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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 4, 2023
TO: Linn County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Ryan Vogt, Executive Director
RE: OCWCOG Linn County Updates

Community and Economic Development Updates

Transportation

Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO)

- Staff are busy working on the 2043 Regional Transportation Plan update, which is expected to be complete by July 2023. A draft existing conditions chapter is under review, while goals and objectives are approved by the Policy Board.
- Staff attended the Smart Growth for America Equity Summit.
- Staff attended Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Environmental Justice Conference.
- Held monthly Technical Advisory and Policy Board meetings.

Projects

Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Coordinated Plans

- Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Human Services Coordinated Plans were completed in March of 2023.
- These long-range plans address the transit needs of seniors and people with disabilities in rural areas and are required by counties in order to access rural transit funding.

Mobility Hubs

- Consultant developing 60% plans, specifications, and estimates, on track to be complete by July 2023.
- Staff is working with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to support applications for funding set aside as needed.

Seamless Transit

- New area transit agency and CWRide flyer created and shared with stakeholders.
- Samsara trackers distributed to Linn Shuttle.

Ride Line Software Upgrade

- A contract is officially signed with HBSS to provide cloud based brokerage software for OCWCOG's Ride Line. Q-Ryde is a leading brokerage software used around the country.

Cascades West Transportation Options

- Emergency Ride Home (ERH) program updated for 2023 and communications sent out through Get There Oregon.
- Vanpool information meeting held with one large area employer in partnership with Commute by Enterprise.
- Informational meetings were held with area non-profit organizations for Innovative Mobility Program Grants.
- Hosted Transportation Options Group of Oregon (ToGo) board meeting and Statewide Transportation Options Meeting.

Cascades West Training Center

- Two driver training weekends held in Albany.
- 14 Non-Emergent Medical Transportation (NEMT) and/or transit providers received certification in American Red Cross First Aid/CPR and Community Transportation Association of America's Passenger Assistance, Safety, and Sensitivity with Wheelchair Securement. 12 providers received National Safety Council Defensive Driving Certification.

Cascades West Ride Line

Data below is from December 2022 to February 2023.

	Trips (Sedan, Wheelchair, Secure, Stretchers)	Clients (Unique members)	Reimbursement (Mileage, Meals, Lodging)	Clients (Unique members)
Linn County	20,597	1,702	6,532	287
Regionally	33,795	3,045	11,134	524

Planning

Cascades West Economic Development District (CWEDD)

- Staff submitted the three-year Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant update in January. The update includes the development of a three-year scope of work, a staffing plan, and other supplemental documents.
- City of Albany Community Block Grant Program (CDBG) Small Business Loan/Grant Program – the City of Albany requested OCWCOG take on the administration of their CDBG funds. OCWCOG has agreed to administer the program as a very focused small grant program opportunity for in-home childcare providers in the City of Albany. We awarded 3 grants out of this program, 2 of which were to Spanish speaking businesses
- Staff applied to be part of the Governors' Housing Production Advisory Council.

Lending

Cascade West Business Lending

- We have submitted a response to an RFP from Business Oregon to apply for up to \$1 million in funding as a loan loss reserve account. This money, if granted, would supply extra insurance against debt default and would allow us to expand our lending program.

Senior, Disability, and Community Services Updates

Senior and Disability Services

Housing Support Positions

Senior and Disability Services is currently recruiting for two new limited duration positions connected to housing support services for the region.

- The Housing Navigator Position, a Medicaid contracted position to support consumers who meet Service Priority Level (SPL) eligibility in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties. The goals of the program are to work with consumers who are at risk of becoming homeless and develop person centered housing support plans to mitigate identified housing gaps.
- The Housing Coordinator Position is funded through a contract established with Intercommunity Health Network to support Albany service-connected consumers facing homelessness risks. The Housing Coordinator will also work to develop and increase community partnerships with housing resources and act as a Community Partner Liaison to support unhoused individuals within the city of Albany.

Community Services Programs

Meals on Wheels

The Congregate Meals Program serves nutritious meals to older adults in a group setting, providing older adults an opportunity to socialize with others and reducing isolation and loneliness. For the safety of our consumers, OCWCOG's congregate sites closed at the beginning of the pandemic. Some have reopened, but we're excited that the opening of the final sites is coming. All OCWCOG congregate locations are expected to be open to congregate diners by July 2023.

As you can see from the picture below taken when Mill City reopened on February 2nd, people are very excited to be back together!



