Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education

The following appropriation requests were received by the offices of Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden. These requests have not been vetted or approved by the Senate offices, and their inclusion in this list does not indicate any judgment about the projects' value, appropriateness, or likelihood of receiving funding. Every funding request has been included, and project summaries have been draw verbatim from applicants' proposals. Not all of the requests received by both Senators will be submitted for funding consideration to the Senate Appropriations Committee, and that Committee will then select a limited number of projects to fund from each state.

The following appropriations for Oregon are being considered for inclusion in the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations bill for fiscal year 2010.

Family Access Network (FAN)- \$425,000 Deschutes County, Bend, OR

FAN is a partnership of local government, hospitals, school districts, and organizations that work together to help ensure school success by helping families to acquire basic needs and to improve physical/mental health of disadvantaged children. Located in all local public schools, FAN works by connecting school-age children and their families with vital family support services such as Oregon Health Plan, counseling, mediation services, translation services, 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.

Central Oregon Community College Technology Education Center- \$5,700,000 Deschutes County, Bend, OR

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, COCC 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.

Imbler School District Building- \$1,500,000 Imbler School District, Imbler, OR

This project will fund the construction of a new school facility, including a multipurpose room serving as a lunch room, an activity/PE area, and a stage for performances. Connected to this multipurpose area will be a cooking area/cleaning area as the school kitchen. The facility will contain eleven classrooms supporting elementary education programs, a computer lab, library, music room, art room and Kindergarten through sixth grade classrooms. The project will enhance education offerings in a small, rural community that offers the only charter school services in Union county, Oregon.

Union County Secure Residential Treatment and Acute Care Facility- \$1,663,500 Center For Human Development, Inc., La Grande, OR

The 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. The facility 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. 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. Therefore, the Veterans Administration Medical Center at Walla Walla has offered to work in partnership with the community on this project. The VA will use resources through the VA Rural Health Initiative to support the construction and staffing of the secure treatment facility.

Cove Health Clinic- \$150,000 Cove-Union-Powder Medical Association, Cove, OR

This project will fund the construction of a 1,200 sq ft health care services building in Cove, Oregon. The building will assist South County Health District (SCHD) professionals in provision of basic primary care services in the city of Cove. SCHD is designed to provide primary health care for residents in the south and east end of Union County which is federal designated as medically underserved and medically understaffed and Oregon Office of Rural Health lists it as an unmet need area. Health care services in Union Co. are concentrated in the west end of the Grand Ronde Valley. At present, the Union Family Health Center in the city of Union is the only facility in the valley outside of the city of La Grande. SCHD proposes to change this by also offering clinic services in Cove and North Powder. The demographic parameters of much of rural America are present in Union County; specifically age, poverty, and chronic disease. Public transportation is virtually unavailable in the valley; winter weather conditions sometimes make travel across the valley difficult. The expansion of services to Cove by the proposed building will help to ease this situation.

Women Veterans Trauma Rehabilitation Center- \$2,000,000 City of Pendleton, Pendleton, OR

This project will 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 that augment current VA hospitals and larger healthcare facilities. Currently, there are only 12 beds on the west coast for these types of services for women veterans. This facility will add to that resource by offering 35 residential beds.

Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon Facilities Improvements- \$3,500,000

City of Pendleton, Pendleton, OR

The project is a \$13.4 million improvement to create: 1) the Pendleton Round-Up Centennial Grandstand project, and 2) a roof, mezzanine, facilities, and entrance for the Happy Canyon facilities (adjacent to the Round-Up facilities).

Northeastern Oregon Business and Economic Growth Project- \$400,000 City of Hermiston, Hermiston, OR

The Northeastern Oregon Business and Economic Growth Project is designed to fuel economic development in Northeastern Oregon. The Project will conduct a comprehensive assessment of the region's potential for economic growth from the integrated perspectives of industry, workforce, government, and education. The assessment will identify the existing gap between worker capabilities and employer requirements, and it will close the gap by designing and delivering targeted regional programs and services through an education and training facility constructed in the City of Hermiston. The facility 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 counties that will benefit from the Project include Baker, Grant, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, and Wallowa.

Simulation Equipment for Lane Community College's Nursing Program Expansion- \$547,000

Lane Community College, Eugene, OR

This project will expand the health care workforce in Lane County. Lane Community College is requesting funding for equipment for its simulation laboratory in its new health and wellness building. Simulation technology will allow the college to reconfigure the clinical experience in such a way that the college will be able to accept more students into the nursing program in a fiscally sustainable manner. To meet the county's current need for nurses, Lane must graduate 72 additional nurses annually. The two largest barriers to expanding health care education at the college are (1) space and (2) the higher costs associated with health care education. This request for federal appropriations will assist the college with increasing capacity to serve the health care needs of Lane County's 337,000 residents into the future.

Obesity Prevention and Reduction for Rural Communities- \$400,000 **Oregon State University, Lebanon, Monroe, Corvallis, OR**

For this project OSU faculty will develop and evaluate a collaborative obesity/diabetes prevention intervention 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, 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. It is anticipated that Oregonians participating in the intervention will reduce their risk for obesity and diabetes and/or better self-manage these conditions. Improved health and reduced or averted medical costs will occur in response to a proactive, collaborative public health promotion intervention. This new project will be managed by the OSU center for Public Health Improvement.

Mycobacterial Disease Project- \$1,300,000 Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

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. Mycobacterial diseases, such as tuberculosis, and those caused by other environmental mycobacteria, constitute a significant public health concern for the globe. Initial development of this program will involveCurriculum 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.

