



The Honorable Gregory V. Smith
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District 57

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CITIES ACROSS HOUSE DISTRICT 57 RECEIVE HOUSING PLANNING FUNDING

HEPPNER, OR. – The Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) has selected the cities of **Grass Valley, Hermiston, Maupin, Shaniko, Umatilla, and Wasco** to receive Housing Planning Assistance grant awards for the 2025–2027 biennium.

“I am proud to see so many of our Eastern Oregon communities receive this important support,” said Representative **Gregory Smith (R-Heppner)**.

Smith continued, “Access to housing is one of the biggest challenges facing rural Oregon, and these grants will help our cities plan responsibly for future growth, update local housing codes, and make it easier to get homes built where they’re needed most.”

Each city’s application was chosen from among many submitted statewide, with DLCD noting that these proposals align strongly with the agency’s Housing Planning Assistance funding priorities. The grants will support work on the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance: Housing Production Amendments, helping local governments modernize planning documents to increase housing supply and encourage sustainable development.

In the coming weeks, DLCD staff will work directly with each city to develop detailed work programs and budgets. Once finalized and approved, cities will be able to begin reimbursable work on their projects.

While the department has not yet committed specific dollar amounts to each grant, funding levels will be determined in coordination with local governments during the agreement process.

“These awards represent another important step in supporting rural housing solutions,” Smith added. “By partnering with state agencies and empowering local governments, we’re ensuring our small towns have the tools they need to grow and thrive.”

For more information about the DLCD Housing Planning Assistance program, visit:
www.oregon.gov/lcd

Smith is the Republican budget leader who represents the entirety of Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman, and Wheeler counties, as well as portions of Clackamas, Jefferson, Marion, Hermiston, and Wasco Counties.

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