

WASCO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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2017 Wasco County Community Enhancement Projects

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Project Sponsor</i>	<i>Project</i>
1	City of Mosier/Mosier Fire District	<p><u>Joint Fire Hall/City Hall Development</u></p> <p>The City of Mosier and the Mosier Fire District have partnered to explore opportunities to locate a joint City Hall and Fire Hall in downtown Mosier, a project that would not only serve the facility needs of growing community but would spur development in the commercial center. The TGM grant program has funded a feasibility study, currently underway, which will likely result in a need for additional funds to develop the joint use building for the community.</p>
2	City of The Dalles	<p><u>Dog River Pipeline Upgrade</u></p> <p>The existing Dog River pipeline, which is an important component of The Dalles’ public drinking water supply and currently transports over 50% of the City’s annual water supply, was constructed in the early 20th century. It is a 3.5 mile long wooden pipeline that consists of milled pieces of fir that were assembled in a circular shape and wrapped with heavy-gauge wire and coated with tar. Over the past 100 years, this pipe has deteriorated, is leaking from tree damage, and exhibiting corrosion. Because the pipe is in poor condition, the City plans to replace it in 2017-18. The new pipeline is planned to be constructed of 24-inch-diameter ductile iron pipe, larger than the existing 20-inch wooden pipe. The capacity of the pipeline will increase from 8 to 17 million gallons per day to supply future municipal water demands.</p>
3	Wasco County SWCD	<p><u>Mosier Well Repair</u></p> <p>After years of reviewing existing data (including a 1988 Oregon Water Resources Department report), collecting new data and building computer models, the USGS published a report in 2012. The big conclusion regarding the cause of Mosier’s groundwater declines? Commingling wells are the major culprit. Well problems impact property values and increase costs for agricultural operations. Besides threatening Mosier’s economic stability, water supply problems also create conflicts among neighbors and make it difficult for individuals to be self-sufficient on their land. The long-term sustainability of the community depends on a sustainable water supply. This project seeks to</p>

		repair the co-mingling wells in the area around Mosier.
4	City of The Dalles	<p><u>Urban Growth Boundary Expansion</u></p> <p>The City of The Dalles is conducting periodic review as required by state law. The Dalles is exploring other lands that can be used for industrial purposes that are not constrained by the existence of vernal pools and wetlands. The City and the Community Outreach Team are working with DLCD, the Gorge Commission, and Congressional and Legislative partners to identify a path forward for urban area adjustments in the Scenic Area.</p>
5	Mid-Columbia Medical Center	<p><u>MCMC Hospital Expansion</u></p> <p>Mid-Columbia Medical Center has embarked on a \$55 million expansion and modernization project. The current hospital was built in several stages, the original structure was constructed in 1959 and the newest addition was in the 1990's. It is currently 111,000 gross square feet. It is not able to accommodate changes in technology and new code requirements, nor is it large enough to accommodate future growth. The solution is to add a 113,000 gross square foot patient tower that will enhance and transform care in the Mid-Columbia region for a facility total gross square foot of 224,000. The Emergency Department and Diagnostic Imaging Department will also be updated and expanded. The project represents a \$55 million expansion and modernization of a \$30 million asset. 125 craft workers and a total of 500 will be employed to work on the project.</p>
6	South Wasco Park and Recreation District	<p><u>Pine Hollow Boat Ramp Restoration</u></p> <p>The South Wasco Park and Recreation District (SWPRD) has undertaken the project to replace the existing Pine Hollow Reservoir north boat ramp and develop the parking, restroom facilities and adjacent park area for use by the public. The existing boat ramp has been condemned by Wasco County and the Badger Improvement District and closed for several years. This limits recreational access to the lake for boating, swimming and fishing. Pine Hollow Reservoir ranks 65th out of 215 Oregon bodies of water relative to "boating use days.". It serves not only the South Wasco County area, but attracts large numbers of visitors from many Northwest cities and counties.</p>
7	Deschutes Rim Clinic Foundation	<p><u>Clinic Expansion Feasibility Study & District Strategic Plan</u></p> <p>The Deschutes Rim Health Clinic is in dire need of expansion. Their service provision has grown in response to needs in South Wasco County, but without expansion of their physical clinic space they are unable to truly meet those needs. In order to support this expansion, the Foundation and the White River</p>

		Health District (DBA Deschutes Rim Health Clinic) are working to develop a strategic plan and conduct a feasibility study focused on clinic expansion. This will lay the needed foundation to conduct a capital campaign to expand the clinic in the coming years.
8	City of Maupin/ South Wasco County Library	<p><u>South Wasco County Library and Civic Center</u></p> <p>Planning, design, and fundraising are underway to support construction of a new, larger, state-of-the-art public library and civic center including City Hall offices and community meeting/gathering facilities. Over \$125,000 has been raised locally from over 300+ donors in South Wasco County. Initial architectural and engineering work is underway currently as well as a grant writing campaign to fund the remaining portion of the project with an eye towards completing fundraising in 2017 and beginning construction shortly thereafter.</p>
9	Wamic Water & Sanitary District	<p><u>Wamic Water System Update and Reservoir Replacement</u></p> <p>The Wamic Water and Sanitary Authority currently has an old system that is being replaced pipe by pipe with repairs. They also have a holding pond that stores approximately 16,000 gallons of potable water. If there is a fire incident, this is not enough water to support the system and fight the fire. As a result, resident's fire insurance rates are incredibly high. To address this situation, the WW&SA is looking to update the distribution system and build a bigger reservoir. They are currently working through a system assessment study in order to determine the best approach to moving this project forward. This study will be completed this year, and WWSA will begin seeking resources to support its implementation.</p>
10	City of Mosier	<p><u>Well #5 Development and Eastside System Upgrades</u></p> <p>The City of Mosier completed a Water System Assessment during 2016 which identified several projects. After consultation with funders at a one-stop meeting in October, the City is seeking funding for two of the identified projects together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Side System Improvements: This project involves the replacement of the Eastside booster pump station and the Eastside Telemetry system. These two facilities are critical to maintaining water supply to the entire east side of Mosier and both are in very poor condition. • Well #5: Currently relying on only one well for all of its supply needs, the City of Mosier is extremely vulnerable to water outages. The City is growing rapidly with over 40 new lots available for development. A new well is the City of Mosier's highest infrastructure priority.

Additional Projects Not Ranked:

School Area Traffic & Safety Study	City of Dufur
Downtown Benches	City of Dufur
Water Reservoir Improvements	City of Maupin
Mosier Hub (Gorge Hub Trail System)	City of Mosier
Mosier Main Street Streetscape Improvements	City of Mosier
Downtown Parking	City of The Dalles
Chenoweth Area Storm Sewer	City of The Dalles
Downtown Streetscape Improvements, Phase III	City of The Dalles
West 6th Street Widening/Traffic Signals	City of The Dalles
Mill Creek Greenway	City of The Dalles
Waldron Drug Exterior	City of The Dalles
Civic Auditorium Theatre Restoration	Civic Auditorium
Audio-Visual Upgrades	Columbia Gorge Discovery Center
Fire/Burglar Alarm System Repair and Upgrade	Columbia Gorge Discovery Center
Airport Terminal Building Design	Columbia Gorge Regional Airport
Construction of Aircraft De-Icing Area	Columbia Gorge Regional Airport
Runway Lengthening Project	Columbia Gorge Regional Airport
Dufur School Solar4Schools Project	Dufur School District
Food Incubator Building	Port of The Dalles
Urban Conservation Community Outreach	Wasco County Soil & Water Conservation District
Youth Empowerment Shelter	Youth Empowerment Shelter