Bias Response Initiative

The Bias Response Feasibility Research Project is near conclusion. Zilo International provided study findings, presented common themes, and highlighted key recommendations at the March OCWCOG Board of Directors meeting. A copy of the final report will be available later this month. OCWCOG has extended its contract with Zilo until June 2023 to help pilot the creation of localized toolkits for community leaders. These toolkits will highlight the stories and experiences of local residents and provide recommendations on leveraging the State Bias Reporting Hotline and association media campaigns.

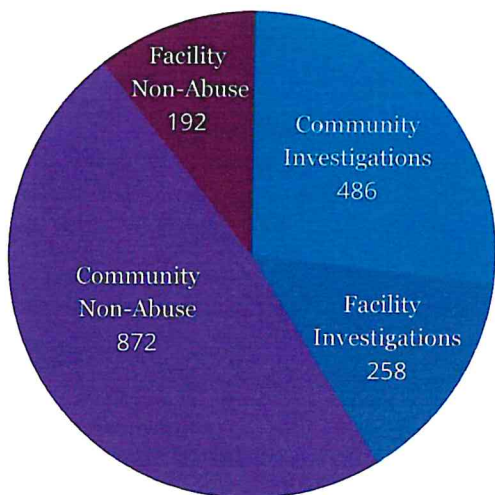


2022 Linn County Annual Report

Senior & Disability Services

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

1,808 total Adult Protective Services complaints were received concerning the citizens of Linn County. Of those calls, **744** were assigned to be investigated.



ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMUNITY OUTREACH



6 **EDUCATION EVENTS**
for the local community on
available resources



3 **LAW ENFORCEMENT**
trainings on elder justice and
Adult Protective Services

OCWCOG has **128** Senior and Disability
staff members that support Linn County

COMPASSION • COLLABORATION
DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION • INTEGRITY • RESPECT

OCWCOG LICENSES ADULT FOSTER HOMES THAT HOUSE OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN THE COUNTY.



33

ADULT FOSTER HOMES

Provided up to 165 residents
safe housing in 2022.

CARE SERVICES AND SUPPORT

1,340

ACTIVE HOME
CARE PROVIDERS

132 Assisted

BY FAMILY CAREGIVER
SUPPORT PROGRAM

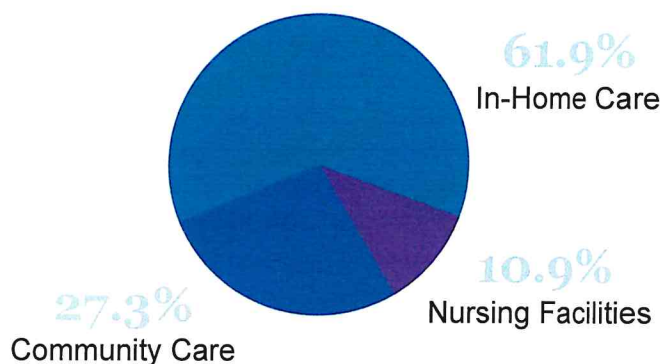


HOUSING SYMPOSIUM JOINED LOCAL LEADERS

OCWCOG brought together local leaders and decision makers for a Housing Symposium in October of 2022. This work session brought together those dedicated to improving services and support for medically fragile, care dependent, older adults and people with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness. Attendees identified gaps and barriers to service and explored our current systems.



OCWCOG assisted a total of **1,885** Linn & Benton County residents with care services. **1166** received in-home care, **514** received community based care, and **205** were nursing facility consumers in 2022.



ELIGIBILITY SERVICES

Eligibility cases in Linn and Benton Counties

9,563 ACTIVE NON- MEDICAL CASES

23,697 ACTIVE MEDICAL CASES

7,428 TOTAL SNAP ISSUANCES



HOMELESS SHELTER AND COMMUNITY PARTNER MEETING

The Homeless Shelter and Community Partner Meeting was started due to the volume of 911 calls being made by shelters for non-emergency matters. Partners include Linn County Public Health, Linn County Alcohol and Drug Program, Linn County Mental Health, Albany Police Code Officer, and OCWCOG Adult Protective Services.



Community Service Programs

SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS ASSISTANCE

517 Linn County residents received one on one counseling on their Medicare benefits through the Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) program. This counseling was **100%** provided by certified volunteer counselors.



4 MEDICARE 101 PRESENTATIONS

Held virtual and in-person benefited Benton County residents in 2022.

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

16 VOLUNTEERS

provided assistance to elderly adults in Linn County by giving them transportation for errands, grocery shopping, Rx pick up, and more.