Springfield Public Schools- \$500,000 Springfield Public School District, Springfield, OR

Springfield Schools is requesting funding to design an integrated program and facility for the Student and Family Support Center. The resulting facility will offer a "one-stop shopping" center that brings student and family support services together under one roof. The Support Center 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 Beinvenidos" (a facility for Spanish-speaking families). Springfield Public Schools' enrollment of 11,000 students includes an increasingly diverse and high-needs population. About 56 percent of students qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch program, 17 percent qualify for Special Education services, and English Language Learners are increasing by 15 percent per year. The number of Hispanic students has also doubled in the last five years.

Springfield Community Health Center- \$400,000 Lane County, Springfield, Oregon

For this program 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. Since RiverStone Clinic opened in 2004, the demand for services has far exceeded original projections. The clinic now has more than 14,000 active patients. In 2007, the clinic served 10,877 patients and provided more than 26,253 encounters. Approximately 58% percent of those visits were by uninsured patients. The clinic anticipates at least a 4 percent increase in users each of the next four years. That demand will far exceed the capacity of the existing facility.

Natural Resource Field Education Program- \$450,000 Springfield Public School District, Springfield, OR

Springfield Public Schools is seeking funding for start-up costs to create a natural resource education field program to serve its K - 12 students. Students at all grade levels will be served with age-appropriate, hands-on science activities to improve student observation and data collection skills while emphasizing the importance of natural resource conservation. The new 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. The program will compliment the district's field-based, award-winning science program: the Water and Energy Learning Lab

(WELL) project that trains middle and high school students to monitor watersheds throughout the community for various governmental and nongovernmental agencies. 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.

Lane Healthy Babies-Healthy Communities Initiative- \$600,000 Lane County, Oregon

This project involves organization and facilitation of a county-wide effort to reduce 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. The rate of fetal-infant mortality serves as a measure of a community's social and economic well-being as well as its health. 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.

Providing early childhood development and education via therapeutic classrooms for children at risk of abuse and neglect- \$510,000 Oregon Association of Relief Nurseries, Lane, Multnomah, Douglas, Deschutes, Jackson, Linn, Umatilla, OR

The Therapeutic Early Childhood Program will provide a unique combination of individualized classroom and home-based developmental experiences for children 0-6 years of age. All aspects of the program will focus on the specific issues of children from multi-stressed families who have experienced trauma, abuse, stress, or are at-risk for such experiences. Each teacher will assume the role of both classroom teacher and family support home visitor. This will allow them to establish effective and supportive relationships with the children and the parents.

Interdisciplinary Diabetes Clinic at Pacific University- \$685,000 Pacific University, Hillsboro, OR

Funding in the amount of \$685,500 is requested to establish an Interdisciplinary Diabetes Clinic at Pacific University. Currently there are over 30,000 (one in ten)

diabetic patients in Washington County, Oregon. Many do not receive regular health care, and often it is limited to primary care focused only on blood sugar management. Unfortunately, diabetes is the leading cause of blindness in the United States, and can lead to a whole host of other medical complications such as gum disease, lack of coordination, neuropathy, drug interactions and social disorders. This specialty clinic will reside on the Hillsboro campus of Pacific University, and will be administered by the colleges of Optometry and Health Professions collaboratively. The core of the medical work will focus on full scope management and prevention in the diabetic population, and will emphasize diagnosis, treatment and referral. The strong emphasis on education and early diagnosis will help prevent more serious problems later on in the patient's life cycle, and will seek to ease present conditions associated with the disorder.

Claimant Re-employment- \$2,517,773 Worksource Oregon Employment Department, OR

A primary goal of WorkSource Oregon (WSO) is to connect employers with good job candidates. Claimants receiving Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits have had their work history and skills reviewed, and have verifiable employment histories. For these reasons, ALL UI claimants will be an area of focus - benefiting all parties involved; employers, UI claimants, and WSO. The Claimant Re-Employment (CRE) activity focuses on identifying and serving all unattached Unemployment Insurance 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.

Veteran's Job Barrier Busters Program- \$750,000 Worksource Oregon Employment Department, OR

This project will fund direct services to veterans to help them overcome significant barriers to employment. Several factors work together to make reintegrating a problem for returning veterans including stress, pride, fear and bureaucracy. Stress can cause a host of problems including procrastination to the point of crisis. Over the past four years Oregon's returning National Guard and Reserve veterans have discovered there can be many obstacles to finding jobs. For some it could be transportation costs such as bus fare, gas for their vehicles, professional organization fees, tools, electric bills or even food. Often veterans have so many needs they feel overwhelmed and have to choose between paying the rent and eating. A survey made by the Oregon National Guard Reintegration team found that of the last large deployment of Oregon Guard troops, 43% were unemployed upon return, 18% were underemployed and that approximately 40% planned to change careers within the first year of coming home.

Paperwork Reduction Technology Package- \$300,000 Employment Department, Child Care Division, Salem, OR

This program will develop and implement an electronic data management system that will enable the Child Care Division to improve their services to regulated small child care businesses in Oregon. The Employment Department, Child Care Division, regulates over 5,500 child care businesses in Oregon. Every business has a file either in the central office located in Salem or in regional offices located in several communities across the state. An electronic data management system with document imaging takes paper business applications and other records and creates a digitized representation of a single side of a piece of paper. These digitized images are then stored in electronic files. The benefits of document imaging are:

- Increased productivity of staff through the significant reduction of paper handling, elimination of lost or misfiled information.
- Automated work processes through more efficient document routing and workflow.
- Immediate access to documents by all staff in central and field offices.
- Multiple users can access the same information at the same time.
- Provides better customer service because of centralized electronic file location and quick access by division staff.

