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Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members:

As the committee begins consideration of the fiscal year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill and report, we write in support of the following projects. **Please note that these projects are listed in no particular order.**

Project Title: Family Access Network (FAN)
Intended Recipient: Family Access Network Foundation, Bend, OR
Request Amount: $425,000
Account: CDC
Description: FAN is a partnership of local government agencies, hospitals, schools districts and organizations that work together to build healthy communities. It focuses on the family as a whole and provides a collaborative network to meet the basic needs of disadvantaged children and improve physical and mental health. FAN works by connecting school-age children and their families with vital family support services such as Oregon Health Plan services, counseling, mediation services, translation services, after-school programs, shelter, clothing and food assistance. Additionally, FAN assists many student support services such as health and wellness clinics and connects families with anger support groups, grief and loss groups, drug and alcohol intervention, recreational programs, and after-school care.

During the 2007-08 school year, FAN worked with over 7,500 children and family members, a 20 percent increase from the prior year. Deschutes County wants to build on this success to meet a growing need in the region. Federal funding will enable Deschutes County to ensure continuation of the FAN program at its current level.

Project Title: Central Oregon Community College Technology Education Center
Intended Recipient: Central Oregon Community College, Bend, OR
Request Amount: $550,000
Account: FIPSE
Description:

The Technology Education Center will provide medium- to high-tech education and training, benefiting a wide breadth of citizens and businesses in the region. Immediately, jobs will be created to construct the facility. Once completed, Central Oregon Community College will hire faculty and staff to run the programs. Students will earn certificates of proficiencies, AA, and AAS degrees, or complete transferrable courses. Program benefits: 1) students gain access to education in new technologies, 2) high-school students take concurrent classes for college credit, 3) industries are drawn to an area that advances technical disciplines and supplies a well-trained workforce, and 4) program graduates find careers in high-tech industries. The community will experience economic growth as family-wage jobs are created, a highly trained workforce remains in the area, businesses prosper, and the tax base grows.

Central Oregon Community College will use funds to design a 30,400 square foot Technology Education Center, and for furnishings/fixtures and equipment for the classrooms, technical instruction areas, laboratories, and other space needs, and to develop the programs for the center.

Project Title: Union County Secure Residential Treatment and Acute Care Facility
Intended Recipient: Center for Human Development, Inc., La Grande, OR
Request Amount: $465,000
Account: HRSA
Description: This project provides for the construction of a 16-bed, secure residential treatment and acute care facility (SRTF) for individuals with a severe and persistent mental illness that would meet needs in a rural, 13-county region. Currently, individuals requiring hospitalization for acute mental health problems are transported at least six hours to a hospital in Bend, Oregon. Recognizing that Eastern Oregon veterans, like other community members, have difficulty accessing needed inpatient mental health services and have been known to wait four days or more for a bed at a VA facility, the Veterans Administration Medical Center at Walla Walla has offered to work in partnership with the community on this project utilizing resources through the VA Rural Health Initiative to support the construction and staffing of the secure treatment facility.

Project Title: Cove Health Clinic
Intended Recipient: Cove-Union-Powder Medical Assoc (CUP), Union, OR
Request Amount: $150,000
Account: HRSA
Description: Funding is requested to construct a 1,200 square foot health care services building in Cove, Oregon. The building, leased to South County Health District

professionals, will assist them in providing health care to federally designated rural medically underserved residents.

Project Title: Women Veterans Trauma Rehabilitation Center
Intended Recipient: City of Pendleton, OR
Request Amount: $670,000
Account: HRSA
Description: Funds will be used to reconfigure and recommission the Eastern Oregon Training Center (EOTC) to offer post-acute and intermediate-term treatment and rehabilitation for women veterans who have suffered post-traumatic stress, brain trauma, sexual trauma, and related forms of debilitating physical and psychological injury in the course of military service. This project is designed to create treatment capacity in response to the dramatic shortage of beds in the western U.S. for female veterans with these injuries. The project is based on the documented suitability of the current EOTC facilities, the availability of qualified medical staff already providing care to developmentally disabled adults at the facility, support of a wide variety of Federal, state, local, and private entities, and the initiatives of the Veterans Administration to create regional "satellite" treatment centers for veterans that augment current VA hospitals and larger healthcare facilities.

Project Title: Northeastern Oregon Business and Economic Growth Project
Intended Recipient: Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton, OR
Request Amount: $400,000
Account: FIPSE
Description: The Northeastern Oregon Business and Economic Growth Project, Postsecondary-Education Infrastructure element is designed to fuel economic development in Northeastern Oregon, a rural, economically distressed region, with an at-risk population characterized by high poverty, high unemployment, and low educational attainment. The central strategies of the project are to expand access for the local population to a wider and deeper range of postsecondary education and training programs, to increase the number of skilled and educated workers in the region, and to establish the comprehensive postsecondary-education infrastructure required to attract new businesses to the area. The project will develop, redesign, and deliver curricula to meet regional needs, including adult basic education, general education development (GED) instruction, college preparatory programs, certificate and college-degree programs, advanced degree programs (education, business, and computer science), and continuing education, as well as the provision of academic support services to increase student success in educational transitions and completion of academic goals.

