



Harrisburg City Council Minutes October 14, 2025

Mayor:	Robert Duncan, Absent (Excused)
Council President:	Mike Caughey, Presiding
Councilors Present:	Kimberly Downey, Randy Klemm, Charlotte Thomas, Cindy Knox, and Dana Henry
Staff Present:	City Administrator Michele Eldridge, Public Works Director Chuck Scholz, Finance Director/Deputy City Recorder Cathy Nelson and City Recorder/Municipal Court Administrator Lori Ross
Meeting Location:	Harrisburg Municipal Center Located at 354 Smith St

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council President Mike Caughey

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL by Council President Caughey at the hour of 6:32pm.

CONCERNED CITIZEN(S) IN THE AUDIENCE:

- James Owen of N 7th Pl approached Council in regard to flooding concerns with a ditch that is behind his fence and property line. He would like the City to contact residents downstream and ask them to clean up the ditch line. Eldridge informed Owen that she would have the Code Enforcement Officer contact him on Thursday to discuss further.

THE MATTER OF A PRESENTATION IN RELATION TO THE RURAL ECONOMIC ALLIANCE:

Eldridge introduced Scott McDowell, the City Administrator for Brownsville and REAL Intern, Ellie McConnell, from Linn Benton Community College. Eldridge informed Council that she and McConnell recently distributed flyers to local businesses outlining the Business Ad and REAL Programs (**EXHIBIT B**).

- McDowell commented on the power of partnership and the success the cities have had with organizing quarterly meetings with LCSO and the Linn County Building Departments in order to be better informed. McDowell and McConnell referred to

tonight's presentation; **Addendum 1**, outlining the REAL's partnership's, objectives and their accomplishments. Highlights included:

- The Strategic Plan is in place and the Intergovernmental Agreement's (IGA) with participating cities are signed.
- Nate Conroy and Correy Perrigan are working on implementing marketing strategies and Halsey and Harrisburg will be the first cities of focus.
- McDowell commented on the importance of capturing opportunities and making sure businesses have support and resources available.
- Council thanked McDowell and McConnell for their presentation.

THE MATTER OF A PRESENTATION FROM RYAN VOGT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OREGON CASCADES WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (OCWCOG): Eldridge introduced Ryan Vogt to Council. Vogt then introduced the new Agency Director Paul Edwards.

- Vogt referred to Exhibit A, the 2024 Annual Report showing some of the 2024 Highlights in Harrisburg.
- Vogt then referred to **Addendum 2**, the 2024 Community Impact Report from the Community Service Consortium (CSC) and informed Council these are two separate organizations, however, they now operate as one consolidated organization to provide better service.
- Vogt informed Council, the CSC recently started a food pantry partnership with God's Storehouse.
- Edwards informed Council, they are in the process of building a local government network, by hiring a new CE&D Director, to help build relationships and resources and to have a better understanding of local needs.
- Edwards referred to **Addendum 3**, from Stand by Me Oregon, which offers free financial coaching for local businesses and individuals in the community.
- Henry asked how they are advertising these services. Vogt will be sending flyers to the City on a quarterly basis and Vogt offered to share website addresses and links for our website or Facebook page. Henry would like a flyer inserted into the Utility Bill.
- Knox asked about the Cascades West Ride-Line and the eligibility for some Medicare recipients. Vogt stated it was limited to the Samaritan Advantage Plan. Vogt added that for the Oregon Health Plan, the COG will arrange for medical appointment transportation.
- Downey asked about options for seniors on Medicare. Vogt stated there is a Senior Companion Programs and services available for low income seniors.
- Knox and Downey voiced their concern for senior transportation and sees it as a need for Harrisburg.
- Vogt informed Council of the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) for seniors that need assistance.

THE MATTER OF ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 1310 AND APPROVING THE 2025-2030 LINN COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN (NHMP):

Eldridge informed Council that the NHMP should be reviewed every five years, but due to Covid and issues with the DLCDD (Department of Land Conservation and Development), changes were made in the process, resulting in the delay. Some additions included adding in poor air quality, ice storm issues, and listing DOGAMI (Department of Geology and Mineral Industries) for river erosion assistance.

- Henry clarified with Eldridge that adopting the resolution is adopting the entire plan.
- Eldridge added that after the adoption, FEMA will review for final approval.

- Klemm **motioned to approve Resolution No. 1310, “A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025-2030 LINN COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN” and was seconded by Downey. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.** (Yes: Klemm, Downey, Caughey, Thomas, Knox and Henry. No: None.)
- Eldridge thanked Scholz for his work on the Emergency Response Plan (ERP) and informed Council staff is currently working on updating our Continuity of Operations Plan.

THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE CONSENT LIST: No comments or concerns.

