provided in our very rural county. CHF has been contacted yearly by other non-profits seeking assistance in finding transportation for elderly patients who need chemotherapy. Unfortunately, our non-profit mandate does not allow us to assist with individual transportation to organizations outside the County resulting in financial hardship for those requiring treatment. Curry Health Network's medical facilities and clinics including Curry General Hospital, Curry Medical Center, Curry Medical Practice, and Curry Family Medical have saved and improved the health of many of our residents. The ability to add this service would only continue to provide our residents the needed medical service every community deserves. Curry Health Network is the only option for providing this crucial treatment.

This project deserves support from the Oregon Legislature. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge the Oregon Legislature to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

Jane Doroff

Jane Doroff
Board President
Curry Health Foundation



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February 9, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

Curry Health Foundation (CHF) is pleased to fully endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request for \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project. Our board of directors is 100% supportive of this important project.

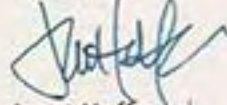
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As the only foundation in Curry County supporting health partners for over 29 years, Curry Health Foundation knows how crucial cancer treatments are in our very rural county. CHF fully understands the need for this funding; with our years of supporting improved health outcomes we see the hardships endured by cancer patients here. Travel across the Siskiyou Mountains is precarious in winter storms and takes hours. Cancer patients must drive up to 7 hours which adds stress and often, overnight costs to their lives. CHF has been contacted several times just in the last two years by other nonprofits seeking some help in finding transport for elderly patients who need chemotherapy. Unfortunately, our nonprofit mandate does not allow us to help with individual transport and there is no reliable, regular transportation from Curry County to cancer treatment centers. Curry Health Foundation fully supports this request because we see the impact that Curry Health Network has on our community. Everyone here knows someone whose life has been saved or improved by the excellent staff at Curry General Hospital and Medical Clinic. As a nonprofit health foundation, we have been involved in the health assessment process for Curry County; the need is great for local, reliable treatment for cancer patients here. Curry Health Network is the only option for providing this crucial treatment.

This project deserves full support from the federal government in protecting the health and welfare of our rural community. Curry Health Network has been an indispensable, vital community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic, operating at exceptional quality and devotion to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for

Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care now and for years to come as our population continues to grow and age. We stand proudly with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janet Hoffman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Janet Hoffman
Executive Director

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Curry Health Foundation.



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February 17, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

I am writing to offer my support and endorsement of Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project. Curry Public Library serves the learning, information, and recreational needs of all people in our region. To achieve our organizational goals, we have partnered with Curry Health Network to share health related information, to advocate for support, and to provide space for meetings, trainings, and community forums, and we are confident that Curry Health Network's plan to provide chemotherapy support will provide a positive impact in our region.

As the primary health care provider in this isolated part of Oregon, Curry Health Network's role in bringing enhanced chemotherapy services to Curry County is crucial to the overall health of our population. People in Curry County travel up to 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy because those services are not available locally. This creates tremendous hardship since 52% of our population is over the age of 65, and limit their driving. Additionally, 47% of our population is classified as living in financial hardship, meaning they cannot leave work easily and may not have access to transportation. These challenges are exacerbated by the location and condition of our highways, which are constantly vulnerable to storms and have been closed during extended periods of time.

This project deserves support from the federal government. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Cordially,

Jeremy Skinner
Library Director
Curry Public Library

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams,

I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project. I am an 87-year-old male breast cancer survivor of 10 years. All because of early detection, mastectomy surgery and chemotherapy. I can attest firsthand that I am alive today because of receiving treatment within a reasonable distance of travel from my home. I am a new resident to Curry County and strongly endorse this project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people in Curry County must travel up to 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because those services aren't available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. More, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents can't access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route.

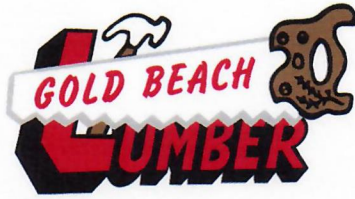
Having surgeons and oncology services locally would save many hours of travel and hardships on family members. Having chemotherapy in our community is a critical need. Saving hours of needless discomfort and travel every three weeks for infusion and doctor appointments. Infusions usually take 3 to 5 hours at three-week intervals. Add to this travel time of 2 to 3 hours to go out of the county for treatments adds up to an average of 7 to 8 hours of time needed for one infusion. This added burden of extended travel intensifies an already stressful and painful situation for the patient and the extended family.