Project Title: Simulation Equipment for Lane Community College's Nursing Program Expansion
Intended Recipient: Lane Community College, Eugene, OR
Request Amount: $547,000
Account: HRSA

Description: Funding under this appropriation provides critical health information technology, simulation equipment, and other health care training equipment to allow Lane Community College to expand training and professional programs in the health care professions. As one example, the simulation equipment will help the college reconfigure the clinical experience in the nursing program to expand enrollment from 72 students to 144 students in coming years. Lane Community College currently has the capacity to train only 72 nurses; this appropriation request will help expand this capacity significantly to meet workforce needs in the county.

Project Title: Obesity Prevention and Reduction for Rural Communities
Intended Recipient: Oregon State University (OSU), Corvallis, OR
Request Amount: $400,000
Account: CDC
Description: OSU faculty will develop and evaluate a collaborative obesity/diabetes prevention intervention that is community based and culturally relevant for rural/underserved populations. The intervention will be implemented through the Benton County CHC and the Health Department, with OSU Extension agents serving as local resources. Following evaluation of the intervention, the OSU Department of Public Health will develop a training-of-trainers to replicate the collaborative intervention at CHCs and Rural Health Centers in Oregon counties beyond the pilot sites.

Project Title: Mycobacterial Disease Project
Intended Recipient: Oregon State University (OSU), Corvallis, OR
Request Amount: $550,000
Account: FIPSE
Description: This request seeks targeted federal funding in support of initiating a multidisciplinary and international research infrastructure that will capitalize on existing strengths and promote development of a comprehensive research program. Initial development of this program will involve: curriculum development to establish an interdisciplinary graduate education program on mycobacterial disease management; infrastructure improvements including renovation of currently existing laboratory space to meet biosafety level-3 standards for research and mycobacterial diseases; equipment purchases for laboratory space including biosafety level-2 hoods, freezers, PCR thermocyclers, and microspcopes with digital image capture.

Project Title: Student and Family Support Center - Springfield Public Schools
Intended Recipient: Springfield Public School District, Springfield, OR
Request Amount: $350,000
Account: SSR
Description: Springfield Schools is requesting funding to design an integrated program and facility for the Student and Family Support Center that will help students and families access affordable housing, the Free and Reduced Lunch program, basic health services, obtain free clothing and connect with the Women, Infants, and Children

(WIC) nutrition program and the Jasper Mountain center for emotionally disturbed children and their families. Homeless families will get help in compliance with federal Title I regulations. The Center will house the Community Transition and Youth Transition programs to help special-ed students access developmentally disabled workforce services, and the "El Centro De Bienvenidos" (a facility for Spanish-speaking families). The resulting facility would offer a "one-stop shopping" center that brings student and family support services together under one roof.

Project Title: Springfield Community Health Center
Intended Recipient: Lane County, Eugene, OR
Request Amount: $400,000
Account: HRSA
Description: Lane County seeks to expand the physical capacity of its Springfield, Oregon clinical facility and improve space utilization through acquisition of technology including Electronic Medical Record. The clinic provides primary and preventive care, mental health, and dental care for low-income, uninsured, and underinsured residents of Lane County. The clinic anticipates at least a 4-percent increase above the current 14,000 users in each of the next four years – a demand that will far exceed the capacity of the existing facility.

Project Title: Natural Resource Field Education Program
Intended Recipient: Springfield Public School District #19, Springfield, OR
Request Amount: $450,000
Account: FIE
Description: Springfield Public Schools seeks funding for start-up costs to create a natural resource education field program to serve its K - 12 students. The field program would serve as many as 2,200 students per year, with an average of 20 to 30 percent of the students making multiple visits each year, for age-appropriate, hands-on science activities to improve student observation and data collection skills while emphasizing the importance of natural resource conservation. Students participating in the program will have the opportunity to learn watershed monitoring, observe and quantify plant and animal life in the wetland, participate in habitat restoration programs adjacent to the site, and use the latest scientific technology – in the form of digital probes and computer interfaces – to collect and analyze field data. Funding will support a qualified program coordinator and needed supplies such as scientific equipment and materials to support instruction and research, interpretive educational signage for student self-directed learning, transport to and from classrooms, as well as publications, instructional booklets and tools about natural resources.

Project Title: Lane Healthy Babies-Healthy Communities Initiative
Intended Recipient: Lane County, Eugene, OR
Request Amount: $530,000
Account: CDC

Description: This project involves organization and facilitation of a county-wide effort to reduce Lane County's unacceptably high rate of fetal-infant mortality by identifying factors associated with fetal-infant deaths and opportunities for the community to build on its strengths through community driven initiatives and actions. Lane County's overall fetal-infant mortality rate is higher than the average of the nation, State of Oregon, and the three larger Oregon counties by population (Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington). State vital statistics for the five-year period (1999-2003) indicate that the overall fetal-infant mortality rate for Lane County was 9.5 as compared to the state average of 7.9.

Project Title: Providing early childhood development and education via therapeutic classrooms for children at risk of abuse and neglect
Intended Recipient: Oregon Association of Relief Nurseries (OARN), Medford, OR
Request Amount: $402,000
Account: CA
Description: Funds from this request will support one therapeutic classroom in each of the 11 Relief Nurseries in Oregon. This is a programming expense to support natural and normal development of children who are experiencing challenges early in their lives due to the stresses of their home environment and threat of abuse. All aspects of the program focus on the specific issues of children from multi-stressed families who have experienced trauma, abuse, stress, or are at-risk for such experiences.