- Thomas **motioned to approve the consent list and was seconded by Downey. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.** (Yes: Thomas, Downey, Caughey, Klemm, Knox and Henry. No: None.) A motion to approve the consent list will approve the following:
 - **City Council Minutes for August 12, 2025 & September 9, 2025**
 - **The Payment Approval Report for September 2025**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR VERBAL REPORT:

- Eldridge informed Council she was approached by a resident who requested permission to place a shipping container on her property with a mural design on the side. Eldridge added that currently there is nothing in our development code about shipping containers in residential zones.
 - Downey feels it will make surrounding homes lose value.
 - Thomas agrees with Downey and feels the art could be considered graffiti by some.
 - Henry agrees it could result in long term concerns or deterioration.
 - Klemm would consider shipping containers for ADU purposes, but not for storage.
 - *The consensus from the City Council was to not change the code to allow shipping containers in residential areas.*
- Hayden Homes will be applying for a major modification to allow nine (9) duplex dwellings for a total of 62 dwelling units instead of the original 53 in Castleberry Crossings.
- Applications for the DSA Awards nominations are available online. The deadline is October 20th with the awards being held in November.

Others:

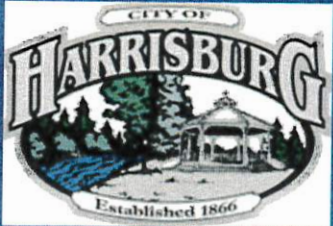
- Scholz informed Council of parking changes taking place on LaSalle St between 6th and 8th Street. Signs will be placed on the northside indicating no parking from 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Temporary signs will be in place for a few weeks prior to the permanent signs being installed and enforcement.
- Scholz informed Council the Storm Water Master Plan is out to bid.
- Scholz also informed Council with the assistance of LCSO and HFRD, that Eagle Park will be closed off to vehicles for the winter. The park will be looked over prior to closing access to ensure the area is vacant. The park entrance will accommodate ADA access and will have proper signage in place stating the HMC and possible fines.

With no further business, the City Council Meeting adjourned at the hour 8:10pm.

Mayor

City Recorder

Your Logo belongs here!



HELPING OUR BUSINESSES GROW!

Putting you and your business in contact with available resources!

- LBCC Small Business Development Center, (or Lane SBDC)
- Cascades West Business Lending
- HRA Property Improvement Grants
- Benton, Lincoln & Linn County Business Referral Network
- Tri-County Chamber of Commerce
- Oregon Entrepreneurs Network
- Cascade West Economic Development District (CWEDD)

Ask us about any of these....we are happy to help you learn more about these resources!

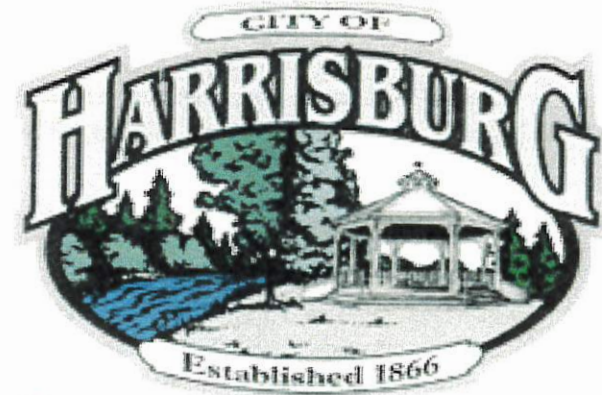
GET REAL WITH THE CITY OF HARRISBURG!



<https://ruraleconomicalliance.com>

Our REAL promise; To focus on rural communities, while we continue to build a thriving business economy

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CITY OF HARRISBURG BUSINESS AD PROGRAM

HOW DO WE ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS?

Every month, the City of Harrisburg sends out utility bills to approximately 1,300 addresses in town. The business/marketing insert is included in that utility bill mailing. That includes electronic/digital viewing accounts too.

The City is able to include your business logo, and basic contact information. At the bottom of each business insert is a list of all businesses, their addresses & phone numbers. Once a quarter, we can remove all the additional information, to focus on specific ads for our businesses.

Contact us by the 15th of each month to get your information included!

~Christmas~
**BLACK FRIDAY
DEADLINE
FOR ADS IS
OCT 15TH!
NOVEMBER 15TH IS THE
DEADLINE FOR
DECEMBER ADS**

**PLEASE CONTACT US TO
KEEP YOUR INFORMATION
CURRENT!**

Be sure to contact Jamie at 541-
995-6655 if your information
needs to be updated!



OUR SERVICE

We provide information on our website, at www.ci.harrisburg.or.us under our business and development webpage. Keep watching for the ads to get shared on the webpage!

MARKETING STRATEGIES

Getting your Information out to Citizens of Harrisburg!