Sequoia Mental Health Clinic- \$550,000 Washington County, Aloha, OR

The State of Oregon Addictions and Mental Health Division estimates that 25,890 persons living in Washington County, Oregon, have serious and persistent mental illness. 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 annually who have severe and disabling mental illness and chemical dependency issues. The proposed project will provide clinical services and affordable housing in Aloha, Oregon, an unincorporated, central location in Washington County near mass-transportation resources. This innovative project features an adjoining fifteen-unit apartment building that will

house some of these same persons. The clinic office will serve as a rapid-response center for these tenants when necessary. The architectural team has developed an LEED-certified green building design for the clinic and adjoining apartments. No provider in Washington County has built the type of facility proposed by this project, combining both readily-accessible mental health support services and affordable housing units.

Working for Independence- \$875,000 Clackamas County, Oregon City, OR

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. Targeted outreach efforts to veteran's organizations will be implemented to reach disabled veterans as well as area employers who have expressed a desire to hire veterans. 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.

Clackamas Community College Renewable Energy and Sustainability Center-\$1,110,000

Clackamas Community College, Oregon City, OR

This program will expand Clackamas Community College's renewable energy and workforce training programs by creating a renewable energy and sustainability center to serve the workforce needs of the rapidly growing clean tech industry.

- Partner with industry to address new and emerging renewable energy opportunities poised for economic growth and job creation. *Year-1 Target: 200 businesses receive assistance*
- Promote renewable energy workforce and training programs to businesses and students throughout Oregon. *Year-1 Target: Outreach to 5,000 people.*
- Create academic and career pathways that lead people to credentials for jobs and careers in renewable energy. *Year-1 Target: 500 new and incumbent workers find jobs, receive training or start an academic or career pathway in renewable energy.*

The Checkpoint One Foundation- \$800,000 The Checkpoint One Foundation, Lake Oswego, OR

The Checkpoint One Foundation is seeking funds to: (a) continue operation of 501(c)(3), non-profit charity that assists Iragi and Afghan interpreters and other "US-affiliated" Iragis and Afghans with immigration and resettlement in the United States, and (b) commence a new (pilot) program in partnership with a facility/organization (http://www.mutc.in.ng.mil) that trains Department of Defense, Department of State, Department of Agriculture and other government personnel prior to deploying overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle and other US Government missions abroad. The organization seeks to utilize a non-profit organization such as The Checkpoint One Foundation to manage this program and employ Iragis, Afghans and other immigrants as instructors of language, culture and other subject areas. Currently, most training of this sort is conducted by for-profit contractors. This program would (i) offer necessary training to the abovementioned persons/entities, (ii) provide employment and income to groups of people who have sacrificed a great deal on behalf of the United States in combat theaters of operation, yet are struggling with resettlement and finding employment, and (iii) provide necessary training at a far lower cost to the government than that currently being offered by for-profit contractors offering the same/similar services.

Engaging Communities to Improve Breast Cancer Screening in Rural Oregon-\$400,000

Oregon Health & Science University, OR

OHSU proposes to significantly reduce the number of breast cancer deaths in Oregon's rural communities by overcoming barriers to mammography screening. Oregon consistently ranks in the top five states nationally in breast cancer incidence, and the death rate from breast cancer in Oregon is 10% higher than the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's Healthy People 2010 benchmark. While mammography has been shown to reduce breast cancer deaths by 20-30%, barriers exist such that only 73% of Oregon women aged 40 and over receive recommended mammography screening. OHSU's Knight Cancer Institute (led by Dr. Brian Druker), the Oregon Rural Practice-based Research Network (ORPRN), a clinical research network of 152 clinicians and 47 primary care practices located in 37 rural Oregon communities serving approximately 220,000 patients-- and local community leaders will collaboratively work throughout rural Oregon to increase mammography screening rates.

Vernonia School Equipment Replacement- \$1,000,000 City of Vernonia School District, Vernonia, OR

This program will replace almost 100% of the equipment in three schools, including: computers, telephones, and other electronic equipment; biology and chemistry laboratory equipment; wood and metal shop equipment; student chairs, desks and tables; administrative office chairs, desks and tables; kitchen and cafeteria equipment; and basic school supplies such as chalkboards. The City of Vernonia experienced severe flooding during storms in December 2007 and it was declared a federal disaster area. The elementary, middle, and high school are located side-by-side in the section of the city that was most severely affected. Due to the location of the city sewage ponds, a few hundred yards to the south, the water that had come into the schools was contaminated, and therefore most of the equipment and furniture is considered not salvageable. The Vernonia School District serves approximately 700 students. The District has a Free and Reduced Lunch rate of 51%, and just over 15% of students qualify for Special Education services.

Silverton Senior Center Project- \$250,000 City of Silverton, Silverton, OR

This project will construct a new Senior Center for Silverton area senior citizens. Currently, Silverton area seniors lease a space from the local Mason's organization that is too small for current and future operations. The current location only provides space for a modest meals program. 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 population.

Capacity growth for senior network in volunteering, technology & emergency preparedness for Oregon- \$900,000

Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging & Disabilities, OR

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.

Smart Classrooms- \$300,000 Western Oregon University, Polk County, OR

This project will construct 10 Smart Classrooms and purchase related equipment that is needed to enhance student learning in the remodeled Humanities and Social Sciences building at WOU. This upgrade will allow wireless connections to student learning media, interactive blackboards, document and photo scanning, and the World Wide Web.

