

**APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM
OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION
FISCAL YEAR 2010**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 20, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.

1. Project Title: North Clackamas Revitalization Area Sewer Project

2. Organization Name and address:

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4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):

Same as above.

5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:

Clackamas County is responsible for most of the public services for unincorporated Clackamas County, Oregon. Types of services include but not limited to transportation (preservation and modernization), public health and public safety.

6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)

The project will provide sanitary sewer service to approximately 1300 mostly low-income residential properties located in the North Clackamas Revitalization Area (NCRA) urban renewal district -- a densely developed neighborhood that is one of the largest urban areas in the state without access to sewer service and suffers from a high rate of septic system and cesspool failure. The 2000 Census showed a median household income of \$36,373 for NCRA households vs a County median average of \$52,080. Federal funds will be matched on a one-to-one basis and used to create a \$1 million Sewer Connection Safety Net that will be enable low income households to be connected to the sewer system now being engineered for NCRA.

Sanitary sewers will decrease and eventually eliminate the use of septic systems and cesspools, which are potential hazards to groundwater and the health of the Johnson Creek watershed. The Johnson Creek watershed covers 54 square miles in unincorporated Clackamas County and Multnomah County, and in the cities of Portland, Gresham, Milwaukie and Happy Valley. Clackamas County contains 28 percent of the Johnson Creek watershed. Johnson Creek has important habitat for populations of Chinook and Coho salmon, steelhead and cutthroat trout. Johnson Creek is also one of the region's last free-flowing urban streams.

The entire stream has been placed on the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's 303(d) list as water quality limited. Pollution by E. coli bacteria, DDT, dieldrin and other toxins make the water in the creek unsafe to drink or for recreational purposes.

7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

No.

7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific – e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):

Interior Appropriations bill, Environmental Protection Agency, State and Tribal Assistance Grants.

9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

This project will result in the entire North Clackamas urban area coming on-line with sewer service. Providing wastewater treatment will decrease and eventually eliminate problems associated with septic system and cesspool failures in the area, will significantly decrease the potential for groundwater contamination and help North Clackamas Revitalization Area meet national and state groundwater and pollution control goals and objectives.

10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress? If so, who?

Funding is also being requested from Senators Merkley and Wyden.

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years): \$16 million

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010: \$500,000

c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)

1) Oregon Department of Environment Quality
Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan -- \$ 12,000,000

This loan will provide a majority of the construction funds for this project. The loan will be repaid through formation of a sanitary sewer assessment district in the area receiving the new service.

2) Clackamas County Development Agency -- \$ 4,000,000

Using tax increment financing, CCDA will contribute \$3.0 million to pay sewer system development charges (SDCs) for all eligible properties in the NCRA. The Agency will also provide up to an additional \$1.0 million in funding to establish a Sewer Connection Safety Net to insure low-income households are connected to the system. Federal funding will be matched on a one-to-one basis.

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?

No.

e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010. (e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

Sewer construction: \$12,000,000
State Clean Water Revolving Fund Loan

System Development Charges: 3,000,000
Clackamas County Development Agency
Tax Increment Financing

Low Income Safety Net: 1,000,000
Clackamas County Development Agency
Tax Increment Financing (could increase to \$1.5 M with Fed Funds or could free up \$.5M for other revitalization activities)

f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

Clackamas County Development Agency
NCRA Citizens Advisory Committee
City of Milwaukie
Clack County Sewer District
Overland Park CPO

g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):

Yes, any level of federal funding will be helpful to this project. Clackamas County Development Agency funds not used for sewer development will be available for other priority community development activities in the revitalization area such as low-income improvement, business development, and transportation infrastructure.

Please return this form no later than February 13, 2009 (via email) to:
appropriations.blumenauer@mail.house.gov