Project Title: Interdisciplinary Diabetes Clinic at Pacific University
Intended Recipient: Pacific University, Hillsboro, OR
Request Amount: $670,000
Account: HRSA
Description: The request will establish an interdisciplinary diabetes clinic at Pacific University. Currently there are over 30,000 (one in ten) diabetic patients in Washington County, Oregon, many of whom do not receive regular health care. The core of the medical work will focus on full scope management and prevention in the diabetic population, and will emphasize early diagnosis, treatment, education, and referral.

Project Title: Claimant Re-employment
Intended Recipient: Worksource Oregon Employment Department, Salem, OR
Request Amount: $590,000
Account: ETA
Description: The Claimant Re-Employment (CRE) activity focuses on identifying and serving all unattached Unemployment Insurance (UI) customers receiving UI benefits. This activity also has several direct linkages to UI services, since participation for identified customers is mandatory and UI benefits can be jeopardized if participation does not occur. As such, this activity will be managed to ensure that these critical UI linkages are maintained.

Project Title: Veteran's Job Barrier Busters Program
Intended Recipient: Worksource Oregon Employment Department, Salem, OR
Request Amount: $590,000
Account: ETA
Description: Oregon Veterans will receive a skills assessment, help in creating a detailed job search plan, career counseling, and financial assistance to overcome common economic barriers to employment. The barriers are created by the stress of multiple deployments and dire economic times in Oregon. The barriers include; job search transportation costs, rent and utility assistance, clothing, business license fees, and short-term training to increase job skills.

Project Title: Paperwork Reduction Technology Package
Intended Recipient: Employment Department, Child Care Division, Salem, OR
Request Amount: $300,000
Account: ETA
Description: The Oregon Employment Department Child Care Division will use this funding to create a data management and imaging system to allow Field Licensing Specialists access to files that are currently stored in a central location. The project will create a web-based, online application system, which will provide the ability to easily renew their licenses which would streamline the processing, reduce errors, and speed up applications.

Project Title: Sequoia Mental Health Clinic
Intended Recipient: Washington County, Hillsboro, OR
Request Amount: $550,000
Account: HRSA
Description: Washington County seeks funding to construct a mental health clinic in partnership with Sequoia Mental Health Services, Inc., a nonprofit mental health provider agency. Annually, the clinic will provide services to 500 low-income, disabled, and homeless persons who have severe and disabling mental illness and chemical dependency issues.

Project Title: Working for Independence
Intended Recipient: Clackamas County, Oregon City, OR
Request Amount: $590,000
Account: ETA
Description: This project would provide extensive client-centered job training, job placement and job retention services to individuals managing a mental illness who are seeking employment. Services will also include job seeking veterans suffering from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI) and those diagnosed with suicidal tendencies. The program seeks to add the following components: client

participation in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) system; community college credit for work-based learning and development of client community engagement activities.

Project Title: Clackamas Community College Renewable Energy and Sustainability Center
Intended Recipient: Clackamas Community College, Oregon City, OR
Request Amount: $550,000
Account: FIPSE
Description: To partner with industry to address new and emerging renewable energy opportunities poised for economic growth and job creation. To promote renewable energy workforce and training programs to businesses and students throughout Oregon. To create academic and career pathways that lead people to credentials for jobs and careers in renewable energy.

Project Title: The Checkpoint One Foundation
Intended Recipient: The Checkpoint One Foundation, Lake Oswego, OR
Request Amount: $590,000
Account: ETA
Description: The Checkpoint One Foundation provides immigration and resettlement assistance in the form of legal, travel, financial, health care, housing, education and job search assistance to former Iraqi and Afghan interpreters, now targets of retribution by various insurgent elements as a result of their assistance to United States Armed Forces. This project would include, in part, a pilot program in partnership with the Mucatatuck Urban Training Center (Indiana) and Indiana University by which certain Iraqis and Afghans will train the U.S. Government (Defense, State and other) in language, culture and other aspects of their respective departmental missions while obtaining education from a university, thereby making themselves marketable in the U.S. economy.

Project Title: Engaging Communities to Improve Breast Cancer Screening in Rural Oregon
Intended Recipient: Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU), Portland, OR
Request Amount: $400,000
Account: CDC
Description: OHSU proposes to reduce the number of breast cancer deaths in three of Oregon's coastal and rural communities by overcoming barriers to mammography screening. Specifically, OHSU requests funds to target Clatsop, Tillamook and Lincoln county women who are overdue for mammography through plans to educate women and community leaders in those areas demonstrating the health concern; determine root causes of mammography barriers such as capacity limitations and women's reluctance to obtain preventive cancer care; develop an action plan of breast cancer interventions aligned with community priorities; implement the plan's intervention strategies; and measure outcomes. OHSU will also work with physicians in

those communities to identify patients who are due or have missed this important screening tool.

Project Title: Vernonia School Equipment Replacement
Intended Recipient: City of Vernonia School District, Vernonia, OR
Request Amount: $490,000
Account: FIE
Description: All three of Vernonia's schools were flooded in December 2007 with at least 3 feet of water. As the community continues recovery efforts, federal funding would help upgrade the network infrastructure, computer equipment, and furniture. Funds are requested for the technology (servers, wiring, computers, projectors, software, etc.) necessary to provide adequate Internet and computer access for students to find gainful employment in today's high tech society.

