

EVANS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT #6

2026 Capital Construction Request

Evans Valley Community Resource Center (EVCRC)

Request to the Oregon Legislature

Evans Valley Fire District #6 respectfully requests:

\$2,000,000 in Capital Construction Funding

to complete the Evans Valley Community Resource Center (EVCRC), a 4,136-square-foot expansion and modernization of existing district facilities in rural Jackson County.

Total Project Cost: \$2,200,000

Local/Partner Investment: \$200,000+ (cash, in-kind, and committed match)

Project Status: Shovel-ready; design and scope complete

Why This Is a State-Level Investment

Evans Valley is an unincorporated rural community with:

- No ADA-accessible public facility
- No dedicated emergency coordination or resilience hub
- Increasing wildfire, smoke, and severe weather exposure
- Limited access to healthcare and social service infrastructure

The State of Oregon has made significant investments in rural wildfire resilience, behavioral health access, and emergency preparedness. EVCRC provides the **physical infrastructure** necessary to implement those priorities locally.

Without this investment, Evans Valley remains without compliant, accessible public safety and community coordination space.

What State Dollars Will Deliver

The EVCRC will provide:

- Fully ADA-accessible public meeting and service space
- Emergency coordination and evacuation support capacity
- Multi-agency response staging and communications hub
- Healthcare and CCO-aligned community programming space
- Public safety training and preparedness venue

This facility will serve as both:

Everyday Infrastructure — health access, community programming, senior services, preparedness

Emergency Infrastructure — wildfire coordination, cooling/warming center, recovery assistance hub

Alignment with State Priorities

The project directly advances:

- Rural equity and ADA accessibility
- Wildfire and disaster resilience
- Health equity and prevention
- Cross-agency service coordination
- Infrastructure modernization in underserved communities

Regional Coordinated Care Organizations (AllCare Health and Jackson Care Connect) have identified community-based service delivery infrastructure as essential to improving rural outcomes.

Return on State Investment

State capital funding will:

- Leverage local and partner match
- Reduce emergency response inefficiencies
- Improve coordination during wildfire and extreme weather events
- Expand access to preventative health and social services
- Create long-term resilience infrastructure in a high-risk rural region

This is a one-time capital investment that produces permanent rural infrastructure capacity.

The Bottom Line

Evans Valley does not currently have an ADA-compliant, multi-purpose public safety and community resilience facility.

This project is ready.
Local commitment is in place.
The need is immediate.

\$2,000,000 completes the project and secures long-term rural resilience for Jackson County.

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