Mental Health Transition Housing- \$225,000 Marion County, OR

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. An estimated 20-30 individuals will be successfully transitioned back into the community each year based upon the average length of "bridging" being 4-6 months.

Industrial Maintenance Operator Mechanic- \$ 1,264,000 Chemeketa Community College, Salem, OR

This project will assist 700 workers to retain current jobs and advance their talent capabilities within their current place of employment. Activities developed in the project will provide our region with a responsive work-based training design that effectively documents and transfers the expertise of our region's most seasoned workers. Talent development would be specifically designed to expand regional manufacturing and product processing capacity to compete in a global marketplace. Training activities will be conducted at the worksite focusing on worker talent development. Project objective is to accelerate regional global competiveness, retain existing workers and create new jobs for dislocated workers.

Columbia River Community Hospital Information System- \$810,000 The Public Health Foundation of Columbia County, St. Helens, OR

Columbia Health District is implementing plans to restore hospital services that closed in 1990 with a new hospital in St. Helens. Columbia County is one of four Oregon counties without a hospital with the nearest hospital 26 miles away. The Legacy Health System managed Columbia River Community Hospital will meet residents' health needs close to their homes. Years of grass roots citizen efforts culminated in voters passing a permanent operating levy. Generating \$780,000 in the first year, the levy will increase over time based on the value of property within the district. This levy lays the keystone for our 12-bed, 24,000 sq. ft. hospital. Services will include a 24-hour emergency room along with beds sufficient to treat common problems of emergency room patients. The hospital will have appropriate diagnostic services such as a CT scanner as well as ultrasound and x-ray so that our community can obtain testing locally.

Columbia River Community Hospital - Diagnostic Imaging Equipment-\$1,600,000

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Heppner Secure Residential Treatment Facility- \$815,000 Community Counseling Solutions, Heppner, OR

The funds will be used to construct an eight-bed secure residential treatment facility in Heppner, Oregon. Additionally, there will be two crisis/respite beds that can be utilized by residents from all of eastern Oregon. Expansion is a possibility if deemed necessary and appropriate. This facility will employ approximately 16 individuals. Given the imminent closure of the Oregon State Hospital in Salem, facilities such as the Heppner Secure Residential Treatment facility are strongly

needed. The secure residential treatment facility is a crucial link in the continuum of care. While many cities and counties have struggled to cite facilities such as this, the residents of Heppner and south Morrow County have demonstrated overwhelming support. There are many individuals who are ready to be placed at the Oregon State Hospital but there are no beds available. This facility, a much cheaper alternative to hospitalization, will allow individuals to reside in a more home like environment while receiving services that are evidenced based and will allow them to continue their own process of recovery. The individuals that will be placed in this facility are stable and will greatly benefit from care provided out of the institution. After a period of stay in this facility, many individuals will be able to step down into another lower level of care.

Malheur County Residential Treatment Facility- \$1,110,360 Lifeways, Inc., Ontario, OR

This project will fund building and operating an 8-bed residential treatment facility in Malheur County, possibly 2 additional beds for respite care, and with a design that lends itself to expansion if necessary. The 8-bed facility will create 14 jobs. This facility has been the missing link between hospitalization and foster care and will target persons who are in the State Hospital awaiting community placement. With intensive case management, this program offers a continuum of care option designed to develop full participation in the community through supervision and skill building. This is a much more economical approach and yields better outcomes than allowing clients to languish in the State Hospital and then be discharged to the community with minimal support. Lifeways has experience developing and implementing a similar, very successful program in Umatilla County.

Integrated Health Care Facility at Cascade Locks- \$413,000 Hood River County, Cascade Locks, OR

This funding will be used to help build an Integrated Health Care Facility 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. The new facility will be built in the small community of Cascade Locks. Cascade Locks is a community of 1,115, located 40 miles east of Portland and 20 miles west of Hood River. The community, and the adjacent community of Stevenson, Wash., across the Columbia River, has no medical, dental or pharmaceutical facilities or providers of health care. Residents must travel to either Portland or Hood River to receive even the most basic care services. With one of the highest unemployment and poverty rates in Oregon, coupled with one of the lowest median incomes, traveling outside of the community for health care can be especially challenging - especially for the local Native American and migrant populations living in Cascade Locks.

Renovation and Repair of Asher Community Health Center- \$800,000 Wheeler County, Fossil, OR

This project will renovate the Asher Community Health Center (ACHC) the only medical provider in Wheeler County. ACHC's main clinic is in Fossil, with small satellite clinics in Mitchell and Spray. The main clinic was constructed in 1982 using federal Hill-Burton funds. A small trauma room was added in 1994 - the only trauma room in the County. The foundation of this trauma room has since cracked and settled. There have been no other structural improvements, leaving the main clinic badly in need of upgrade and repair.

Renewable Energy Technology training program expansion- \$2,000,000 Columbia Gorge Community College, The Dalles, OR

Columbia Gorge Community College established the first renewable energy technology public training program for wind technicians on the West Coast. It is recognized by industry as one of the leading programs of its kind in the United States, and is formally recognized by Congress. Columbia Gorge Community College is working in partnership with the American Wind Energy Association to develop common course outcomes and national certification standards for wind technicians. This request will allow the college to sustain this program (at a capacity level of 104 wind technicians by spring 2010) and ensure relevance to changing industry demands by researching new skill areas. This proposal will add 1 fulltime or 2 part-time RET electronics faculty; research emerging green technologies for potential curricular integration; retain one contract position to develop hybrid RET courses; hire a program coordinator to develop inter-agency, inter-government and inter-college agreements, respond to industry training requests and arrange student field experiences; acquire and install solar training panels; and relocate and install residential wind turbines on The Dalles campus. 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. Through these efforts, the program also helps reduce America's reliance on imported oil by contributing directly to the growth of renewable energy as a national energy resource.