This project deserves support from the Oregon Legislature. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. I am pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge the Oregon Legislature to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald D. Gerke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gerald" being more prominent and the last name "Gerke" following in a similar style.

Gerald D. Gerke
Breast Cancer Survivor



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February 16, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of Gold Beach Lumber Yard, Inc., I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is the trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people of Curry County, including some of our current staff members and their families, must travel nearly 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because those services aren't available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. More, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents can't access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route.

Gold Beach Lumber Yard and one of our employed families are currently experiencing this exact hardship due to the lack of services in the So. Oregon Coast region. Currently a 71 year old employee, who lives in Brookings, OR, is being treated for 16 weeks with chemotherapy services and will endure an additional 6 weeks of radiation in Medford, OR. Due to her frail nature and current aggressive treatment program, she is physically unable to drive herself to and from her weekly treatments. Her daughter and son-in-law are currently rotating weekly who drives mom to treatment. Both the daughter and son-in-law are current employees of GBLY also. Not only are we missing Ms. Eleanor through her cancer fight and recovery but also absent from work are either her daughter or son-in-law one or two days a week. Both of these two children are key employees for GBLY and all three's absence is tough on our organization.

GBLY supports the development of this Chemotherapy Treatment Project for many reasons. In Eleanor's specific case, a local treatment facility would drastically ease the emotional and physical stress on herself of physical travel and treatment, ease the hardship on her children of long distant travel in winter condition, and reduce the strain of absent staff/team members of a local small business employer.

This project deserves support from the federal government. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care.

GBLY pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urges Congress to fund it.

Sincerely,

Ryan Ringer
President
Gold Beach Lumber Yard, Inc.

Reginald G. Williams, MD
North Bend Medical Center
Gold Beach, OR 97444

February 8, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

My name is Dr. Reginald Williams, and I am a primary care physician working in Curry County for more than 50 years. I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Over the years I have diagnosed many patients that suffered the hardship of needing to travel up to 7 hours round trip for chemotherapy services or have chosen to forego treatment because they don't have the means to travel. Moreover, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents aren't able to access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route.

I personally and professionally support this request because it will improve our community's health and wellbeing. Although our county's incidence rate for cancer is not the highest in the State, our mortality rate is staggering. I believe this mortality rate is directly related to the lack of cancer services in our county.

This project deserves support from the federal government. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,



Reginald G. Williams, MD
Curry Health Network Medical Staff Past President
North Bend Medical Center



from the

OFFICE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE COURT BOICE

February 21, 2023

Virginia Williams
Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

RE: Rural Community Project Funding Request – Critical Chemotherapy Treatment

Dear CEO Williams,

On behalf of the Citizens of Oregon House District 1, Curry and portions of Coos and Douglas Counties, I wholeheartedly endorse Curry Health Network's Chemotherapy Treatment Project request for \$2.5 million in federal funding. Not to overstate, however, I genuinely feel this is one of the most important support letters I've written in years. Many lives will be positively impacted.

Well-managed and most stable (particularly in the last 5 years), our new 'state of the art' Curry General Hospital has become a source of pride for our citizens, is recognized and well-respected around Oregon and is a trusted partner for our region's health care.

Creating the capacity to offer enhanced chemotherapy services for our citizens is long overdue. Always the reminder, we're an aging population and too, our higher proportion of Veteran Citizens deserving support.

As you well know, people in Curry County must endure expensive travel up to seven or more hours roundtrip for chemotherapy care because those services, unfortunately, are not available, locally. That burden creates tremendous hardships for people who need to miss work or assist

family members as they receive frequent treatments especially when the chemotherapy regime requires multiple trips for many weeks.

Notably, our U.S. Highway 101 is often closed due to weather or emergency conditions, and the resulting geographical isolation of our residents north and south is due to those difficult single lane coastal route periods. That is an added pressure and many insist are even a danger for those needing life-saving therapy.

Highway 199 is another route often taken to receive infusion therapy treatments. That route has been the subject of a workgroup study which determined seventeen locations where the road needs to be made safer with improvements that will require road construction. Again, weather conditions affect travel along this route especially with the higher elevation of Grants Pass travel can be dangerous.

Also, these same barriers can make it difficult for people who desire and need to access medical services traveling, here to our Curry General Hospital from outside our County. Regionally, a funding commitment will help many Citizens throughout Southern Oregon.

This well-planned project deserves strong federal government support. Curry Health Network, its management and Board of Directors repeatedly have proven to be a crucial community resource, To that end, it is important to spotlight that during the COVID-19 pandemic, Curry Health Network rose to the occasion remaining fully operational and at peak levels in order to keep our communities safe.