MEALS ON WHEELS

140,681 TOTAL MEALS SERVED
1,428 BLIZZARD BOXES
7,634 CONGREGATE DINING MEALS
131,503 HOME DELIVERED MEALS
\$93,422 COMMUNITY DONATIONS RECEIVED

1,113
LINN COUNTY
RESIDENTS
SERVED

FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM



16 FOSTER GRANDPARENT VOLUNTEERS

Serve at schools and organizations in the following cities:

Albany Lebanon Sweet Home



199 CLIENTS IN OREGON PROJECT INDEPENDENCE

Oregon Project Independence provides assistance that supports daily activities of living which can be provided by home care workers or in-home care agencies.



40 CLIENTS IN MONEY MANAGEMENT

The Money Management program provides free assistance with personal money management tasks through specially trained volunteers.



Community & Economic Development

CASCADES WEST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



COMPLETED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COALITION GRANT APPLICATION



LEBANON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CARES FUNDING PROJECT
City Business App

CASCADES WEST RIDE LINE

19 staff members of Cascades West Ride Line provided scheduling services and reimbursements to eligible residents.

47,874 RIDE LINE ELIGIBILITY

74,770 TOTAL TRIPS

3,550 TOTAL CLIENTS

\$129,283 TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS

ALBANY AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



CO-MANAGED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN UPDATE

Co-managed with the City of Jefferson to update their Transportation System Plan at no cost to the city.



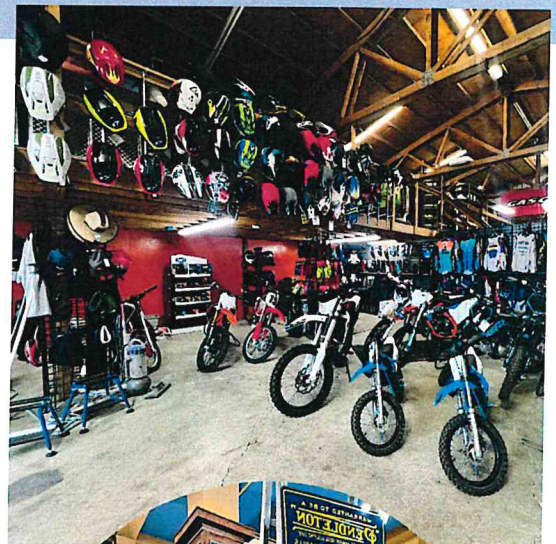
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT

The Albany area receives approximately \$1 million per year to fund local projects. In 2022, staff received five project proposals requesting more than \$4.8 million in funds and held a comment period, allowing members of the public to provide feedback and comments.

CASCADES WEST BUSINESS LENDING

7 ACTIVE LOANS
for a total of
\$1,124,400

**SKY VALLEY LLC
THE NATTY DRESSER
VERACITY SPIRITS
LEBANON NAPA AUTO PARTS
SWEET HOME NAPA AUTO PARTS
ALLEN & ASSOCIATES INSURANCE
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS**





2022 Annual Report

Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments
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A Year In Review

I am proud and excited to provide you with the 2022 Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) annual report. This report gives a snapshot of the work that is done throughout the communities we serve in the Linn, Benton, and Lincoln County region.



Over the next few pages, you will see highlights of the services we provide and how they have impacted the region in the past year, whether it has been delivering hot meals to those in need, providing small business loans, or orchestrating multi-million dollar transportation initiatives. OCWCOG has 25 member governments throughout the region who provide financial and directional support to the OCWCOG on the region's priorities. This year, we are providing each member agency with an annual report which shows some of the impact of our services, directly in their community. Individual member reports can be found on our website at OCWCOG.org/AnnualReports.

The work that is captured in this report is carried out by approximately 200 staff, 400 volunteers, and local contractors in every corner of the region. These dedicated individuals care deeply about the region and everyone in it, and are committed to promoting a thriving region through service, connectivity and innovation; making it a prosperous area for generations to come. It is an honor to serve alongside them each and every day.

I am grateful for the support of our staff and volunteers, our many community partners, and our active Board of Directors for the support and hard work it takes to provide these services to you.

Ryan Vogt
Executive Director



As Chair of the Board of Directors for the Cascade West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) it is my pleasure to offer a few opening remarks to this annual report.

OCWCOG is governed by elected officials from its member jurisdictions in Lincoln, Linn, and Benton Counties: this includes city and county governments, port districts and tribes. It is our job to provide fiscal and program oversight to the diverse portfolio of the business managed and carried out by this council. I consider it our responsibility and our privilege and honor to provide the foundation on which the council's dedicated staff and volunteers carry out their important work on behalf of the people of our region.

From building a stronger economy by helping businesses start and grow, to providing and overseeing care and services for our disabled and senior populations; from developing stronger road and public transportation systems to helping the veterans of our U.S. Military access the benefits they have earned; the people of OCWCOG are making a positive difference every day.