Project Title: Silverton Senior Center Project
Intended Recipient: City of Silverton, OR
Request Amount: $250,000
Account: AOA
Description: Funds will be used to help construct, equip, and furnish a senior center facility. Currently, Silverton area seniors lease a space from the local Mason's organization that is too small for current and future operations. The proposed project will allow the senior population of this community to expand their meals program and provide for medical, recreational and other activities for the elderly populations.

Project Title: Capacity growth for senior network in volunteering, technology & emergency preparedness for Oregon
Intended Recipient: Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities, Salem, OR
Request Amount: $395,000
Account: AOA
Description: In Oregon, there is the necessity to expand capacity to serve a rapidly increasing aging population. This includes building a stronger volunteer network of interested seniors who wish to give back, capitalizing on the emerging baby boomer population to bring about volunteer resources and also strengthening the current infrastructure to take advantage of federal opportunities and also to provide leadership in the areas of technology for the service network and emergency preparedness planning and training specifically in the areas of vulnerable populations.

Project Title: Smart Classrooms
Intended Recipient: Western Oregon University (WOU), Monmouth, OR
Request Amount: $300,000
Account: FIE

Description: Western Oregon University is requesting funding for 10 Smart Classrooms and related equipment needed to enhance student learning in their newly remodeled Humanities and Social Sciences building. This upgrade will allow wireless connections to student learning media, interactive blackboards, document and photo scanning, and the Internet.

Project Title: Mental Health Transition Housing
Intended Recipient: Marion County, Salem, OR
Request Amount: $225,000
Account: CMHS
Description: This project would provide a monetary bridge for those temporarily without entitlement services (Medicaid & Oregon Health Plan) and provide supported housing slots with mental health treatment including case management, medication, and therapy. The project would create 10 treatment slots that would serve more than 10 individuals each year since these supports are designed to be a bridge to existing funding and housing supports. It is estimated that 20-30 individuals would be successfully transitioned back into the community each year based upon the average length of "bridging," currently between 4 and 6 months.

Project Title: Industrial Maintenance Operator Mechanic (IMOM) Project
Intended Recipient: Chemeketa Community College, Salem, OR
Request Amount: $590,000
Account: ETA
Description: The Industrial Maintenance Operator Mechanic (IMOM) project will prepare seasoned industrial employees to be Master Trainers, developing and offering 300 modules in critical skills the next generation needs to learn quickly and thoroughly to meet changing industry needs and stay competitive. Master Trainers will teach best practices in safety, process technology, process operations, maintenance, mechanics, welding, fleet maintenance, and leadership and management. IMOM will coordinate with regional industry to identify critical training needs and coordinate just-in-time, on-site training.

Project Title: Columbia River Community Hospital Information System/Automated Records
Intended Recipient: The Public Health Foundation of Columbia County, St. Helens, OR
Request Amount: $670,000
Account: HRSA
Description: This request will fund an electronic medical records system and fully integrated management information system that is linked to Legacy Health System which will operate the hospital under contract. This arrangement will dramatically improve efficiency and is consistent with federal health care priorities.

Project Title: Columbia River Community Hospital – Diagnostic Imaging Equipment
Intended Recipient: The Public Health Foundation of Columbia County, St. Helens, OR
Request Amount: $670,000
Account: HRSA
Description: This request will fund radiology equipment including a CT scanner, digital ultrasound and digital x-ray and will be fully compliant with the management information system and link to Legacy Health System (the manager) and other hospitals. This arrangement will dramatically improve efficiency and is consistent with federal health care priorities.

Project Title: Heppner Secure Residential Treatment Facility
Intended Recipient: Community Counseling Solutions, Heppner, OR
Request Amount: $465,000
Account: CMHS
Description: This will be an eight bed secure residential treatment facility that will provide housing and treatment services for individuals with mental illness. These are individuals who have been residing in a hospital or acute care setting and are in need of a lower level of care and are no longer a danger to themselves or others. This recovery oriented facility will provide: peers services, psychiatric services, traditional outpatient mental health services as well as working with local physicians to integrate their physical/medical needs.

Project Title: Malheur County Residential Treatment Facility
Intended Recipient: Lifeways, Inc., Ontario, OR
Request Amount: $670,000
Account: HRSA
Description: This facility targets persons who have been in the State Hospital awaiting community placement, who would otherwise be kept too long or discharged with minimal support. With intensive case management, this program offers a residential continuum of care option designed to develop full participation in the community through supervision and skill building. This is a much more economical approach, yielding better outcomes than hospitalization, and Lifeways has experience developing and implementing a similar, very successful program in Umatilla County.

Project Title: Integrated Health Care Facility at Cascade Locks
Intended Recipient: Hood River County, Hood River, OR
Request Amount: $413,000
Account: HRSA
Description: This funding will be used for design and construction costs associated with building a $1.8 million Integrated Health Care Facility in the City of

Cascade Locks in Hood River County. Hood River County and a consortium of health care providers in Hood River have been raising funds for this new health care facility for the past five years.

Project Title: Renovation and Repair of Asher Community Health Center
Intended Recipient: Wheeler County, Fossil, OR
Request Amount: $670,000
Account: HRSA
Description: Asher Community Health Center, the only medical facility in Wheeler County, operates in a substandard facility originally constructed in 1972. Reconstruction funds will expand the number of treatment rooms and bring the facility up to current standards.

