



Yamhill County Economic Development Newsletter

February 10, 2025

- The IRS has begun accepting 2024 tax returns. Refunds should be processed and received within three weeks of submission. Filing online usually means a quicker refund. Earned income tax credit and Additional child tax credit cannot be issued before mid-February, however many will receive their EITC or ACTC by March 3rd. You can check your refund status within 24 hours of electronic submission or after four weeks if you file a paper return. You can track your refund – [“Where’s My Refund”](#) or via the mobile app [IRS2Go](#). You can [file your taxes for free](#) with the IRS. The IRS offers an [identity protection pin](#) to prevent fraud when filing your tax return. The IRS has information on [choosing a tax professional](#), and a [directory of federal tax return preparers](#).
- Yamhill County Veterans Health Event will be held at Chemeketa Yamhill Valley Campus on Wednesday May 14th from 10am-2pm. Connect with local resources for health, wellness, and community support. On-site services include: Vet Center Truck, dental checkups and more. Donations and supplies for veterans in need of clothing hygiene, etc. Network with veteran-friendly organizations and service providers.
- Linfield University is hosting a Spring Career and Job Fair on Wednesday March 18th, 2025, 11am to 2:30pm in Riley Hall, Red Meyer Lounge. To register for a booth, by March 12th, complete the [following form](#). There is a fee to register.
- Know a youth interested in emergency preparedness? FEMA Youth Preparedness Council is accepting applications for students in grade eight through eleven. You can find more information on the attached document – 2025 YPC Application Flyer.
- The FTC is recommending [actions](#) you can take in advance of National Consumer Protection Week 2025 – March 2-8.

Grants and Financing:

- Honeycomb Credit is offering a \$10,000 Breakthrough grant to support small businesses achieving their next big milestone – for example, opening a new location, launching a food truck or franchising. Eligible applicants must own a small business. Applications are due April 2. You can learn more [here](#).

- Businesses can still claim the Employee Retention Credit (ERTC), a CARES Act stimulus program. Eligibility guidelines can be found on the [IRS website](#) and the **final date** to claim the credit is this APRIL 15, 2025.
- Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Program seeks to award 3% of all federal contracting dollars to veteran owned businesses. This program offers [assistance to small business owners](#) who are service-disabled veterans.
- The [UPS Store Small Biz Challenge](#) is an opportunity for a small business to compete for a chance at \$35,000 prize.
- [Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program](#) (USDA) provides year-round funding to assist rural areas develop facilities. Eligible applicants include public bodies, community-based not for profits and federally recognized tribes in rural areas with fewer than 20,000 in population.
- The US Chamber's Hiring Our Heroes initiative connects military community with meaningful employment opportunities. The [small grant program](#) is a one-time grant of \$10,000 to five small for profit businesses owned by veterans and or military spouses.
- The National Association of the Self Employed ([NASE](#)) Growth Grants provide up to \$4,000 to assist with training, marketing and more. You must be a member for 90 days.
- [Retail Readiness Entrepreneurship Training Program](#) is a 16-week initiative to empower underserved US based entrepreneurs working in agriculture or creating value-added ag products. The program runs from March 10-June 30th providing participants with \$1,000 for retail readiness certifications, leadership and venture scaling guidance, and access to a network of mentors and peers.
- [Agricultural Justice Project](#) is a program offering free resources and guidance for owners of farms and food businesses.

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