- Tell us about a sale ahead of time, and it will be included in a Friday Update!
- Business Marketing Inserts
- Friday Update Notifications
- Reader Board Announcements for the really big events!
- Harrisburg has joined the Main Street Program, at a Connected Community level.
- Harrisburg will pay for half of the first year of your membership with the *Tri-County Chamber of Commerce*, if you haven't been a member before, or if it's been more than five years since you were a member!
(Based on annual funding limits)
- Your Commercial/Retail Business name and information is on the City's website!

CITY OF HARRISBURG

Partnering with REAL - (the Rural Economic Alliance), we are working with a consultant who is focused on the businesses in our communities. Banding together with other cities (Adair Village, Brownsville, Halsey, Harrisburg, Lebanon, Monroe, Philomath, Sweet Home, & Tangent), in our region helps us to focus our resources and funds so they are more useful to our local businesses. Getting recognized as a Economic Development Organization will provide us with more of the resources provided by Biz Oregon!



RURAL ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

2025 – Making REAL Impact

Be part of something bigger



October 2025

RURAL ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

When you do business in Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley, you can feel the difference. It's a region, and communities where people feel like they belong, and businesses share a sense of contributing to the broader economic well-being of the region.

Be Part of Something Bigger

We accomplish more by working together. Here, you can make a REAL impact.



REAL Partners

CITIES

[CITY OF ADAIR VILLAGE](#)

[CITY OF BROWNSVILLE](#)

[CITY OF HALSEY](#)

[CITY OF HARRISBURG](#)

[CITY OF MONROE](#)

[CITY OF LEBANON](#)

[CITY OF PHILOMATH](#)

[CITY OF SWEET HOME](#)

[CITY OF TANGENT](#)

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

[BROWNSVILLE CHAMBER](#)

[TRI-COUNTY CHAMBER](#)

[LEBANON CHAMBER](#)

[PHILOMATH CHAMBER](#)

[SWEET HOME CHAMBER](#)

DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATIONS

[LEBANON DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION](#)

[BUSINESS ASSOCIATION OF MONROE](#)

OTHER PARTNERS

[RAIN CATALYSTS](#)

[OREGON SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE](#)

[OREGON ENTREPRENEURS NETWORK](#)

[SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER](#)

[OREGON CASCADES WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS](#)

[CORVALLIS BENTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE \(EDO\)](#)

[BUSINESS XPRESS](#)



What REAL does:

RECRUITMENT

REAL helps diversify the region's economic base by supporting the attraction and recruitment of businesses in rural Linn and Benton counties.

- Posts sharing regional development updates; share progress on land use plans, shovel-ready sites and infrastructure improvements.
- Reshare local government updates on land use updates and enterprise zones.
- Link back to information on RuralEconomicAlliance.com when possible.

COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNS

Promote REAL rural communities as great places to live and visit to create brand recognition and goodwill with local community members, as well as paint a picture of a high quality of life for prospective business owners.

- Posts that highlight unique attractions in your local communities.
- Highlight upcoming local events.
- Spotlight businesses and things to do in the area.



Situation

The Rural Economic Alliance (REAL) is poised to establish its role as a central advocate for economic development services in Linn and Benton counties. Joining the City's of Adair Village, Brownsville, Halsey, Monroe, Lebanon, Philomath, Sweet Home & Tangent; Harrisburg is part of something special.

Our regional area and the smaller cities that define it, require a trusted resource for business owners, entrepreneurs and local stakeholders. Services provided by REAL, as it becomes a true economic development organization, includes the following:

- Fulfilling a role as a resource hub and advocate for regional businesses.
- Providing Financial Guidance, Workforce Support & Business Promotion
- Recruitment of businesses to our region, including more industrial businesses providing family wage jobs.

REAL is at a critical juncture, in which it is working to solidify its position as a trusted resource, and is now working on brand awareness, while improving its visibility and increasing engagement. REAL demonstrates that tangible impacts are essential in becoming a recognized leader in driving economic growth and community development across rural Linn and Benton Counties.



Strategic Objectives

REAL's strategic objectives are outlined in their strategic plan and include the following:

1. **Retention & Expansion:** Create conditions that makes it possible for businesses to stay & expand in the REAL region.
2. **Recruitment:** Diversify the Regions Economic Base by supporting retention and recruitment of business to our regional area.
3. **Land Use:** Remove barriers to the productive use of land & maximize buildable land in each City.
4. **Entrepreneurship:** Support the founding of new business in the REAL region.
5. **Advocacy:** Moving political support from metro areas to focus on rural areas such as the ones from Linn & Benton counties.
6. **Marketing & Stakeholder Engagement:** Create brand recognition for REAL, that promotes our communities as great places to live, work, and start or expand their businesses in.



