



**Southern Oregon Regional
Economic Development, Inc.**

February 11, 2026

Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Capital Construction
Oregon State Legislature
Salem, Oregon

RE: Support – Spalding Industrial Park Sanitary Sewer Project (City of Grants Pass)

Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Committee:

SOREDI supports the City of Grants Pass request for \$2,000,000 to construct sanitary sewer infrastructure serving the Spalding Industrial Park. The lack of sewer service is the primary constraint preventing development of roughly 60 acres of industrial-zoned land.

This is basic economic infrastructure. We regularly see employer interest that cannot move forward because sites are not fully served. Addressing this gap would allow Grants Pass to compete for industrial projects and expansions that otherwise bypass the region.

The project is designed and ready to build, and the City is bringing a significant local match. State investment would help move the project into construction quickly while leveraging local dollars and unlocking private development.

The project, which is located in Grants Pass, benefits not only Josephine County, but Southern Oregon through job creation, workforce demand, and supply-chain activity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blair Sundell".

Blair Sundell
Executive Director
Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development, Inc. (SOREDI)