Wind turbine training nacelle acquisition- \$750,000 Columbia Gorge Community College, The Dalles, OR

This request will allow the college to upgrade its hands-on training program by acquiring a used wind turbine nacelle (the portion of a wind turbine where wind energy is converted to electricity). It is important for students to have access to a modern nacelle for purposes of safety and technical training under real-world conditions.

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Kids in Common, Oregon- \$563,736

Douglas C.A.R.E.S., CASA of Douglas County, Family Development Center, Roseburg, OR

For this project Kids in Common will build a synchronized collaboration of three proven non-profits to deliver timely and effective interventions in cases of child abuse and neglect. Coordination will provide a cost-efficient network of response; better opportunities for healing through increased services to adult and child victims, and greater community volunteer involvement due to heightened awareness of child abuse issues. Agencies addressing these problems have rapidly growing waiting lists of abused children with immediate, documented needs for advocacy, therapy, and respite care.

Head Start Program Enhancement- \$255,000 Coquille Indian Tribe, Coos Bay, OR

This project will fund several projects for the Head Start program located on the Coquille Indian Tribal Reservation:

- Funding in for all Head Start staff that are working on additional credits towards a degree in Early Childhood Education as required by the Head Start Act.
- Funding to bring all Head Start employees wages up to the national Head Start average.
- Additional funding for classroom supplies.
- Additional funding to change the Coquille Indian Tribal Head Start Program option from a part-day part-year program to a full-day full-year program.

ESMART Collaborative: Improved Patient Care Through Inter-professional Health Curriculum Development- \$710,000

Oregon Health & Science University, La Grande, Lincoln City, Roseburg and Bend, OR

The E-SMART collaborative will be a group of statewide health educators, researchers, health care providers and media developers for undergraduate and graduate nursing, medicine, and informatics. The group will work together to improve access to and quality of care by educating the next generation of providers with curricula that combines inter-professional education with telehealth, simulation and other technologies. Research generally suggests that interdisciplinary health care teamwork improves patient care through better clinical outcomes and increased patient satisfaction. As 23% of Oregon's population is rural, the ability to effectively use collaborative technologies at a distance is paramount. The E-SMART acronym reflects the technology infrastructure that is critical to this initiative.

The Oregon Center for Aging and Technology- \$800,000 Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR

Oregon Health & Science University requests funding to expand ORCATECH's unique independent-living research model from 240 Portland homes into a statewide network. The proposed network would consist of 5 clusters of 20 technology-enabled homes throughout the state covering key constituencies (rural, urban, ethnic minorities, socioeconomic diversity). The challenges of aging, including the increased costs associated with long term care require new approaches to sustaining health and independent living. Evolving home-based technologies such as unobtrusive activity monitoring, medication assurance systems, sleep health monitors, and chronic disease management programs can revolutionize our ability to remain healthy and independent.

Today's Children, Tomorrow's Innovators- \$725,000 Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland, OR

OMSI, in collaboration with Portland State University's Center for Science Education, will design and implement a teacher professional development program that builds teachers' capacity to incorporate curricula into the classroom that address the state's new engineering design standards. More than a set of activities, the proposed program would give teachers the tools they need to engage students in the inquiry-based design and testing that is at the heart of engineering and technology innovation. The proposed program will target 100 Oregon elementary school teachers (75 in the Portland metropolitan area and 25 in rural areas throughout the state) and their students. It will: 1. Provide elementary school teachers with the knowledge and abilities to engage students in the engineering design process; and 2. Provide engaging, hands-on educational opportunities for students to learn about engineering and design.

Portland Youth Media: Training & Job Ready Program- \$1,200,000 Portland Community Media, Portland, OR

This program will provide exhibit upgrades - OMSI will make improvements to its existing Engineer It! Exhibit that reflect the new state engineering standards. These exhibits will then be incorporated into the hands-on experiences that students participate in at the museum. The renovated exhibits will also inform the development of tabletop exhibits for OMSI traveling programs. Including engineering design along with scientific inquiry is an innovation in state academic science education standards. We believe the collaboration of a science center and a university can advance that innovation by ensuring that teachers have the skills they need to help students meet the state standards.

Links Afterschool Program- \$349,760 David Douglas School District, Portland, OR

Afterschool programs are essential to keep kids safe, inspire them to learn and to

support working families, especially in today's increasingly challenging economy. Families are relying even more on afterschool supports as they work to keep their jobs, take on more hours, or struggle to feed and afford basic necessities for their children. 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.

Diabetic Retinal Imaging Program- \$471,250 Interactive Medicine, Inc., OR

Interactive Medicine, Inc. (IMI) will be responsible for the installation of 2 fully integrated telemedicine based Diabetic Retinopathy sites that will:

- Expand the current scope of services to either FQHCs and/or local health clinics
- Provide all specialized and unique equipment and HIPAA compliant software, training, support services, management support, billing support, hosting services and IT integration support
- Make available a non-invasive, patient centric, exam for all diabetic patients at frequently accessible primary care sites
- Significantly increase annual eye exam compliance from the current 17% to 50% or greater in year one, 60% in year two and greater than 75% year three going forward
- Provide access to Retinal Ophthalmic care not typically available in FQHCs and clinics
- Allow for earlier detection of Diabetes, monitor patient progress and administer a greater standard of care
- Create historical and retrievable visual documentation for studies and outcomes
- Provide a perpetuating revenue source as this exam is an approved service for diabetic care with Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurers
- Provide enhanced diabetic services and care to disproportionately affected diabetic patients most impacted by the disease: African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans and Asians

2-1-1 for Oregon- \$844,680 211info, OR

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.