Key Audiences

Current Business Owners (Linn & Benton Counties)

Top Channels

- Chamber of Commerce
- Email Campaigns
- Events & Networking
- Social Media Campaigns

Local Governments & Stakeholders

Top Channels

- Direct Communications
- Website Content
- Quarterly reports shared with city councils.

Prospective Entrepreneurs/Startups

Top Channels

- Social Media
- Partnerships with the SBDC, LBCC
- Local media outlets: regional newspapers, radio.
- Word-of-mouth

Community Members

Top Channels

- Social Media
- Shop Local
- Local Events

Key Messages

1. REAL is the trusted advocate for rural businesses in Linn and Benton counties.
2. REAL helps businesses thrive by providing access to essential tools and resources.
3. REAL fosters entrepreneurship and business expansion to strengthen rural economies.
4. REAL is building vibrant communities by promoting local businesses and removing barriers to growth.
5. REAL connects businesses, partners and local leaders to drive economic development.

REAL Business Support

What can REAL do for us?

STEMhero, led by Nate Conroy and his associate, Correy Perrigan, will work hard to continue building upon REAL branding & Marketing

1. Collaboratively develop a plan to ensure each community/City within REAL receives individualized benefits from the implementation of the marketing plan.
2. Evaluate opportunities to partner with the Small Business Development Center, with Chamber of Commerce, and Downtown Development organizations in each City, Business Oregon, i.e. to expand REAL's reach within Linn and Benton counties.
3. Increase brand awareness by attending industry events as REAL; distributing brochures & window clings.
4. Develop and produce a brochure with QR codes to generate interest and provide essential information to potential and current business owners; and promote them through social media channels.
5. Conduct quarterly interviews and collect business success stories in Linn and Benton County. Include quotes in the REAL brochure, publish success stories to the REAL website and create shareable social media posts to distribute to partners for recruitment, retention and expansion efforts

Social Media Strategy

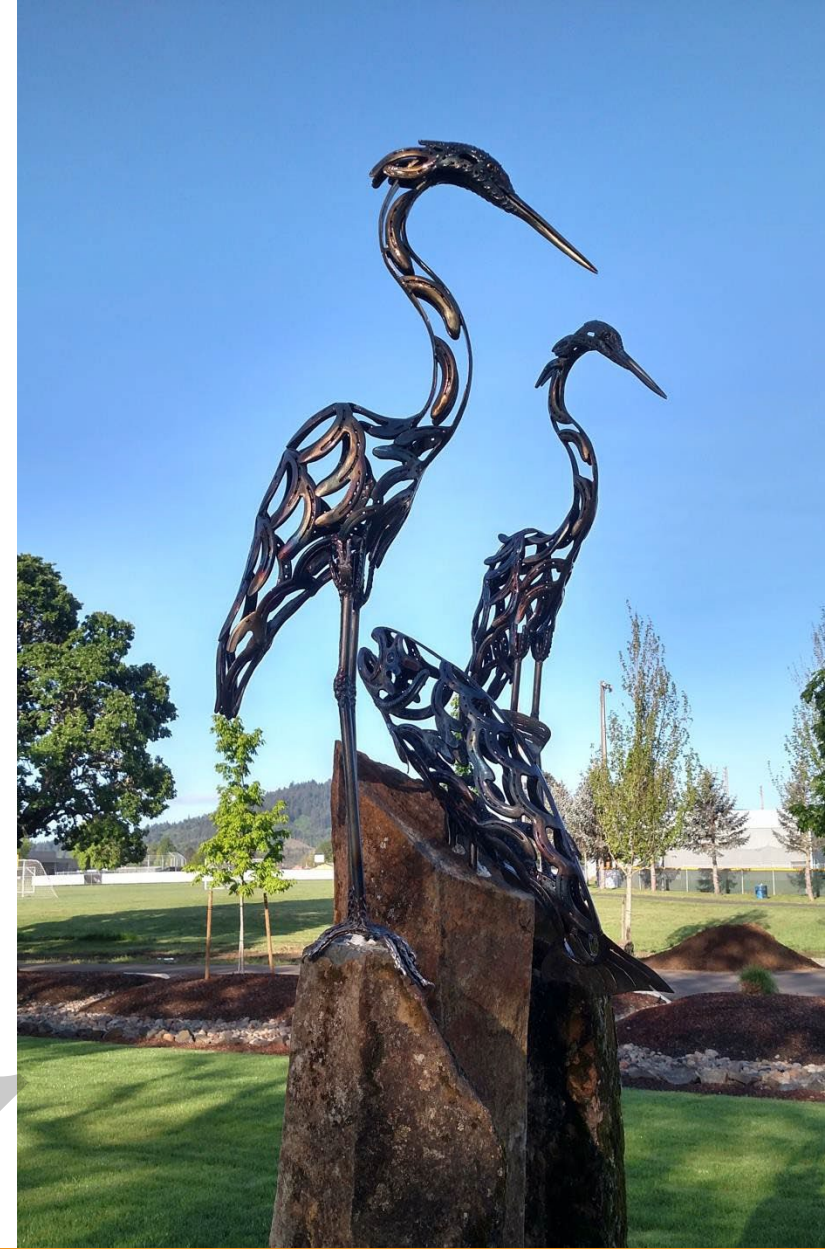
WHY DOES SOCIAL MEDIA MATTER TO BUSINESS OWNERS?