The area we serve encompasses a beautiful swath of Oregon, from the majestic Cascade Mountains to our rugged Pacific Ocean. We are all united in our dedication in developing stronger communities and improving the lives of all the citizens we serve.

Claire Hall
Lincoln County Commissioner

About Oregon Cascades West

MISSION & VISION

Mission

To promote a thriving region through service, connectivity, and innovation.

Vision

We are a regional leader and partner who provides inclusive services to meet individual and community needs.

We commit to:

- Measure ourselves by staff developed agency values
- Align our daily work with our strategic priorities
- Identify and respond to service gaps in the region
- Use data and consumer input to continually improve

VALUES

Compassion Actively caring for others

Collaboration Working together to achieve common goals

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Creating an environment where everyone is welcomed, supported, and given the resources to thrive

Integrity Always doing the right thing

Respect Honoring one another

SERVICES

Senior and Disability Services

OCWCOG's Senior and Disability Services department serves as both the Area Agency on Aging (AAA), and the Medicaid long-term care agency for our region of Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties.

Community Service Programs

The Community Services Program department serves the region's older adult population, adults with long-term physical disabilities, and Veterans through a variety of programs.

Community and Economic Development

The Community and Economic Development Department provides the Region's economic development strategy, works on priority efforts under a regional action plan, provides comprehensive transportation and implementation work, and promotes coordinated economic development efforts.

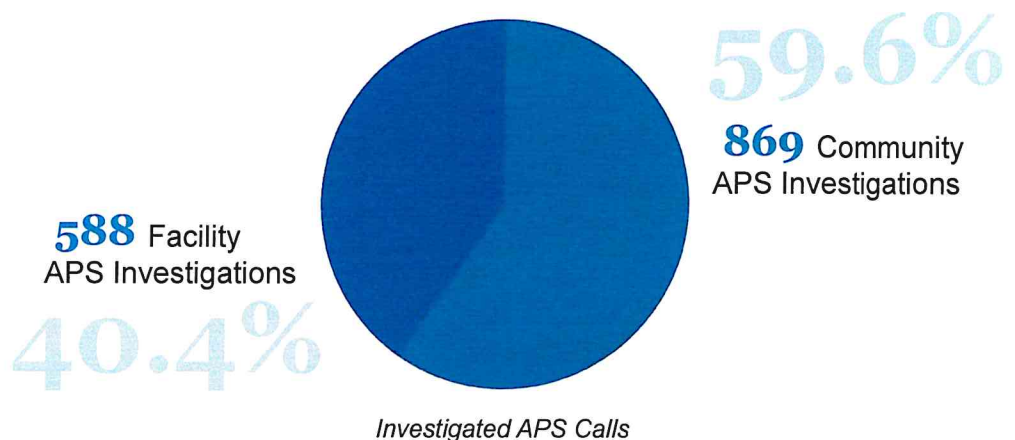
Senior & Disability Services

The Senior and Disability Services (SDS) department is committed to providing services and support to keep older adults and people with disabilities independent, safe, secure, and healthy in our communities. SDS staff provide case management and authorize and coordinate supportive services such as assistance with dressing, bathing, toileting, and grooming.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Adult Protective Services (APS) workers within the Senior and Disability Services department investigate allegations of abuse and/or neglect of seniors and adults with disabilities.

APS received **3,657** calls regarding elderly citizens throughout Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties. Of those calls, **1,457** resulted in investigations by APS staff.



HOUSING SYMPOSIUM JOINS LOCAL LEADERS

OCWCOG brought together local leaders and decision makers for a Housing Symposium in October of 2022. This work session brought together those dedicated to improving services and support for medically fragile, care dependent, older adults and people with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness. Through a collaborative discussion, the attendees identified gaps and barriers to service and explored our current systems. Moving forward, input and data from the symposium will be compiled and work groups will be formed to begin work on the identified top priorities. There will also be discussion and planning related to future housing symposiums, with the goal of expanding the discussion and bringing more parties to the table.

AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CONNECTION

The Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) is a free service that offers the public a single point of entry to access resources, information, and assistance on issues affecting older adults and people with disabilities regardless of their income.



7,943
TOTAL NUMBER
OF CALLS RECEIVED

3 Call Center Agents answered a total of 7,943 calls from residents across the region requesting information and assistance.



