

# APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION FISCAL YEAR 2010

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Veterans' Home

2. **Organization Name and address:** Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs

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3. **Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email:**

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

5. **Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:** Public skilled nursing home with Alzheimer and Dementia care for veterans and their spouses.

6. **Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)** Provide needed skilled nursing home with Alzheimer and Dementia care for aging veterans and their spouses. Oregon currently has one veterans' home in The Dalles with 151 beds. However, the federal Veterans Administration states the Oregon needs 800 skilled nursing beds for its veteran population. This project would build a second veterans' home (proposed 250 beds) to help meet this need.

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.** N/A

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):** Milcon/VA, VA, Construction, Grants for Construction of Extended Care Facilities

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?**  
First, the project helps meet the needs of Oregon's aging veterans who are in need of skilled nursing. Second, veterans' homes provide jobs and economic development in the communities

in which they are built. The Home in The Dalles created nearly 200 jobs. This is why several Oregon communities already are vying for this project. Third, taxpayers will benefit by having these veterans in a Veterans' Home rather than using other state and federal services that are more expensive in the short and long term.

**10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress?**

**If so, who?** No. However, we have requested funding from the federal VA through its construction grant. We have been placed on the waiting list; however, we are number 122 on the list, meaning that this project will take years to fund. The federal VA states that Oregon needs 800 skilled nursing beds for veterans; we currently have one veterans' home with 151 beds. This request will reduce the need by approximately 250 beds.

**11. Funding Details:**

**a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years):** \$42,611,375

**b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010:** 65% or more of the total project cost (\$27,697,393 or more).

**c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)** Under federal VA construction funding, the VA funds 65 percent of the cost and the requester provides 35 percent of the funds. The State of Oregon will not contribute. The first veterans' home was funded by local bonding. Those communities interested in the second veterans' home have been told they will have to raise the remaining 35 percent. Currently, there is a nationwide need for \$800 million in VA construction funds and the VA has budgeted \$165 million.

**d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?** Not if appropriately funded this year.

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

A. Building Costs 150,000 sf x \$150/sf	\$22,500,000
B. Site Development – 10% of A	\$ 2,500,000
C. Fixed Equipment – 7% of A	\$ 1,575,000
D. Contingencies – 10% of A	\$ 2,500,000
<b>E. CONSTRUCTION COST</b>	<b>\$29,075,000</b>
F. Movable Equipment – 10% of E	\$ 2,907,500
G. Professional Fees – 9% of E	\$ 2,616,750
H. Administration – 4.5% of E	\$ 1,308,375
I. Owner's Reserve – 5% of E	\$ 1,453,750

J. Land	\$ 5,000,000
K. Guest House	\$ 250,000
<b>L. TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$42,611,375</b>

**f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:** Various groups in interested communities have endorsed this project as they work to bring the project to their communities. Because a site has not been determined, listing the supporters would be premature.

**g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):** No – the project would need to be built in total at the time of funding.

Please return this form no later than February 13, 2009 (via email) to:  
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