Family Caregiver Support Project- \$500,000 Volunteers of America of Oregon, Inc., Portland

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 responsible for their frail elderly or disabled relatives. This goal will be achieved through a higher utilization rate of adult day centers. A recent AARP study stated that family care giving contributions are the backbone of the nation's long-term care system with an estimated economic value of \$350 billion in 2006. This is due in large part because they help delay or prevent the use of costly nursing home care and reduce pressure on both Medicaid and Medicare budgets. This project will reduce the personal and financial costs associated with this care. The AARP also estimated the cost of care giving across the nation at \$105 billion dollars annually, which includes lost wages for those caregivers who have quit their jobs, missed days of work, or experienced a loss of productivity at work due to care giving responsibilities, as well as out-ofpocket expenses.

Science Research and Teaching Complex- \$1,000,000 Portland State University, Portland, OR

Portland State University is seeking funds to establish its Science Research and Teaching Complex. This Complex will focus on innovative ways to improve science education - at the university level and in K-12 schools and will be a site for continuing education for K-12 science teachers. This Complex will provide students with state-of-the-art research and teaching space for biology, chemistry, environmental science, physics, and for the Masters Degree in the teaching of science. In addition, the Complex will support interdisciplinary research, teaching, tech transfer, and community outreach to businesses, industry, and schools.

One Sky Center: National Resource Center for American Indian/Alaska Native Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services- \$1,000,000 One Sky Center, Portland, OR

This project aims to sustain the National Resource Center and Center for Health Education & Research at Oregon Health & Science 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.

Legacy Institute for Surgical Education & Innovation- \$250,000 Legacy Health System, Portland, OR

As the designated regional simulation training center, LISEI aims to deliver paramount education services to surgeons, surgeons-in-training, nurses, OR technicians and other interdisciplinary team members with measurable outcomes in patient safety, cost-effectiveness, and accelerated adoption of new procedures and devices in the operating room. LISEI seeks to expand upon the number of courses offered and individuals trained through the acquisition of two surgical simulators. Simulation is the replication and modeling of real-life situations for training, testing and other purposes such as scenario planning and design verification.

Multiple Sclerosis Network and Registry- \$800,000 Multiple Sclerosis Network and Registry, OR

The MS registry is an interactive network of health care professionals for Oregon patients. 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. They also help in the recruitment of patients. A special focus will include underserved patients who have limited access to specialized care. The program is developing a research proposal on depression and fatigue and how they are associated with physical disability among MS patients. A newly developed web-based application for MS registry and online MS textbook will go live in 2009.

Youth Development Initiative Self Enhancement, Inc.- \$1,000,000 Self Enhancement, Inc., Portland, OR

This program will allow the ability to serve an additional 50 youth. Founded in 1981 as a one week basketball camp for boys, Self Enhancement, Inc. has grown to serve over 2,500 inner-city Portland youth (ages 8-25) and their families annually in comprehensive year-round academic, enrichment, and family involvement programs. Self Enhancement works with kids in school, after school, on weekends, and in the summer, and Self Enhancement Coordinators are available to students 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Self Enhancement's success is unparalleled. While only 54% of all Portland Public School students graduate from high school, on average 98% of Self Enhancement high school freshmen graduate four years later. 100% of Self Enhancement 12th grade students graduated the last two years. 85% of these students progress on to post-secondary education, often the first in their families to do so. Self Enhancement's core program serves over 1,000 students.

Oregon Mandarin Development Program- \$2,500,000 Dave Porter (citizen) requestor; Funding would go to Oregon Department of Education

Funding would increase the number of Oregon K-12 public school students studying Mandarin for economic development, national security, global environmental protection and world peace purposes. Funding would be spent as follows:

- \$350,000 to promote Mandarin statewide and develop curriculum for a variety of settings across Oregon.
- \$1,600,000 for 5 Mandarin immersion startups at \$300,000 each. \$100,000 to Dept. of Ed. for administration. Intent is to have one in each congressional district, if possible.
- \$550,000 for scholarships for sending Oregon high school students to study abroad in China for one month in the summer. FY 1 -\$150,000 for 45 students; FY 2 - \$300,000 for 90 students. \$100,000 to the Dept of Ed for administration.

Plexis Healthcare IT Communications Hub - \$856,350 Plexis Healthcare Systems, Ashland, OR

Funds will be used for salaries for programmers working to complete building a connectivity package for healthcare IT that allows disparate systems to communicate with each other over Electronic Data Interchange standards.

Southern Oregon Wine Economic Development Project - \$7,000,000 Umpqua Community College, Roseburg, OR

The following funding will be used toward the Southern Oregon Wine Economic Development Project to build a teaching winery on the campus of Umpqua Community College.

Umpqua Community College Viticulture Project, Oregon - \$7,000,000 Umpqua Community College, Roseburg, OR

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Helping Our Heroes: Preventing Suicide Among Oregon Soldiers and Providing Support to Military Families. - \$1,200,000 Oregon Partnership, Statewide

Oregon Partnership, Statewide

"Helping Our Heroes" addresses the escalating occurrence of suicide and addiction among returning soldiers and veterans, and the stress it causes their families. 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. It will provide hands-on support to military children and families prior to, during, and after the deployment of a parent or loved one.