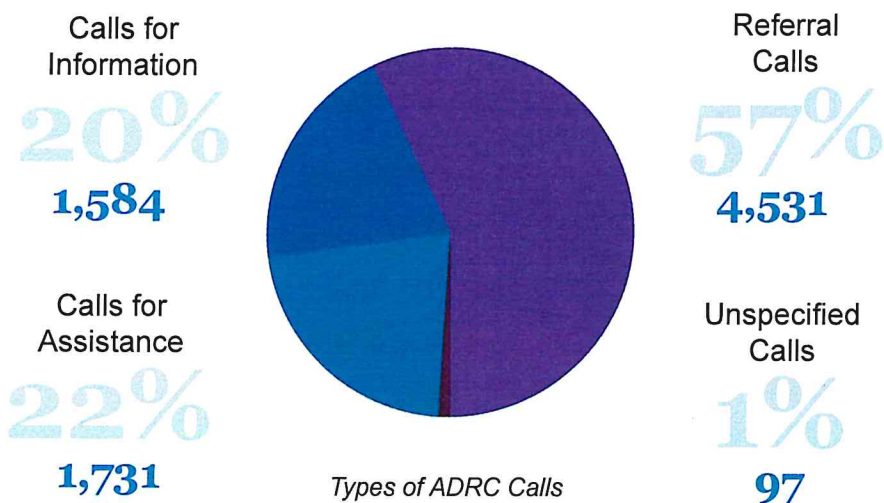
7,845
TOTAL CASES
COMPLETED

Of the 7,943 calls received, 7,845 of them resulted in access to resources and assistance. This is a 99% completion rate.



5,529
TOTAL
CONSUMERS

5,529 unduplicated customers reached out regarding services and assistance throughout the region.



ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility workers processed **18,401** applicants for food and medical benefits in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties. Of those applicants, **10,901** were eligible to receive services.

Staff processed **9,074** Medicaid Renewal applications in 2022.

OCWCOG has **30,889** active medical cases across the region. This accounts for **31%** of all active medical cases in the district. There are **12,568** non-medical cases active in the region, which accounts for **24%** of all non-medical cases in the district.



111 INDIVIDUALS
REFERRED
for utility assistance

OCWCOG Eligibility Services and Community Services Consortium (CSC) created a partnership to streamline referrals between the two units. 2022 was the first successful year of this partnership and resulted in 111 individuals being referred.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OCWCOG's Senior and Disability Services administers the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, for Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties on behalf of the State of Oregon to eligible, low-income individuals and families. SNAP assists those who are eligible to receive "Oregon Trail Cards" to use at grocery stores to purchase food.



28,739
TOTAL SNAP
CASES

TOTAL SNAP ISSUANCES

7,428
LINN & BENTON
COUNTY

2,441
LINCOLN
COUNTY

ADULT FOSTER HOMES

Adult Foster Homes (AFH) are single-family residents that offer 24 hour care for the elderly and adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities. These unique homes provide individuals with necessary care in a home-like setting, allowing residents to function at the highest level of independence possible.

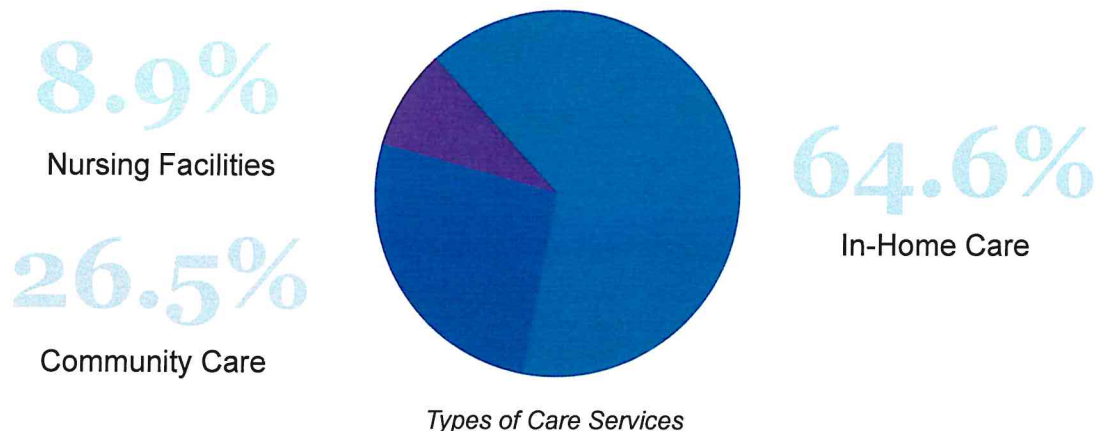


50 ADULT FOSTER HOMES
provided up to 230 residents
safe housing in 2022.

There are **2** OCWCOG staff members that license all Adult Foster Homes in the county that house older adults and people with disabilities.

CARE SERVICES AND SUPPORT

OCWCOG assisted a total of **2,536** residents in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties with care services in 2022. Of these services, there were **1,636** that received in-home care, **671** that received community based care, and **229** were nursing facility consumers.



