



Yamhill County Economic Development Newsletter

April 2, 2025

Grants:

- Oriental Trading Company is the nation's largest direct merchant of party supplies, crafts, etc. They support organizations and programs in education, youth, healthcare and human services. If you have an upcoming fundraising event and are seeking a donation, you can make a request [here](#).
- The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation has grants for not for profits. They aim to support organizations for which a relatively small amount of funding might make a large difference. They support museums, cultural and performing arts programs, schools, and hospitals, educational and skills training and programs for youth, seniors and persons with disabilities. Grants are typically \$1,000 to \$20,000. You can read about it [here](#).
- When Georgia Smiled, the Robin McGraw and Dr. Phil Foundation offer grants for: domestic violence, children in foster care and disaster relief. You can learn more [here](#).
- The Halstead grant is an annual award for emerging silver jewelry artists. The deadline is May 1st. You can learn more [here](#).
- Nasdaq Quarterly Grant program for organizations that promote and support under-resourced communities by reimagining investor engagement and equipping communities with financial knowledge. You can learn more [here](#).
- Outdoor school camp facility grants from the [Gray Family Foundation](#). Eligible applicants include non-profit camp facilities or school, districts, tribal entities, 502(c)3 non-profit organizations. You can read more about it [here](#).

Business Resources:

- Launch Mid-Valley is offering Launch Pad for non-techies on Friday April 11th, 2:00pm and Saturday April 12 10am-5pm. The workshop is virtual and you can register [here](#).

- The Oregon Women’s Business Center is at Livelihood NW and supports women entrepreneurs. Membership is free. As a member, you can access free one-on-one business advising, information about grant opportunities, discount codes for workshops and trainings, networking opportunities and more. You can visit the website to learn more [here](#).
- [MEDP](#), [SBDC](#), the McMinnville [Chamber](#) of Commerce and Yamhill County [Economic Development](#) are hosting a business forum on Access to Capital and Business Resource Fair on Thursday, May 8th, at Chemeketa Community College from 8am-11am. All Yamhill County businesses are invited to attend. Space will be limited. More details to come soon.
- Oregon Entrepreneurs Network is hosting the Washington County Entrepreneur Support Org Reverse Pitch on April 23, 8:00am-10:30am at Zesti Food Carts pavilion (2131 Yew Street, Forest Grove, OR 97116). Entrepreneur and support organizations will pitch their services, programs, accelerators, and engagement opportunities directly to entrepreneurs (2 min pitch each). This event is for Oregon and SW Washington founders and early-stage entrepreneurs (early, development or growth start-up). You can read about it [here](#) and register [here](#).
- Entrepreneur offered this article: “[Every successful business solves a pain point- does yours](#)”.
- The deadline to file your 2024 tax returns is April 15th, 2025. Here is some [information from the IRS](#) on this year’s tax filing season.
- If you receive a mileage reimbursement, the [standard rate increased on January 1, 2025](#) to 70 cents per mile. Standard mileage for medical purposes is 21 cents per mile; for active duty military it is 21 cents per mile; and in service to charitable organizations, it is 14 cents per mile.

Protecting you, your business, and your family:

- [Oregon Emergency Management](#) is offering “[Older Adult Communities Prepared for Disasters](#)” workshops: How emergency managers and organizations serving older adults can work together on April 23, 10-12noon; and Medication guidance for disasters on May 21, 10-12noon. You can register [here](#).
- The FTC ([Federal Trade Commission](#)) Consumer Advice shared this [article](#) on talking to your kids about text scams. Things to remember to stop fraud – don’t click on links, don’t share codes with anyone (even your own bank, they won’t call you to ask

for it. If you do get a call, it's a scammer), don't cave to pressure to respond, and don't pay with cash, a gift card, wire transfer, cryptocurrency, or payment app.