Social media is a source of information and inspiration. Potential business owners and larger business enterprises use social media as a tool to find out what resources exist to support businesses in the communities where they consider building.

Current business owners look to social media for up-to-date information & ways to meaningfully connect.

SOCIAL MEDIA GOALS

- Promote REAL as a resource for starting and doing business in rural Linn and Benton counties.
- Encourage prospective businesses to choose us.
- Engage with partner organizations and share local resources, trainings and events.
- Share about advocacy work and provide calls to action.
- Inspire locals to support local businesses.





Thank You

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 RuralEconomicAlliance.com



2024 ANNUAL COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

*Where every person has equitable access to
resources to build brighter futures.*



FOREWORD FROM THE DIRECTORS



Ryan Vogt
Executive Director

I have been privileged to collaboratively work with CSC for several years as the Executive Director of the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG). For the last 4 years, CSC and OCWCOG have been strengthening our partnership; now enjoying shared IT, HR, and Communications teams. We are also co-housed in our Corvallis office. After years of assessment, planning, and success in the growing partnership, in 2024 it was announced the agencies would share a new Executive Director overseeing the larger operations and strategic direction of both organizations. Last fall, I had the distinct honor of being appointed to that position.

I'm honored and amazed to see the progress and innovative ideas we have already chartered thanks to this unique partnership. I came into this already having a deep gratitude for the legacy and impact CSC has had in this region for the last 44 years. I'm now fortunate to have a front row seat as I gain an even greater appreciation of just how our dedicated staff are fulfilling our call of **Helping People. Changing Lives.**

I invite you to review our annual report and see for yourself where we're making a difference near you!

During the journey CSC and OCWCOG have been on to deepen our partnership, I was honored and excited to be chosen to represent CSC as our Agency Director. In the past two years, I've come to deeply appreciate the vast scope of our programs and have found that our dedicated staff members embody the heart and soul of our work and mission.

This report includes information about the comprehensive range of supportive and transformative services we offer at CSC, stories from those who have been impacted, and ways you can help us expand this work even further. I encourage you to remember that every data point is more than just a number and each story is more than just words. Our work touches tens of thousands of individuals every year—**real people in our community** who might live next door, pass you on the street, or go to school with your kids.

As you read about our work, do so through the lens of the real lives and experiences behind each number to truly grasp the impact. Thank you for joining us on our mission to empower the people and communities we serve and positively transform lives.



Kayla Hatley
Agency Director

Food Share

Weatherization

Food Share

NEW VISION, MISSION & VALUES

In 2024, we celebrated 44 years of service and convened an outstanding group of leadership, staff members, and board members to revive and realign our mission, vision, and core values to the growth the agency experienced over the last several years. We are proud and enthusiastic to share these north stars with the communities we are dedicated to serve!



VISION

Communities where every person has equitable access to resources to build brighter futures.



MISSION

We are a community leader, providing vital services with collaborative partners to empower the people of Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties and the surrounding areas to positively transform lives.



CORE VALUES

Servant leadership prioritizes shared growth, well-being, and empowerment of all.

Respect for every person, community, and culture.

Equity recognizes we don't all start from the same place and informs the unique supports to empower individuals.

Resilience fostered by providing opportunity today and the hope to plant seeds for tomorrow.

Belonging through cultivation of a community that sees, values, and exemplifies authenticity.

Innovation inspires creative solutions that lead to continuous improvement, collaboration, and desire to grow.

OUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

CSC gave people a place to call home.

CSC kept the lights on and the heat running during an ice storm.

CSC assisted with transitional housing for those starting recovery.

CSC reduced barriers to housing and kept people housed.

CSC helped transition unhoused individuals and families into shelters and eventually safe, permanent housing.

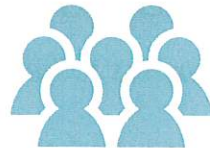
CSC rehoused parents, allowing them to be reunited with their children from foster care.

CSC supported individuals seeking to open businesses, build career opportunities, and gain greater stability than ever before.

CSC gave HOPE to those who have felt left behind or broken to grow, rebuild, and access resources to build a brighter future.