ACTIVE HOME CARE WORKFORCE

440 PROVIDERS
in Lincoln County

1,340 PROVIDERS
in Linn & Benton Counties

Community Service Programs

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels (MOW) serves fresh, hot, nutritionally balanced meals to older adults, adults with disabilities, and spouses/ life partners who often live alone and have limited resources or ability to care for themselves. Along with a nutritionally balanced meal, MOW provides a daily safety check and social connection, assisting limited-income, low mobility clients to remain safe and independent in their own home for as long as possible.



240,103 TOTAL MEALS SERVED
228,841 HOME DELIVERED MEALS
11,262 CONGREGATE DINING MEALS
4,361 BLIZZARD BOXES



\$172,974
COMMUNITY
DONATIONS



2,082
CLIENTS
SERVED

STAND BY ME

Stand By Me - Oregon (\$BM) is a financial empowerment program with a proven coaching model that helps provide financial stability to individuals and families. There are four primary outcomes: budgeting, reducing debt, improving credit scores, and building savings.



\$125,000
AMERICORPS
SENIOR FUNDS

AmeriCorps Senior Demonstration Funds received in 2022 were specifically used to hire administrative staff to help coordinate and train \$BM coaches.



\$41,920
SAVINGS BY
PARTICIPANTS

Clients work to build savings for various life events such as college, retirement, the purchase of a home, a safety net and more.



\$12,102
TOTAL DEBT
REDUCED

Coaches work with clients to reduce their overall debt and increase their credit score, improving their financial health and wellbeing.



\$32,400
GRANT FUNDS
RECEIVED

Stand By Me received a \$32,400 grant from the Oregon Community Foundation to train bilingual coaches on financial issues specifically impacting Latinos and ensure that all coaching materials were translated in a culturally sound way with Latino-based Spanish.

MONEY MANAGEMENT

The Money Management program provides free assistance with personal money management tasks through specially trained volunteers. Service is personalized, confidential, and safe. It is offered free of charge to eligible individuals.

78 residents across the region were served in 2022.

27 **BILL PAY PROGRAM**
CLIENTS

Bill Pay clients receive assistance with their finances in the areas of budgeting and check writing.

51 **REPRESENTED PAYEE**
PROGRAM CLIENTS

A Representative Payee is someone appointed by the Federal Benefit payers to manage benefit payments on behalf of an incapable beneficiary.

OREGON PROJECT INDEPENDENCE

Oregon Project Independence (OPI) is a program providing assistance that supports daily activities of living which can be provided by home care workers or in-home care agencies. Examples of in-home assistance includes help with dressing, meal preparations, bathing, shopping, and housekeeping. OPI is an alternative to Medicaid and offers up to 20 hours a month of in-home assistance.

152 **CASE MANAGED CLIENTS**
IN OREGON PROJECT INDEPENDENCE

**OCWCOG Community Service Programs are supported
by over 400 volunteers across the region.**



AmeriCorps Seniors Programs

FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

Foster Grandparent volunteers, sponsored by OCWCOG, tutor and mentor local youth ages 3-18 in public schools, after school, and through various literacy programs.



18,651
VOLUNTEER
HOURS

24 Foster Grandparent volunteers served in 2022, making a significant difference in the lives of youth across the region.



\$251,788
WORTH OF
SERVICE

The hours served by Foster Grandparents in 2022 provided over \$250,000 worth of service to the region.



SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Senior Health Insurance Benefit Assistance Program (SHIBA) is administered by OCWCOG on behalf of the State of Oregon. This program educates local residents on Medicare benefit elections. SHIBA counselors provide free one-on-one counseling services and are certified by the State.

1,598 residents in the region were served by SHIBA volunteers in 2022.

A total of **10** free “New to Medicare” seminars were held in-person or virtually to assist those new to the program in understanding their benefits.

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

Senior Companion volunteers provide assistance and friendship to older adults who have difficulty with daily living tasks, such as shopping or paying bills. Through this program, volunteers keep seniors independent longer and provide respite to family caregivers. 2022 saw a spike in requests for Companionship Plans due to social isolation during Covid.

26 volunteers provided **8,152** hours of direct one-to-one service to older adults.

36 **COMPANIONSHIP**
CARE PLANS

Total Companionship Care Plans provide respite care, phone chats, and socialization for older adults across the region.

9 **TRANSPORTATION**
CARE PLANS

Total Transportation Care Plans provide rides to homebound seniors to assist them in completing important tasks such as grocery shopping and doctor appointments.

