



## Yamhill County Economic Development Newsletter

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### Business Research and Updates:

- Business Oregon, in partnership with Oregon Business and Industry contracted with the University of Oregon to conduct a study and analysis of Oregon businesses. The project will be used to inform state policy and economic development. The project surveyed 393 Oregon traded-sector businesses and more than 30 interviews with business and economic development organizations. You can read the report [here](#).
- The U.S. Treasury announced today that they had published Interim Final Rule removing reporting requirements for U.S. companies and U.S. persons. FinCEN issued a rule that removes the requirements of U.S. companies and U.S. persons to report beneficial ownership information (BOI) under the Corporate Transparency Act and narrows the scope of the rule to foreign reporting companies. The interim final rule is effective immediately. You can read the interim final rule [here](#).

### Finance and Funding:

- The members of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) met last week, and it appears most members plan to see more rate cuts coming later in 2025. You can read about the projections through 2027 and beyond [here](#). The Federal Reserve issued this [statement](#).
- Business Oregon has launched the next funding program of the Childcare Infrastructure Fund. Applications are due by April 30, 2025. You can find more information here: [https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/child\\_care\\_infrastructure/pages/default.aspx](https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/child_care_infrastructure/pages/default.aspx).
- USDA Rural Development has applications open until April 17<sup>th</sup> for beginning farmers or ranchers, Veteran farmers or ranchers, socially disadvantaged farmer, or rancher, small or medium sized farm and ranch structured as a family farm, farmer or rancher cooperative, proposing a mid-tier value chain. The VAPG (Value-added producer program) helps ag producers enter value-added activities to generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities and increase producer

income. Planning grants \$75,000; Working Capital grants \$250,000. More information can be found [here](#).

- [Black Ambition Prize Competition](#) provides a platform for underrepresented founders to access growth capital, coaching, and a curated community of innovators and mentors. Eligible applicants considered are of diverse innovators building early-stage ventures across five distinct categories: consumer products and services; healthcare; media and entertainment; technology; AI.
- [Zayed Sustainability Prize](#) recognizes organizations that have demonstrated sustainability in six areas: health, food, energy, water, climate action, global high schools.
- The Recycling Partnership has grants for polypropylene recycling capture through materials recovery facilities. You can find more information [here](#).
- Bronze Valley Investment Accelerator invests up to \$100k in high-growth startups and focuses on supporting under-resourced entrepreneurs. You can learn more [here](#).
- Hivers and Strivers Capital provides early-stage financing to ventures led by military veterans. They invest solely in highly scalable startups led by US military veterans. They do not invest in lifestyle businesses or franchises, for ex. You can learn more [here](#).
- The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service is offering grants to farmers, ranchers, and landowners to implement conservation practices in agriculture. The EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program) provides technical and financial assistance to ag producers and forest landowners to address natural resource concerns. You can learn more [here](#).
- PGE Foundation is awarding grants at three areas: education, creative expression and career pathways to charitable, nonprofit, tax exempt organizations. Currently the only open grant cycle is for career pathways where applications are accepted May 26<sup>th</sup> through July 7, 2025. You can learn more [here](#).
- Oregon Department of Forestry's Volunteer Fire Capacity grants are available for rural fire departments to improve fire protection capabilities in unprotected or under protected areas. You can learn more about ODF grants [here](#).
- Red Rover has safe housing grants for survivors of domestic violence by removing a barrier to safety and allowing pets and people to escape abuse together. Grants of

up to \$60k are offered to nonprofit domestic violence and animal organizations. You can learn more [here](#).

#### Business Resources:

- MySBA Certifications is the one-stop destination for all of SBA's small business certifications. Businesses can apply for multiple certifications at once for federal contracts. There are four certifications: [8\(a\) Business Development](#), [HUBZone](#), [Veteran-Owned](#), [Women-Owned](#). Certifications give the recipient access to sole-source and competitive set-aside contracts, assistance from federal procurement experts, business development assistance from dedicated Business Opportunity Specialists, opportunities to create joint ventures with established businesses and priority access to federal surplus property.

#### Training:

- Chemeketa Community College is offering a free leadership training program, titled "Preparing for Supervision and Leadership". It is a no-cost training for employees in Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties, for employers who want to prepare their employees for supervisory and leadership roles in their organizations. The course is an 18-hour program, non-credit bearing, offered in Salem at the Center for Business and Industry, and is designed to reskill and upskill employees for leadership roles in Manufacturing, Hospitality, Healthcare, Construction, Warehousing, Distribution, and Technology. Classes begin May 22. For more information contact Lori McCauley – 503-316-3239 or [Lori.McCauley@chemeketa.edu](mailto:Lori.McCauley@chemeketa.edu).
- SBA Mentor-Protégé program for small businesses to gain government contracts. You can learn more [here](#).
- Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses is a multi-week program for small business owners. In partnership with Babson College, the program helps small business owners receive one-on-one business advice while learning valuable skills to help grow their business. You can learn more [here](#).

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