Kinesiology Lab Equipment - \$120,000 Western Oregon University, Monmouth, Oregon

Funds will be spent on purchase of equipment in support of departments of Nursing, Physical Education, and pre-med majors within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. See attached list of equipment requirements and breakdown of costs.

Making Smiles, Changing Lives: Providing Low-Cost Dental Care to Uninsured, Underserved Children - \$516,000

Kiddazzle Dental Network, Inc., a 501(c)3 organization, Portland, OR

Kiddazzle provides free and low-cost dental services and preventive education to Oregon's uninsured children through a network of dentists recruited to work pro bono out of their own offices. \$528,710 will go to community outreach (including planning, public awareness and education); \$216,000 will go to engineering (including design, architecture, programming and software patches); \$196,600 pays administrative salaries and overhead dedicated to this project; \$29,000 is allocated to retention and recognition of volunteer dentists; and \$910,690 is allocated to capacity building, including direct dental care costs and training - for a total of \$1,881,000 over three years.

Student Performance and Creative Education (SPACE) - \$960,000 First Star Foundation, Portland, OR

The First Star Foundation will produce a science education video with accompanying instructional support materials, and make these available over the Internet free of charge to every 4th grade classroom in Oregon and Washington as a supplement to their regular curriculum. This video, an exploration of the planets in our solar system, is intended to be the first in a series focusing on elements of physics, mathematics, atmospheric sciences, chemistry, life sciences, and others. The content will be fun, exciting, and should enhance educational achievement in science for the target audience.

Renaissance In Science Education (RISE) - \$40,000,000 First Star Foundation, Portland, OR

The First Star Foundation will recruit, train, and deploy sufficient instructors to provide five periods of classroom programs in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) annually and free of charge to every 5th grade classroom in the nation as a supplement to their regular curriculum. These programs will focus on elements of astronomy, physics, mathematics, atmospheric sciences, chemistry, life sciences, and others. The content will be fun, exciting, and should enhance educational achievement in science for the target audience.

Northeastern Oregon Business and Economic Growth Project - 1,352,000 The City of Hermiston, Hermiston, Oregon

The Northeastern Oregon Business and Economic Growth Project (hereinafter Project) is designed to fuel economic development in Northeastern Oregon. The Project will conduct a comprehensive assessment of the region's potential for economic growth from the integrated perspectives of industry, workforce, government, and education. The assessment will identify the existing gap between worker capabilities and employer requirements, and it will close the gap by designing and delivering targeted regional programs and services through an education and training facility constructed in the City of Hermiston. The facility (hereinafter Center) 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 counties that will benefit from the Project include Baker, Grant, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, and Wallowa.

SOU Theatre Arts Building Renovation and Expansion - \$5,500,000 Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR

Southern Oregon University requests capital funding for expansion and renovation of the Theatre Arts building, a 38,226 square foot teaching and performance facility on the Ashland campus. Designed for 60 students, it cannot adequately serve the currently enrolled 230 Theatre students. For the project, 10,488 s.f. will be remodeled, and 22,151 s.f. will be added for a total of 60,377 s.f. The Theatre Arts Building is SOU's state and federal capital priority. The cornerstone of SOU's designation as an Oregon University System Center for Fine and Performing Arts, the remodeled building will enable SOU to expand programming and attract increased numbers of talented students. Our Theater program is considered the top undergraduate opportunity in the Western United States. 75% of Theatre students come from beyond southern Oregon.

SK Online Bridge Replication - \$450,000 SK-Online / Salem-Keizer Public Schools, Salem, OR

SK-Online currently runs a very successful credit recovery program for area high schools. This project would allow SK-Online to replicate and support online alternative education for school districts throughout the state of Oregon. The successful completion of this program allows students to recover missed credits and get back on-track to graduate on time. 120 students earned high school diplomas last year through Bridge. In its fourth year, SK Online's Bridge now serves about 350 students.

Critical HIV Prevention & Care Services of Oregon - \$450,000 Cascade AIDS Project, Statewide, Oregon

Funds are sought to maintain a critical level of HIV prevention and care services throughout the state of Oregon. 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 ASO (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. This coalition of non-profits collaborates to meet the needs of the estimated 7000 individuals living with HIV in Oregon via provision of case management, residential care, medical care, housing and support services and helps to reduce the number of new infections state-wide. Funds will be used to ensure a minimal set of targeted HIV prevention activities can be maintained among at-risk populations, to expand HIV counseling and testing services, and to ensure a maintained level of services in relation to housing, case management, and health. HIV prevention interventions supported with these funds shall be implemented based on interventions that have been proven effective through research. HIV counseling and testing will be targeted to ensure high-yield results. CAP's current HIV testing services through their Men's Wellness Center is the most efficient state testing site when measured by number of positive cases identified out of full number tested, yet in the current economy, CAP is unable to meet demand and has many times had to turn people away from testing due to insufficient resources. Funds will be used for programming purposes.

Klamath Community College CTE Center and Health and Science Labs - \$1,600,000

Klamath Community College, Klamath County, Oregon

The project will provide the funds to purchase the needed equipment to begin offering programs in KCC's new Health and Science buildings and Career and Technical Education building. New and updated programs will include nursing, agriculture, construction, auto machining, fire science, and other health related trainings. This will allow KCC the resources to provide a comprehensive educational experience for students. Funds will be utilized for equipment necessary to operate the Health and Science buildings and the Technical Education building.