Community & Economic Development

Economic Development

CASCADES WEST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

OCWCOG provides staffing for the Cascades West Economic Development District (CWEDD), which creates, adopts, and works to implement the priorities of the Region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).



\$171,616
CARES FUNDS
DISPERSED

CWEDD dispersed \$171,616 of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) funding to assist with 23 projects in various cities and economic development offices.



\$300,000
BROADBAND
STUDY

In 2022, CWEDD began managing the Broadband Feasibility Study grant, which was formerly with Lincoln County.



\$86,045
RURAL CAPACITY
FUND

An \$86,045 Rural Capacity Fund was received to assist communities throughout the region with identifying projects and grant opportunities.

CASCADES WEST BUSINESS LENDING

Cascades West Business Lending (CWBL) efforts aim to encourage new employment opportunities and promote a stable and diversified economy in the region. In 2022, loan administration was transferred to CCD, freeing up time for outreach and activities leading to more lending.

In 2022, **7** businesses successfully paid off their loans from CWBL.

4 new Small Business Loans totaling **\$759,000** were funded in 2022.



Seventeen
ACTIVE SMALL
BUSINESS LOANS



\$2.5 Million
OF LOAN FUNDS IN
THE COMMUNITY

Community Development

ALBANY AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

The Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) represents the cities of Albany, Millersburg, Tangent and Jefferson, Linn and Benton Counties, and the Oregon Department of Transportation.



STATE FUND EXCHANGE PROGRAM

AAMPO facilitated conversations about changes in the State Fund exchange program and drafted a letter of support to maintain the program.



TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

AAMPO began development of the FY2024-27 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program and coordinated with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

CORVALLIS AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

The Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) represents the cities of Corvallis, Adair Village, and Philomath, Benton County and the Oregon Department of Transportation.



DRAFTED LETTERS OF SUPPORT

CAMPO submitted a letter to the Oregon Transportation Commission regarding flexible funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs act and wrote a letter of support to continue Mobility Hub design at Oregon State University and Linn Benton Community College.



DEVELOPED IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Began development of the FY2024-27 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program and coordinated with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.



ADOPTED REGIONAL PLAN

Adopted the 2043 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which is a 20 year plan to guide transportation investments. This work was completed entirely in house, resulting in an estimated savings of over \$150,000.

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



BROWNFIELD WORKPLANS

OCWCOG developed an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield workplan for the region. Staff assisted The Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians with a Brownfield Request for Proposal (RFP) and began assisting Lincoln City with a Brownfield RFP.



WETLAND MITIGATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

Cascades West Regional Consortium (CWRC) completed phase one of the work with ECONorthwest on the Wetland Mitigation Bank Feasibility Study. Findings were presented in October of 2022.

Transportation

CASCADES WEST RIDE LINE

Cascades West Ride Line is the region's Non-Emergent Medical Transportation (NEMT) for physical, dental, drug and alcohol, and mental health treatment. In 2022, Ride Line was able to expand to Medicare consumers through benefits with the Samaritan Advantage Health Plan. Ride Line made an incredible impact on the residents of the region in 2022 by:



Answering **84,500** calls for service with a **95%** answer rate.

Providing **168,780** trips for a total of **3,868,739** miles. This is an average of **14,000** trips per month.

 **28** CONTRACTED PROVIDERS

 **95** CONTRACTED VEHICLES

 **600** AVERAGE WEEKDAY TRIPS

CASCADES WEST TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

OCWCOG coordinates the regional Transportation Options Program, which supports people who commute to work via means other than driving alone in a vehicle and encourages more trips taken by foot, bike or bus. In 2022, the program assisted 4 large employers in setting up employee commute options. They also completed travel training, educating members of the public on how to safely navigate public transportation options.

 **684 Trips** DURING MAY BIKE MONTH

 **402 New** GET THERE CONNECT ACCOUNTS

 **3,700 Trips** DURING THE GET THERE CHALLENGE

CASCADES WEST TRAINING CENTER

Cascades West Training Center offers nationally certified training to OCWCOG's Regional transportation providers, including non-emergent medical transport, public transportation, human services transport, and volunteer drivers. Classes include Red Cross Adult CPR/First Aid and Blood Borne Pathogen Certification, National Safety Council Defensive Driving Certification, and Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) Passenger Assistance Safety and Sensitivity (PASS) Certification.

43 FIRST AID/CPR CERTIFICATIONS

43 DEFENSIVE DRIVING CERTIFICATIONS

55 CTAA PASS CERTIFICATIONS

NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL DEFENSIVE DRIVING CERTIFICATIONS

14 SENIOR COMPANIONS

19 FOSTER GRANDPARENTS

CASCADES WEST AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION

The Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation (CWACT) provides a forum for local governments to collaborate on local, regional, and State transportation issues in the Linn, Benton, and Lincoln, County region. The CWACT is chartered by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) and provides input, advice, and recommendations to the OTC and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) on State transportation plans and policies.