Project Title: Renewable Energy Technology training program expansion
Intended Recipient: Columbia Gorge Community College, The Dalles, OR
Request Amount: $550,000
Account: FIPSE
Description: Funding will allow the college to expand its Renewable Energy Technician program and ensure relevance to changing industry demands by meeting new workforce training needs in the renewable energy field. This proposal will add faculty and support staff; acquire solar training panels; and relocate and install residential wind turbines on The Dalles campus for training purposes. These initiatives will enable the college to prepare a rural workforce to enter the high-demand, high-growth, family-wage field of renewable energy, while assisting the continued growth of the industry by providing a skilled labor force.

Project Title: Wind turbine training nacelle acquisition
Intended Recipient: Columbia Gorge Community College, The Dalles, OR
Request Amount: $550,000
Account: FIPSE
Description: Funding would help the college acquire a wind turbine training nacelle for the Renewable Energy Technician training program at Columbia Gorge Community College in The Dalles. This is the first public wind technician training program on the West Coast, and the college is a nationally-recognized leader in the field. Large nacelles range in cost from $750,000 to $1.2 million.

Project Title: Kids in Common
Intended Recipient: Douglas CARES (Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Services), Roseburg, OR
Request Amount: $402,000
Account: CA
Description: The mission of Kids in Common is to create a synchronized collaboration of three proven non-profit organizations to deliver effective interventions in

cases of child abuse. Kids in Common projects a coordinated network of response, better opportunities for healing due to an increase of services to child victims and their families, and greater community involvement due to increased understanding of child abuse. By tracking its success, Kids in Common hopes to document a decrease in re-occurrence of child abuse.

Project Title: Head Start Program Enhancement
Intended Recipient: Coquille Indian Tribe, North Bend, OR
Request Amount: $255,000
Account: FIE
Description: Funds received by the Coquille Indian Tribe will be used mostly for recurring program needs to cover personnel salary, training and supply costs, as well as to provide for a full-day, full-year program. Within the recurring program funds available, $80,000 will be used annually to bring all Head Start employees wages up to the national Head Start average, $12,000 will be used annually to provide needed training for all staff to obtain and maintain degrees in Early Childhood Education as required by the Head Start Act, $13,000 will be used annually for additional classroom supplies, and $150,000 will be used annually to provide a full-day, full-year program (currently the Tribe operates a part-day, part-year program).

Project Title: ESMART Collaborative: Improved Patient Care Through Inter-professional Health Curriculum Development
Intended Recipient: Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU), Portland, OR
Request Amount: $550,000
Account: FIPSE
Description: OHSU is requesting support to improve access to and quality of care in Oregon by educating the next generation of providers with the development of new curricula that will combine inter-professional education with telehealth, simulation and other technologies. Specifically, the goals of the curriculum are to: 1) integrate the education of students from medicine, nursing and dentistry to teach them to work more effectively and efficiently in teams; and 2) extend through the use of these technologies the delivery of education programs and patient care into rural areas so that students are exposed to a more diverse set of practice sites and therefore more likely to consider future practice in rural areas.

Project Title: The Oregon Center for Aging and Technology (ORCATECH)
Intended Recipient: Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU), Portland, OR
Request Amount: $395,000
Account: AOA
Description: OHSU requests operational support and equipment to transition ORCATECH's unique home-based independent-living research model from its current prototype of 230 homes in Portland into a state-wide network of more diversified populations and settings (socioeconomic status, rural, ethnic minorities, etc.). The

purpose of the project is to establish the evidence that technology can be used to allow older Americans to "age in place" through the use of home-based technologies to monitor health status such as unobtrusive physical activity monitoring, medical taking assurance systems, sleep health monitors, and chronic disease management programs. If successful, this project will not only help improve the quality of life for older Oregonians and other Americans, but should also result in cost savings to the health care system.

Project Title: Portland Youth Media: Training & Job Ready Program
Intended Recipient: Portland Community Media (PCM), Portland, OR
Request Amount: $590,000
Account: ETA
Description: Portland Community Media's (PCM) is requesting funding consideration to finance an innovative program called Portland Youth Media that utilizes the power of media to boost career education, training and jobs for youth, particularly underserved youth hit hardest by the economic downturn. The program would also help PCM maintain its current fulltime employees at risk of layoffs, increase capacity within nonprofits and small businesses within the community, as well as indirectly increase service sector jobs. PCM anticipates approximately 100 jobs will be created out of this effort the first year.

Project Title: Links Afterschool Program
Intended Recipient: David Douglas School District, Portland, OR
Request Amount: $349,760
Account: FIE
Description: David Douglas School District and six community-based organizations will provide academic, social and emotional support to 1200 economically disadvantaged children and their families through 12 after-school programs. Four coordinators will link struggling families with community resources such as housing stability and basic needs. Adult anti-poverty education and support opportunities (i.e., financial literacy, employment readiness) will also be provided to give parents the skills they need to move out of poverty and support their children's learning.

