

**Memorandum**

Friday, February 13, 2026

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

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

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

Klamath County is applying for \$5 million in Lottery funds to build Mlaiksi House, the final phase of the KCR Construction Project. Costs were estimated by a professional engineering firm.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please support Klamath County's request for \$5 million in lottery funds for the KCR Mlaiksi House transitional home for Oregon Youth Authority clients from all over Oregon.

Thank you.