Clinical Laboratory Science Equipment - \$480,000 Oregon Institute of Technology, Klamath County, Oregon

There are 220 accredited CLS programs in the United States. OIT is the only program in the state of Oregon, and one of only five programs in the four states

making up the Pacific Northwest. There are approximately 104 graduates per year in these five programs. Nationally, each hospital employs 8-60 clinical lab scientists. Large doctor's offices and clinics also utilize clinical lab scientists. The employment projections identified by WorkSource Oregon indicate that an additional 1,017 CLS professionals will be needed from 2006-2016. If all of the graduates in the Pacific Northwest came to Oregon, we might be able to fill the vacancies that will arise over this period of time. Obviously, that will not occur, and we will have a dramatic shortage of CLS professionals, if more graduates are not produced. The program in Klamath Falls will reside in the new Martha Anne Dow Center for Health Professions facility. Equipment is needed for both the existing program in Portland and the new program in Klamath Falls. OIT's statewide undergraduate allied health educational initiative is called the Oregon Center for Health Professions. The program in Portland currently uses technologically-deficient equipment. In general, clinical lab science programs are expensive to offer, which contributes to the gap between the need for professionals and educational opportunities. OIT already employs faculty in its biology program who are capable of teaching in the CLS program, making the program more economically feasible. No other university or college is as well positioned as OIT to help with this workforce shortage. Funds will go toward laboratory science equipment.

Medical Imaging Software-Picture Archiving and Communications Systems - \$215,000

Oregon Institute of Technology, Klamath County, Oregon

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. Prior to the advent of digital imaging, doctors stored patients' film, such as an x-ray, in a chart in their office filing systems. Today, most hospitals and clinics either are converting or have converted to digital imaging. PACS replaces hard-copy-based means of managing medical images, such as film archives. PACS expands on the possibilities of such conventional systems by providing capabilities of off-site viewing and reporting (distance education, telediagnosis). Additionally, PACS enables practitioners at various physical locations to view the same information simultaneously (teleradiology). With the decreasing price of digital storage, PACS provides a growing cost and space advantage over film archives. A full PACS system should provide a single point of access for images and their associated data (i.e., it should support multiple modalities). A PACS system also should interface with existing hospital information systems: hospital information system (HIS) and radiology information system (RIS). Generally, PACS provides information to multiple users at the same time regardless of their location. Funds will be used for purchasing equipment, planning, and programming.

Oregon Center for Translational Genomics - \$975,000 Oregon Health & Science University, Multnomah County, Oregon

The Oregon Center for Translational Genomics will develop new, individualized avenues for diagnosing disease, finding new treatments, and analyzing responses to treatments. Specifically, the Center, which will be a shared resource for Oregon's scientists, will focus on finding specific genetic markers that predict disease risk and treatment response. Diseases such as cancer, type II diabetes, obsesity, osteoporosis, alcohol and substance abuse and rarer diseases will be an initial focus. We know a great deal about the basic biology of genetics. But translating this basic science knowledge into treatments for individuals remains a challenge. For medicine to advance, we must be able to understand how individual genetic differences lead to the development of disease and to different responses to treatments for diseases. If we can rapidly and accurately identify these complex groups of genes, we can determine an individual's risk for disease and employ adequate prevention. We can also find treatments that respond best to an individual's specific genes. Funds will be used for operations and programming.

SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) - \$900,000

SMART (Start Making A Reader Today), 32 of Oregon's 36 Counties, Oregon

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, SMART envisions an Oregon where every child can read and is empowered to succeed. SMART's mission is to engage community volunteers to read one-on-one with K-3 children who need literacy support. Participating children also receive new books each month to keep and read with their families. Since 1992, SMART has delivered its proven literacy program to more than 100,000 children and has given away nearly 2 million books. SMART recruits, trains and manages more than 9,000 volunteers to read one-on-one with K-3 children every week, from October to May. Funds will be used for various expenses that are incurred through these activities, including the cost of volunteer recruitment, training and management, new books for participating children purchased at a deep discount from trusted publishing partners, background checks on all prospective volunteers (\$10 each), and other program expenses.

Sequoia Mental Health Clinic - \$550,000 Washington County, Oregon

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. Funding will go toward the purchase of an integrated technology network to include Electronic Clinical Record and Claims Submission software, computers, and clinic furnishings.

Oregon Lifespan Respite Program - \$497,000 Oregon Department of Human Services, Statewide, Oregon

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. Funds will be use for planning.

Oregon Translational Research & Drug Development Institute (OTRADI) - \$1,000,000

Oregon Translational Research & Drug Development Institute, Portland, Oregon The Oregon Translational Research and Drug Development Institute (OTRADI) is a government, university, and industry collaborative effort between the private and public sectors of the Oregon biosciences community. OTRADI is focused on the commercialization of new drugs, therapeutics, vaccines, and diagnostics in the area of infectious diseases including malaria and bacterial infections. TRADI is requesting two major pieces of scientific equipment, which will be invaluable at accelerating drug discovery in Oregon by enabling researchers to rapidly progress past the "mechanism of action" drug discovery step. Funds will be used for programming.

Health Facilities & Treatment Center Modernization & Construction - \$3,730,000 Coquille Indian Tribe, Coos County, Oregon

This is a modernization and construction project for health facilities on the Coquille Indian Tribal Reservation. Projects include the expansion of the existing tribal community health clinic, increase in funding for I.H.S. Facilities Maintenance and Improvement, development of infrastructure within the community health center to support telemedical capabilities, the construction of a Family Support Services building adjacent to the Community Health Center, and Construction of a residential care facility for 6-8 elders or persons with disabilities. Funds will be used for construction, specifically for the construction and modernization of health facilities and construction of a treatment center in Coos County.