Project Title: Diabetic Retinal Imaging Program
Intended Recipient: Interactive Medicine, Inc., Statewide
Request Amount: $471,250
Account: HRSA
Description: Interactive Medicine, Inc. will be responsible for the installation of two fully integrated telemedicine based Diabetic Retinopathy sites that will make available a non-invasive, patient centric, exam for all diabetic patients at accessible Federally Qualified Health Centers or similar primary care sites within the state of Oregon. The exam will provide enhanced diabetic care to all patients with the disease and especially to those disproportionately affected: African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans and Asians; and, will increase the compliance rate for an annual retinal eye

exam for a diabetic from the current statewide level of +/- 20% by 50% year over year. In addition to providing access to ophthalmic care not readily available to the patient, the exam will provide earlier detection that will measurably reduce the overall costs of direct and indirect diabetic care (blindness, lower extremity amputations, heart disease, kidney failure and obesity).

Project Title: 2-1-1 for Oregon
Intended Recipient: 211 Info, Portland, OR
Request Amount: $350,000
Account: SSR
Description: This project will bring 2-1-1 service to all Oregonians. Currently 48% of the state's residents can use this easy-to-remember number for information about, and referral to social and health services in their communities. This project will finish building a tool to help Oregonians find the services they need and move toward self-sufficiency, a tool that can also provide a critical support to emergency services in times of disaster, and one that connects volunteers to opportunities for giving back. Funds are intended for technical infrastructure costs such as computers, software, telephones, licenses and related hardware. No true construction costs are being requested.

Project Title: Family Caregiver Support Project
Intended Recipient: Volunteers of America Oregon, Portland, OR
Request Amount: $350,000
Account: AOA
Description: Through community outreach and education, low-income subsidies, and additional medical support, this project seeks to support and increase the number of family caregivers who take on the responsibility for their frail elderly or disabled relatives. This goal will be achieved through a higher utilization rate of adult day centers. By delaying or preventing the use of costly nursing home care, this project reduces pressure on both Medicaid and Medicare budgets.

Project Title: Science Research and Teaching Complex
Intended Recipient: Portland State University (PSU), Portland, OR
Request Amount: $550,000
Account: FIPSE
Description: Portland State University is seeking funds to establish its Science Research and Teaching Complex (SRTC). The SRTC will advance the Federal responsibility to build the nation's capacity and excellence in science and better prepare students to respond to the call for more qualified science teachers and graduates by government, business, and industry. Formerly Science Building 2, the SRTC will provide the campus and Portland metropolitan community with an updated science facility that is crucial to attracting students and faculty, and producing a workforce with a solid science education.

Project Title: One Sky Center: National Resource Center for American Indian/Alaska Native Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
Intended Recipient: One Sky Center, Portland, OR
Request Amount: $465,000
Account: CMHS
Description: This project would sustain the National Resource Center and Center for Health Education & Research at Oregon Health Sciences University. The mission is to promote evidence-based culturally adopted best practices in substance abuse and mental health services for American Indians and Alaska Natives across Indian Country, to train American Indian/Alaska Native health professionals, and to increase capacity.

Project Title: Legacy Institute for Surgical Education & Innovation (LISEI)
Intended Recipient: Legacy Health System, Portland, OR
Request Amount: $250,000
Account: HRSA
Description: The Legacy Institute for Surgical Education & Innovation (LISEI) is an Accredited Education Institute of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and is the designated regional simulation training center for Oregon and the Pacific NW. LISEI seeks to expand upon the number of courses offered and individuals trained through the acquisition of two surgical simulators. Having these new simulators will enable the program to enhance the quantity and quality of surgical education, thus increase patient safety and resulting in better outcomes for patients and decreased costs for the healthcare system as a whole.

Project Title: Multiple Sclerosis Network and Registry
Intended Recipient: Providence Multiple Sclerosis Center, Portland, OR
Request Amount: $530,000
Account: CDC
Description: The MS registry is an interactive network of health care professionals for Oregon patients. Researchers, who produced a successful stroke registry, have provided guidance in the development and implementation of the MS registry. Currently, five clinical care hubs constitute the network; neurologists at the hubs are trained and share up-to-date information on the best practices and treatment to optimize healthcare for MS patients in urban and rural areas.

Project Title: Youth Development Initiative
Intended Recipient: Self Enhancement, Inc., Portland, OR
Request Amount: $490,000
Account: FIE
Description: Self Enhancement was recognized as one of the highest performing youth organizations in the nation by the highly selective Edna McConnell Clark

Foundation, which has supported Self Enhancement in developing a business plan for local growth and national replication. Self Enhancement's highly successful core program serves over 1,000 inner-city students ages 8-25 in year-round goal-oriented academic, enrichment, family involvement, and post high programs. Students enter the program in second grade with barriers to success, continue with the program throughout their education, and are expected to become "Positive, Contributing Citizens" who have completed at least two years of post-secondary education or two years of successful workforce experience by age 25. This year, 100 percent of eligible post-high school students achieved Positive, Contributing Citizen status.

Project Title: Helping our Heroes – Preventing Suicide Among Oregon Soldiers and Providing Support to Military Families
Intended Recipient: Oregon Partnership, Portland, OR
Request Amount: $465,000
Account: CMHS
Description: The "Helping Our Heroes" project will create a dedicated Oregon Line at OP's LifeLine Call Center for returning soldiers and their families dealing with mental health, suicide, and alcohol and drug problems--providing hands-on support to military children and families prior to, during, and after the deployment of a parent or loved one. Oregon Partnership will recruit and train war veterans as staff to answer calls from military members and their families.