- It's Financial Literacy Month. The FTC shared [this article](#) on protecting yourself and your money from scammers. You can learn more about financial literacy at [Consumer.gov](https://www.consumer.gov).
- The FTC reminds businesses that they do NOT have to pay to obtain a Employer Identification Number. Many fraudulent companies are offering to obtain an EIN for a business but, it is a free service from the IRS. You can read more [here](#).
- There are many services available to you through the Federal government that are free. You can find out what benefits are available to you by visiting [USA.gov](https://www.usa.gov).
- **Top five meta scams::**
 - 1. Who viewed your profile - tricks you by telling you that you can see who has viewed your profile - message is sent that appears to come from a friend or may create a malicious advertisement that appears in your newsfeed. If you click a button, the criminals have access to your account.
 - 2. Fake inappropriate videos – cybercriminals upload fake inappropriate videos of celebrities to gain your attention (either an ad or a post) and may contain links to fake YouTube videos. If you click on the link, a message claims your Adobe Flash Player is broken and that you need to update it. If you click the link, the criminals will install malware on your device.
 - 3. Viral videos – viral videos are popular and if you accidentally click a link for a fake viral video, you may send a message that asks you to update your video player. Instead of an update, you will be downloading a virus onto your device. Rather than downloading a video, search via a reliable search engine for the video you'd like to watch. If you don't see a link to the video, then the video could be a scam.
 - 4. Fake profile scam – criminals can steal names and pictures from a person's real social media profiles and send connection requests to the person's friends. The criminals then scam the friend by faking an emergency. Be careful accepting friend requests from people you're already friends with.
 - 5. Romance scams – cybercriminals create a fake profile using a real person's photos and stories. Then they try to develop relationships with other social media users sending posts, photos, and messages. The criminals use

romantic language, promise happiness and eventually trick you into sharing personal information or money. Don't accept connection requests from people you don't know in real life.

Workforce Resources:

- Willamette Workforce Partnership is the four-county workforce board for Linn, Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties. They assist both [job seekers](#) and [businesses](#) through a variety of programs.
- The Bureau of Labor Statistics issued the State Employment and Unemployment Summary on March 28th. You can read the report [here](#).
- [YVCareers.com](#) is a complimentary job board for posting your jobs, internships, and other opportunities at your place of business. The site was developed in partnership with Chemeketa Community College, McMinnville School District, and the [Workforce Integration Network](#) (WIN).
- The WIN, [Workforce Integration Network](#), needs input from businesses and industry. Consider attending a meeting to learn more. The WIN is focused on workforce development and wants to know how to best support you and workforce development in the area. Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month, 3-4pm at Chemeketa Community College, Yamhill Valley Campus, McMinnville. You can learn more [here](#).
- Willamette Workforce Partnership is seeking **Construction and Trucking related businesses and industries** to attend a focused conversation on **Monday April 7th at the Knife River Training Center near Albany, OR**. A flyer with more information is attached for you and includes a QR code to register for the event.
- On Friday, the Bureau of Labor Statistics will report on Friday the job's report. You can read the February labor report [here](#) and expect the March report to be posted on Friday, April 4. The BLS also tracks the stats for Consumer Price Index (the Western Region one is posted [here](#)).
- The Barbara Roberts Career and Technical Center in Sheridan is seeking feedback from manufacturing professionals. The school is building the manufacturing pathway and needs input on curriculum. The school invites you to participate in a brief survey designed to gather your valuable feedback. Your input will directly influence the competencies they emphasize, ensuring that their graduates meet the expectations of local and regional manufacturers. **Survey Link:** https://us01.l.antigena.com/l/lXeOZWDmvvZBV1_Q11487Vcjr6TLVg_pKvI8UJEE5t9

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Legislative Update:

- Business Oregon has sent a [notice of proposed rulemaking](#) regarding updates to the Entrepreneurial Development Loan Fund Program. The comment period for these rules ends April 29th at 5:00pm. Comments can be sent to [John Hobbs](#) at Business Oregon.
- At the March meetings of the Federal Reserve, the Board and the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) released the economic projections and issued [this statement](#). The Committee decided to maintain the target range for the federal funds rate at 4.25 to 4.50%.