This request represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create important care options for Curry County residents' chemotherapy support. This important award would also give our priceless and in great demand medical providers and volunteers added momentum and enthusiasm.

I am pleased to stand with Curry Health Network and Curry General Hospital in support of their timely goals and kindly, along with the Curry Health Network, we ask Congress to include this request for funding.

Sincerely,

COURT BOICE

State Representative – Oregon District 1

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Fishing, Finest Golfing and Healthiest Cranberries – We invite you to visit soon.*



Brookings-Harbor Rotary Club
P. O. Box 357
Brookings, OR 97415

February 12, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of Brookings Harbor Rotary Club, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health-care. It is a critical need, as it has enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community. At this time, people in Brookings and Curry County have to travel up to seven hours (round-trip) for chemotherapy support as those services aren't available locally. This creates tremendous hardship for people who need to take off work or care for family members when they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. This increases when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions. Many residents aren't able to regularly access medical treatment - due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route.

Brookings Harbor Rotary Club promotes peace and goodwill. Our organization supports this request because, as a community, Brookings has a higher population of elderly who have difficulties traveling the seven-hour round trip to receive chemotherapy. We believe the clinical outcomes will improve if people do not have to travel so far for chemotherapy services.

This project deserves support from the federal government. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operates at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Brookings and Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

Janece Payne
President
Brookings Harbor Rotary Club

Rotary
Club of Gold Beach



PO Box 1289
Gold Beach, OR
97444

April 4, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Gold Beach, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people in Curry County have to travel up to 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because those services aren't available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. More, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents aren't able to access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route.

The Rotary Club of Gold Beach is a club of individuals who are deeply involved in the Gold Beach Community and places emphasis on education, scholarships, and health. Our organization supports this request because we are live in a small "centrally isolated" community that would greatly benefit from having access to chemotherapy closer to home. Having the need for chemotherapy is difficult enough without having to travel for treatments.

This project deserves support from the Oregon Legislature Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge the Oregon Legislature to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

Jerry Herbage, President
Rotary Club of Gold Beach



February 8, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Port Orford, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people in Curry County have to travel up to 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because those services aren't available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. More, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents aren't able to access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route.

The Rotary Club of Port Orford supports this request because it benefits the growing, aging population of Curry County. Curry County is a remote area on the southern Oregon Coast. By providing increased health resources, including access to chemotherapy services close to home, it improves the clinical outcomes from not having to travel out of County.

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Sincerely,

Eric Oberbeck

Eric Oberbeck
President
Rotary Club of Port Orford

Rotary
Club of Port Orford



February 20, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Port Orford, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people in Curry County have to travel up to 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because those services aren't available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. More, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents aren't able to access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route.

The Rotary Club of Port Orford has been an active and integral part of our community since 1954. Our organization supports this request by Curry Health Network because it provides access to chemotherapy services close to home for our aging population. As our community grows, the need for increased health services will also grow and the benefits of having these expanded services at Curry Health Network will make our county an affordable and desirable option for retirees.

This project deserves support from the federal government. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

Eric Oberbeck
President,
Rotary Club of Port Orford



SOUTHWESTERN
AN OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

February 8, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of Southwestern, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people in Curry County have to travel up to 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because those services aren't available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. More, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents aren't able to access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route.

Southwestern Oregon Community College serves the Coos, Curry, and Western Douglas County regions. We are committed to providing quality education to students pursuing healthcare degrees and to that end, work closely with Curry Health Network for clinical and practicum sites for students pursuing a nursing degree in Curry County. Our organization supports this request because of the benefits of having access to chemotherapy services close to home, the aging population of Curry County and the need for increased health resources, the benefits of having expanded services at Curry Health Network, and the improved clinical outcomes from not having to travel out of County for chemotherapy services. In addition, the college supports as having chemotherapy services in Curry County would provide another potential clinical or practicum site for students pursuing a nursing degree and would help continue to expand our student's knowledge of the vast opportunities available in the healthcare field.

This project deserves support from the federal government. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operates at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry

Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patty M. Scott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Patty" and last name "Scott" clearly legible, and "M." as a middle initial.

Patty M. Scott, Ed.D.
President



April 14, 2023

Virginia Williams, CEO

Curry Health Network

94220 4th Street

Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of the Southwest Oregon Children's Foundation, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people in Curry County have to travel up to 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because these services aren't available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. More, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents aren't able to access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and South by a single coastal route.