Project Title: Kinesiology Lab Equipment
Intended Recipient: Western Oregon University (WOU), Monmouth, OR
Request Amount: $120,000
Account: FIPSE
Description: Funds are requested to purchase equipment in support of an existing kinesiology laboratory. Equipment will enhance student learning in kinesiology, physical anatomy, physical science, and nursing studies. New equipment allows for student research in human muscle response, somatosensory stimuli, and electronic muscle recovery.

Project Title: Making Smiles, Changing Lives: Providing Low-Cost Dental Care to Uninsured, Underserved Children
Intended Recipient: Kiddazzle Dental Network, Inc., Lake Oswego, OR
Request Amount: $350,000
Account: SSR
Description: For five years, Kiddazzle has been recruiting dental professionals to provide low-cost or free restorative and preventive dental services to uninsured/underserved children. In this project, Kiddazzle will work with County Health Departments to: increase the number of volunteers in its professional network; penetrate the rural, outlying and hard-to-reach communities in each county (for example, where cultural, economic and other barriers are present); provide follow-up care for children

receiving emergency care through other programs; and educate target populations as to preventive care. Concurrently, Kiddazzle will design and implement an electronic scheduling system that will facilitate the logistics of treatment (e.g., transportation, interpretation), serve as a template for replication of the service delivery model, and enable the collection of data to facilitate allocation of resources and measure the return on investment.

Project Title: Northeastern Oregon Business and Economic Growth Plan
Intended Recipient: Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton, OR
Request Amount: $590,000
Account: ETA
Description: The Northeastern Oregon Business and Economic Growth Project, Economic Development -Workforce Training element will consist of conducting a comprehensive assessment of Northeast Oregon's potential for economic growth from the integrated perspectives of industry, workforce, government, and education; identifying the existing gaps between worker capabilities and employer requirements; closing the gaps by designing, developing, and delivering targeted work-force training and postsecondary education programs that will support the needs of regional employers and other organizations (law enforcement, corrections agencies, social service institutions, etc.) that form the foundation of healthy and safe communities. The Project will become a catalyst for economic development by establishing an adaptive economic-planning, postsecondary-education, and workforce-training infrastructure that will continually anticipate and produce skilled, educated workers in response to business, industry, community, and household needs. The project will be located in Hermiston, Oregon, which is one of the fastest job-growth areas in the state – where employers cannot find sufficient numbers of trained workers from the local workforce pool, and have difficulty recruiting workers from other areas of the state and nation because of the region's geographical remoteness.

Project Title: Southern Oregon University (SOU) Theatre Arts Building Renovation and Expansion
Intended Recipient: Southern Oregon University (SOU), Ashland, OR
Request Amount: $550,000
Account: FIPSE
Description: Southern Oregon University requests funding for design and engineering planning to expand and renovate the Theatre Arts building, a 38,226 square foot teaching and performance facility that serves as the cornerstone of SOU's designation as an Oregon University System Center for Fine and Performing Arts. Designed for 60 students, the current building cannot adequately serve the currently enrolled 230 theatre students. For the project, 10,488 square feet will be remodeled, and 22,151 square feet will be added, for a total of 60,377 square feet, enabling SOU to expand programming and attract increased numbers of talented students to our Theater program, considered the top undergraduate theatre opportunity in the Western United States.

Project Title: Replication of Proven Online Dropout Recovery and Prevention Program
Intended Recipient: Salem-Keizer Public Schools, Salem, OR
Request Amount: $450,000
Account: FIE
Description: This project provides start-up funding to replicate Salem-Keizer's proven online dropout recovery and prevention program in 12 rural and urban communities, including juvenile facilities serving delinquent youth. Project funding provides local school districts with curriculum, staff development, and technical assistance to kick-start high school completion by re-engaged at-risk students in individualized online curriculum within a closely monitored and supportive environment. Existing school resources are leveraged by utilizing idle computers and classrooms after-hours while recovered enrollments sustain staffing, curriculum costs, and technical support in subsequent years.

Project Title: Critical HIV Prevention & Care Services of Oregon
Intended Recipient: Cascade Aids Project, Portland, OR
Request Amount: $450,000
Account: CDC
Description: Funds are sought to maintain a critical level of HIV prevention and care services throughout the state of Oregon via evidence-based prevention interventions and integration of prevention and care. Project is to be implemented via a coalition of AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs) covering prevention and care services throughout all of Oregon. Cascade AIDS Project will serve as fiscal agent and umbrella funder for this coalition that includes the following ASOs: Our House of Portland, Partnership Project of OHSU, Quest Center for Integrative Health, HIV Alliance, HIV Day Center of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Coastal AIDS Network and Valley AIDS.

Project Title: Klamath Community College CTE Center and Health and Science Labs
Intended Recipient: Klamath Community College (KCC), Klamath Falls, OR
Request Amount: $550,000
Account: FIPSE
Description: The project will provide the funds to purchase the needed equipment to begin offering programs in KCC's new Health and Science building and Career Technical Education building. New and updated programs will include nursing, agriculture, construction, auto machining, fire science, and other health related trainings, which will allow KCC the resources to provide a comprehensive educational experience for students.