\$10.7M
total community
investment in 2024



200,964
individuals
impacted



73,592
households
supported



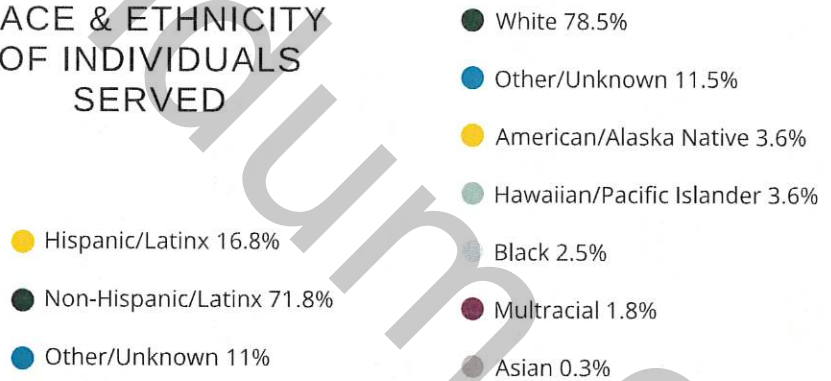
\$1.3M
donations received
*Thank you to our
generous community!*

This could fill OSU's Reser Stadium nearly **six times!**

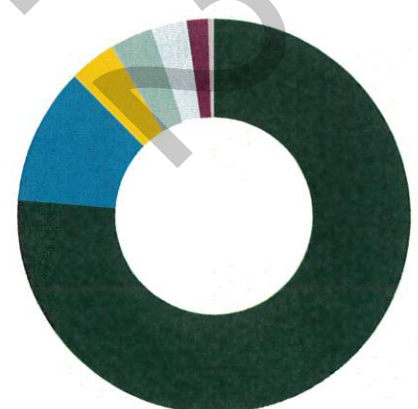
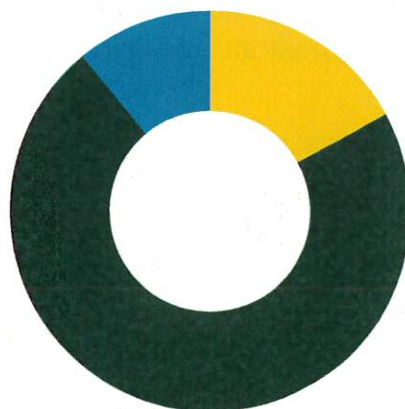


Note that due to the low barrier nature of food services, there is the possibility of duplicated counts.

RACE & ETHNICITY OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED



52,328
volunteer hours
donated from local
community members



HOUSING

Supportive services and reducing barriers to help people access and maintain housing.



675

households prevented
from eviction, with
45% having children



500

unhoused individuals
served, 92% now in
safe, stable housing



\$3M

provided to local shelters
and organizations



1,422

individuals prevented
from eviction



162

Veterans and their
families received
housing supports



58

individuals graduated
from RentWell tenant
education classes

An unhoused individual had been sleeping in a tent for several months. He came to CSC eager to get back into stable, safe housing so he could regain his health and finish the educational goals he had to put on hold. He was enrolled in a rapid rehousing program and worked with a Case Manager to find a place to rent.

Once housed, CSC helped with move-in costs, monthly rent, as well as close support from his Case Manager. He was able to stabilize his family's living situation through dedicated hard work and perseverance.

Since receiving CSC assistance, he has earned his Master's degree and was accepted into a Doctoral program! He has built up a "nest egg" for any uncertain times they may face in the future and now spends a few hours a week volunteering to help others who are unsheltered.



ENERGY SERVICES

Utility assistance and home weatherization that improve safety and energy conservation.



\$3M

provided in utility
assistance and energy
conservation services



8,825

households served
with utility assistance



12,463

individuals served
with utility assistance



\$659,898

provided in home
weatherization services



61

households served
with weatherization



\$11,077

average weatherization
home investment

We worked with our partners at DevNW to provide energy-saving services and health and safety improvements to a 30-unit senior living multi-family facility in Sweet Home.

Our Weatherization crew and partner contractor, Ductless by Design, installed new heating and cooling systems, ventilation fans, and more. We also provided energy savings kits to the residents and comprehensive education about how to keep their units comfortable, maintained, and healthy year-round.

We heard from the happy and thankful clients at the facility that they enjoyed a warmer and more comfortable winter with the work we were able to do for them!