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Staff coordinated closely with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) regional staff on statewide plans and programs and made sure local input was provided to the Oregon Transportation Commission.



DEVELOPED IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Began development of the FY2024-27 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program and coordinated with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS



MOBILITY HUB DESIGN

This project aims to design two mobility hubs for regional/local transit connections at both Oregon State University and Linn Benton Community College. Conceptual plans (30%) were completed for both sites and reviewed. Site and utility surveys were conducted and a pre-application meetings were held with both cities.



HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATED PLANS

Human Services Coordinated Plans are long range plans that address the transit needs of seniors and people with disabilities in rural areas. They are required by counties in order to access rural transit funding. Provider surveys were distributed to transit providers, human service providers, volunteer programs, and private citizens regarding transportation services and gaps in the region.



SEAMLESS TRANSIT/ CASCADES WEST RIDE

The Seamless Transit and Cascades West Ride program implemented in 2022 saved transit partners hundreds of hours of staff time with real-time bus information via the Transit App and Cascades West Ride website.





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TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Dee Baley-Hyder *DBH*

DATE: March 21, 2023

RE: Veterans Services Quarterly update January 1, 2023 to March 21, 2023

Linn County Veterans Services has seen an increase. A year ago we, reported that our office had served over 8,900 veterans and family members. As of today, our office has helped over 9,190 veterans and family members. Our monthly incoming calls have grown to over 715 month. We have been extremely busy and trying to keep up with the demand, but looking forward to helping more veterans and their family members as needed.

The Recoveries update, this is awards (money) that the veteran, surviving spouse or family members have received from the claims that we have filed for them.

- Recoveries from for the new quarter January 1, 2023 to March 21, 2023
\$ 354,638.99
- Recoveries up to date since July 1, 2022 to March 21, 2023
\$1,625,450.15

Transportation is still going strong, as we are booked into April with transportation for our local veterans.

The PACT Act is keeping us very busy, with all the new presumptive for Gulf War era, Post-9/11 and Vietnam era veterans. We are seeing a majority of these claims worked expeditiously but, there are selective few that are taking longer than expected. This causes our recoveries to fluctuate in amounts that come in. We encourage veterans and family members to contact our office with any questions pertaining to any possible benefits that they may be entitled to. There will be a link on our website for the PACT Act. <https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>

Our Office is getting ready for some upcoming outreach events, we already attended the 2023 Spring Gun Show, which was successful. We were also able go to Tri-Counties American Legions Post 61 in Junction City. We were

able to answer questions about what benefits may be available to veterans and their family members.

In April we will be driving the Honor Flight participants up to Portland and then bringing them back home. We feel so honored and privileged to be a part of this event.



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Resolution and Order 2023-143

Intergovernmental Agreement between the Oregon Youth Authority and Linn County for the Linn Benton Juvenile Detention Center

RO 2023-143 is amending the dates of our current extension agreement for the operation of the Linn Benton Juvenile Detention Facility out of the Oak Creek Youth Correctional Facility to expire on August 31, 2023.

There have been several previous extensions to our 20 year agreement with the State and the Oregon Youth Authority. The new 20 year agreement is in the process of being completed with the expectation that it will be approved prior to the August 31, 2023 date.

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Date: April 4, 2023

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Rachel Adamec, Real Property Program Manager

RE: Resolution & Order Nos. 2023-126, 2023-130 and 2023-132

1. **R&O 2023-126:** This is a reconveyance of tax-foreclosed property - property account numbers 333878 (13S-1E-34-709) and 333894 (13S-1E-34-711). On February 14, 2023 the Board of Commissioners agreed to allow the former owner 30 days to buy back property. The buyback amount was paid within the time limit.
2. **R&O 2023-130:** This completes the conveyance of tax-foreclosed property account numbers 676565 (14S-2W-402 M1), 707402 (14S-2W-403 M1) and 707428 (14S-2W-3302 M1). This is a sale of the ½ interest in mineral rights on 181.8 acres. The purchaser is the owner of the acreage, Oak Basin LLC. The purchase price is \$909.
3. **R&O 2023-132:** This completes the conveyance of tax-foreclosed property sold via private sale. Sale details:
 - Property account nos.: 315628 (14S-4W-6-500) & 315636 (14S-4W-6-600)
 - Sealed bid accepted on March 21, 2023
 - Bid amount: \$20,000
 - Sold to: Tom Herndon & Marci Herndon