Project Title: Clinical Laboratory Science Equipment
Intended Recipient: Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT), Klamath Falls, OR
Request Amount: $480,000

Account: HRSA
Description: Oregon Institute of Technology has the only clinical laboratory science program in the state, but it currently uses technologically-deficient equipment. The employment projections identified by WorkSource Oregon indicate that an additional 1,017 CLS professionals will be needed from 2006–2016. Equipment is needed for both the existing program in Portland and a new program in Klamath Falls.

Project Title: Medical Imaging Software-Picture Archiving and Communications Systems
Intended Recipient: Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT), Klamath Falls, OR
Request Amount: $215,000
Account: HRSA
Description: Picture Archiving and Communication Systems (PACS) are computers or networks used in medical imaging and dedicated to the storage, retrieval, distribution and presentation of images. PACS replaces hard-copy-based means of managing medical images, such as film archives. Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) is incorporating PACS into its educational plan, while at the same time providing a needed service to the community, state, and other educational institutions.

Project Title: Oregon Center for Translational Genomics
Intended Recipient: Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU), Portland, OR
Request Amount: $670,000
Account: HRSA
Description: OHSU is interested in acquiring state-of –the-art equipment designed to sequence genes at significantly higher rates of speed. With this equipment and related hardware, OHSU will create a new center, the Oregon Center for Translational Genomics, to develop new, individualized avenues for diagnosing disease (including genetic markers), finding new treatments and analyzing responses to treatments.

Project Title: SMART (Start Making A Reader Today)
Intended Recipient: SMART (Start Making A Reader Today), Portland, OR
Request Amount: $450,000
Account: FIE
Description: SMART engages community volunteers to read one-on-one every week with thousands of K-3 Oregon children, who also receive new books each month to keep and read with their families. An independent study by the Eugene Research Institute reveals that fifth graders who participated in SMART are 60 percent more likely to reach state reading benchmarks than are similar students who did not participate. By intervening early, the program empowers children to succeed, to pursue their dreams, and to be productive members of society. SMART is also strengthening schools, communities, and the entire state, whose social and economic prospects depend on strong, literate citizens.

Project Title: Sequoia Mental Health Clinic
Intended Recipient: Washington County, Hillsboro, OR
Request Amount: $550,000
Account: CMHS
Description: Washington County seeks funding for an integrated technology network, to include Electronic Clinical Record and Claims Submission software, computers, and clinic furnishings for the Sequoia Mental Health Clinic, a new clinic being developed in partnership with Sequoia Mental Health Services, Inc., a nonprofit mental health provider agency. The integrated technology network will allow clinic staff to create clinical records electronically for claims submission and provide a link for reporting utilization management, authorizations, and other cost-containment information with the County Mental Health Department.

Project Title: Oregon Lifespan Respite Program
Intended Recipient: Oregon Department of Human Services, Salem, OR
Request Amount: $497,000
Account: AOA
Description: The goal of the Oregon Lifespan Respite Care Program is to provide a coordinated system of accessible, community-based respite care services for family and primary caregivers of children and adults with special needs. The requested funding will be used to expand state-wide information system supports to the local lifespan respite networks, to enhance statewide and local coordination of services, to develop accessible state-wide curriculum and training resources for respite providers, and create cost-effective marketing and outreach materials for use in local communities. Additionally, this project will work to develop enhanced reporting and service data systems for program evaluation tools that create and measure evidence based outcomes.

Project Title: Oregon Translational Research & Drug Development Institute (OTRADI)
Intended Recipient: Oregon Translational Research & Drug Development Institute (OTRADI), Portland, OR
Request Amount: $670,000
Account: HRSA
Description: OTRADI is a government, university, industry collaborative effort between the private and public sectors of the Oregon biosciences community. OTRADI focuses on the commercialization of new therapeutics, vaccines and diagnostics in the area of infectious disease including malaria, bacterial infections (E. coli and MRSA). Funds requested would expand OTRADI's work in other therapeutic areas.

Project Title: Health Facilities & Treatment Center Modernization & Construction
Intended Recipient: Coquille Indian Tribe, Coos Bay, OR
Request Amount: $670,000
Account: HRSA

Description: Funds will be used for construction, specifically for the construction and modernization of health facilities and construction of a treatment center in Coos County. Funds will also be used for ongoing clinic maintenance and improvements. Within funds available, $1.4 million will be used for expansion of the Coquille Indian Tribe's community health clinic, $200,000 for the development of infrastructure necessary to support telemedical capabilities in exam rooms, $1.2 million for construction of a family support services center to provide numerous social services, $900,000 for construction of a 6-8 person residential care facility, and $30,000 for ongoing, annual clinic maintenance and improvements.

Additionally, we would like to express our support for the following national programs funded by the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill which provide vital support to the communities in Oregon. Those programs include Reach Out and Read, the National Writing Project, TRIO programs, the Job Corps program, the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP), the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Rural Community Facilities Technical Assistance program, Suicide Lifeline program, Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs, Community Health Centers program, Community Development Block Grants, and the Title VII health professions program.

Consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, we certify that neither ourselves' nor any member of our immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that we have requested in the fiscal year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill and report.

Thank you for your consideration of these worthy projects. We appreciate your strong and continued leadership and look forward to working with you this year on funding vital to our nation. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Isaiah Akin in Senator Wyden's office at 224-5244 or Ms. Courtney Thompson in Senator Merkley's office at 224-7648.

Sincerely,

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