The Southwest Oregon Children's Foundation is registered 501 © 3, giving renewable educational scholarships for graduating High School seniors and continuing education graduate students as well as community grants. Our organization supports this grant for the obvious reasons of enhancing critical care for an isolated rural region, but also, as it will allow our Foundation to focus additional grants and scholarships on this critical enhancement of rural healthcare.

This project deserves support from the Oregon Legislature. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to

keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

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Thomas R. Tuttle CFA

President

Southwest Oregon Children's Foundation



Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

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February 23rd, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dv-laa ha ~ (Hello) Ms. Williams:

The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe located in the Pacific Northwest with aboriginal lands and territory in Northern California and Southern Oregon and organized pursuant to the duly adopted Constitution of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation. On behalf of Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

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Our Nation supports this request because it could be beneficial to citizens by providing access to chemotherapy services close to home, filling a gap that the aging population of Curry County needs, and the need for increased health resources. Such expanded services at Curry Health Network will improve clinical outcomes from not having to travel out of County for chemotherapy services.

This project deserves support from the federal government. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Shu' shaa nin-la (Thank you),

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeri Lynn Thompson".

Jeri Lynn Thompson
Chairperson
On behalf of Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation



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April 6, 2023

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Our Nation supports this request because it could be beneficial to citizens by providing access to chemotherapy services close to home, filling a gap that the aging population of Curry County needs, and the need for increased health resources. Such expanded services at Curry Health Network will improve clinical outcomes from not having to travel out of County for chemotherapy services.

This project deserves support from the Oregon Legislature. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project. We urge the Oregon Legislature to include it for funding.

Shu' shaa nin-la,

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Jeri Lynn Thompson
Chairperson on behalf of Tribal Council

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OUR HERITAGE IS WHY WE ARE STRONG



February 28, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of Tu Tu' Tun Lodge, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people in Curry County may travel up to 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because those services aren't available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. More, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents aren't able to access medical treatment due to Curry County being an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single coastal route.

Tu Tu' Tun Lodge employees up to 45 members of the community, as well as subcontractors who exclusively service the Lodge throughout the year. We currently have a member of our staff commuting every day of the week to his cancer treatments in Coos Bay, which has taken an incredible toll on his physical and mental health at such a vulnerable time in his life. In the past 5 years alone, we have had two other colleagues at the Lodge tackle the exact same travel routine when they were diagnosed with cancer and had to undergo chemotherapy treatment in Coos Bay or Medford. A facility like this would make such a difference to invaluable members of our community and the incredible people who choose to work at businesses like mine. We support it whole-heartedly.

In addition, this project deserves support from the federal government. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it for funding.

Sincerely,

Kyle Ringer, Owner
Tu Tu' Tun Lodge



*Improving the lives of women and girls
through programs leading to social
and economic empowerment.*

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF GOLD BEACH

February 8, 2023

Virginia Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Curry Health Network
94220 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of Soroptimist International of Gold Beach, I am writing to endorse Curry Health Network's Community Project Funding request of \$2.5 million for its Chemotherapy Treatment Project.

Curry Health Network is a trusted partner for our region's health care and having enhanced chemotherapy services and support for our community is a critical need. Right now, people in Curry County have to travel up to 7 hours roundtrip for chemotherapy support because those services aren't available locally. That creates tremendous hardship for people who need to miss work or care for family members as they receive frequent chemotherapy treatment for many weeks. Moreover, when U.S. Highway 101 is closed due to weather or emergency conditions, many residents cannot access medical treatment since Curry County is an isolated region connected to the north and south by a single highway.

Soroptimist International of Gold Beach (SIGB) is a non-profit organization that supports and empowers women and girls by providing educational, training, and career opportunities that enhance and improve their lives. SIGB supports CHN's request because the lack of such services in our area adds to the already significant stress experienced by individuals undergoing chemotherapy treatment, not to mention the additional toll on their families. Local access to such treatment will lead to better compliance with the chemotherapy regimen and help ensure better outcomes for our citizens, including members of our club as well as those whom we support with our projects and scholarships.

This project deserves support from the federal government. Curry Health Network has been a crucial community resource during the COVID-19 pandemic and is operating at peak levels to keep our community safe. This project represents a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create vital care options for Curry County residents needing chemotherapy support and care. We are pleased to stand with Curry Health Network in support of this project and urge Congress to include it in its appropriation of funding.

Sincerely,

Debiann Harpole
President
Soroptimist International of Gold Beach