LINN BENTON FOOD SHARE

*Regional food distribution and innovative partnerships to stimulate local farms and food economy.
Note that due to the low barrier nature of food services, there is possibly of duplicated counts.*



4.6M

pounds of food
distributed



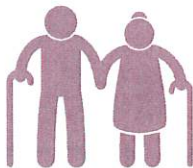
331,412

meals supplied to
network food sites



952,686

pounds of produce
from local farms



458

seniors served with
monthly food boxes



88,098

food boxes supplied,
serving 255,292
individuals



68

local food pantry
& meal site partners

LBFS offers weekly free food farm stands at select Linn Benton Housing Authority apartment sites. These markets utilize staff and participating youth from CSC programs to pick up, deliver, and distribute fresh produce to enthusiastic residents, including seniors, at locations in Lebanon and Corvallis.

The farm stands provide a fair-like atmosphere for residents to say hello, give hugs and handshakes, and exchange tried-and-true recipes for things like eggplant, parsley, and other fresh produce the participants see available, encouraging youth and families to incorporate more fruits and vegetables into their diets. The newest location in Corvallis has been a resounding success increasing from an initial 11 households to now almost 30 households served each week!



HEAD START OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Comprehensive preschool education for children ages 3-5 & supportive services for families.



162

children enrolled and families supported



815

volunteer hours donated by 220 individuals



154

families received home visits to provide holistic support services



159

students completed a physical exam



144

students completed all required immunizations



162

free vision, hearing, and developmental screenings

Through a Parent's Eyes: "My daughter is a perfect example of what the HSLC program does for students educationally and socially. In her two years there, I watched her transform. She went from being a little girl who struggled to make eye contact and shutting down in social situations, to a confident child easily embracing friends and change.

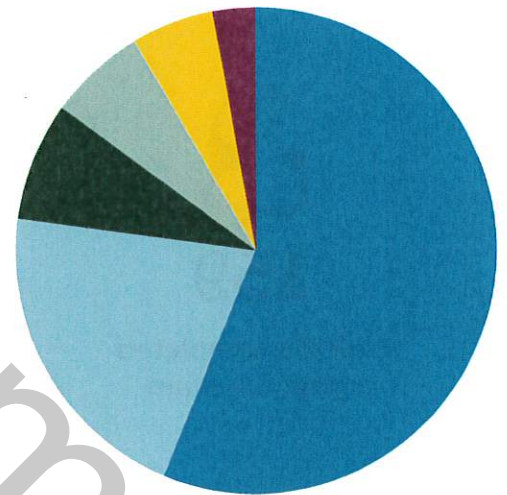
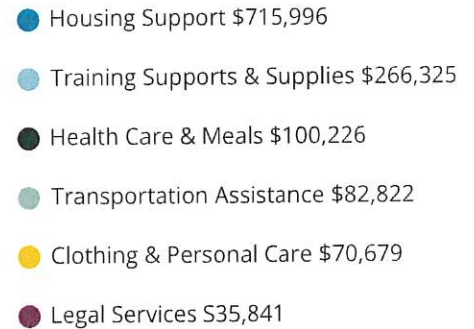
As a parent, I trust the Head Start team completely with her learning, social growth, and most importantly, her safety. She was thriving in and out of the classroom, and I gained invaluable insights into more effective ways to discipline and better support her emotional needs.

During our time in the program, I grew as a parent, and my daughter not only grew too, she flourished!"



EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

Wrap-around services centered in stability to build stronger, more resilient futures.



A journey with substance use combined with mental health issues took a client down a path eventually leading them to incarceration and then unhoused on the street.

Support from our Measure110 services helped him find a job, provide clothing and supplies, transportation, and advocacy to help get him into long-term low-income housing. In a matter of months, he transitioned from being homeless with only the clothes on his back, to sober, employed, and stably housed!

Education and employment services represent a suite of programs spanning six counties to youth, adults, and whole families. These services are often braided together to provide uniquely tailored supports and resources to truly transform lives.



PARTNERING TO PREVENT HUNGER

Soulfull Soup partnership collaboration



The **Linn Benton Food Share (LBFS) program** has partnered with Stahlbush Island Farms, a local family-owned farm, and Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Corvallis to develop locally grown and nutritious "**Soulfull Soup**" for residents in need.

The collaboration continues a project that began during the Covid pandemic to ensure that community members across Linn and Benton Counties have access to healthy food. Soulfull Soup will be incorporated into LBFS's regular distribution and included in their direct services for food boxes to seniors and other vulnerable populations.

The first project initially led to the development of 10+ pallets of high protein, complex carbohydrate, vegan, and low sodium soups. In 2022, after multiple iterations of flavor and ingredient combinations, more than 20 pallets were produced, with 40,800 cans of soup delivered. **In 2024, 22,000 cans of two varieties of soup were made, with another 22,000 cans planned for the spring of 2025!**

According to recent Census data, 15-20% of people in the two counties are living in "food deserts," where access to nutritious food is limited. Additionally, food costs are still rising significantly and demand at regional food pantries and meal sites are at an all time high. This is why innovative partnerships making nutrient-dense food like Soulfull Soup available to those experiencing hunger is so vital.

This is community action at its best!



A black starburst shape containing white silhouettes of five people holding hands. Below the silhouettes, the text "44 YEARS OF SERVICE" is written in yellow and white.

44 YEARS
OF SERVICE

Help us continue
making an impact

DONATE ONLINE

Click the link or scan the QR code
givebutter.com/csc-donate



TEXT TO DONATE

Text **"CSC"** to **53-555**



DONATE BY CHECK

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Health & Wellbeing

FREE FINANCIAL COACHING

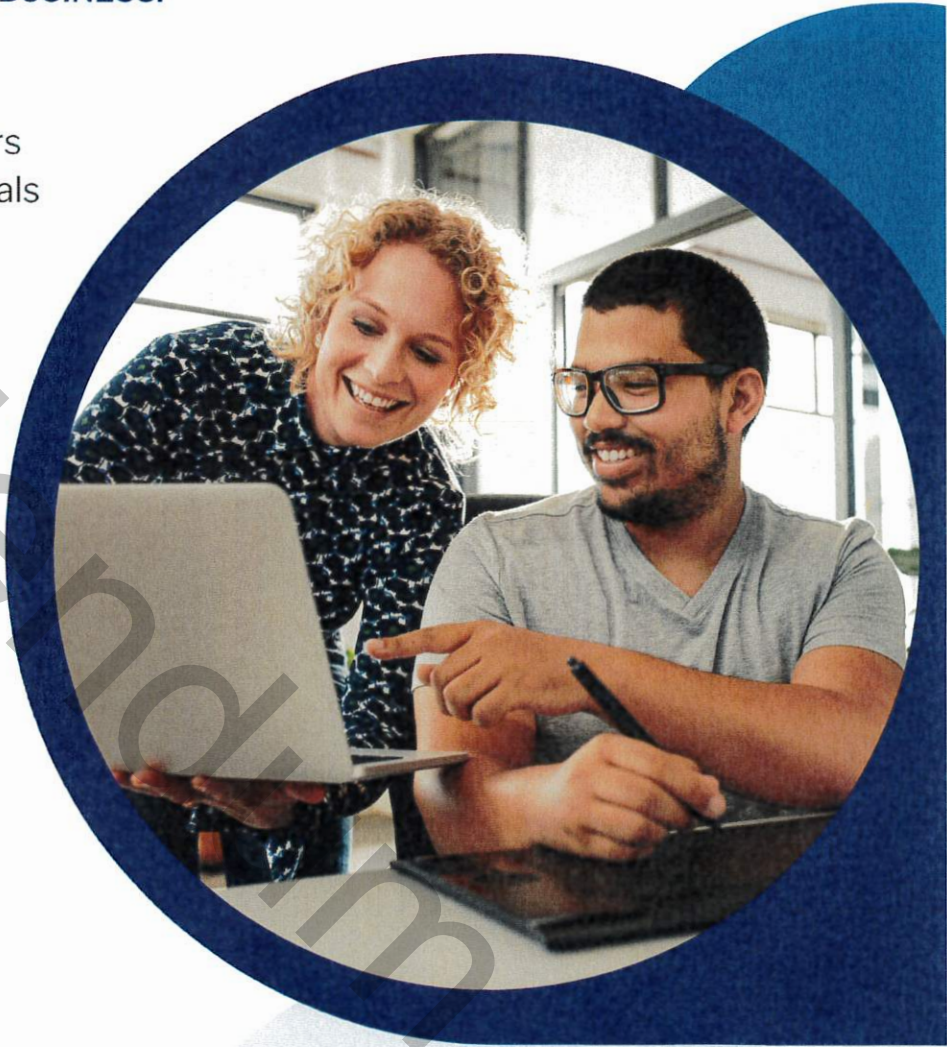


OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS!

Stand By Me (\$BM) is a financial empowerment program that offers free financial coaching to individuals seeking help with their budget, credit, debt, and savings.

Participants receive **free personal 1:1 financial coaching** to help achieve financial wellness.

- ✓ Budget and manage spending
- ✓ Short and long-term savings
- ✓ Understand and reduce debt
- ✓ Improve credit score
- ✓ Plan and invest in retirement
- ✓ Achieve t homeownership
- ✓ Participant incentives



Community Impact



178 participants



845 appointments



\$273,123 debt reduced



\$547,891 total savings

\$BM wants to support YOUR employees! Opportunities include free financial workshop “Budgeting for the Holidays” (Nov - Dec 2025) and “Money 101: Spending Plan, Credit, Savings, and Debt” (Jan - Feb 2026) Contact us to sign up!

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