



Yamhill County Economic Development Newsletter

June 3, 2025

Business Information:

- April Mid-Valley Economic Indicators report was issued by the Department of Employment on May 28th. Job growth in Yamhill County grew by 20 jobs, driven by industries such as private education, health services, professional and business services, and government. Unemployment in Yamhill County increased from 4.1% in April 2024 to 4.7% in April 2025. The report shows the median household income in Yamhill County among the highest in the Mid-Valley at \$87,000 (Marion and Polk counties - \$74,600 and \$81,300 respectively. Linn County had the lowest median income in the Mid-Valley area, averaging \$73,300. You can read the report [here](#).
- [Oregon Entrepreneurs Network](#) is hosting the 31st Annual Oregon Entrepreneurship Awards. They are coming this November and nominations are open! This year's theme, "Choose Your Own Adventure," honors the winding paths, bold pivots, and defining moments that shape our region's most inspiring entrepreneurs. Do you know an entrepreneur who's navigated the unknown with courage and creativity? Now's the time to honor their journey. Nominate a regional company or a leader who's charting a bold course. Nominate a company or yourself here: oen.org/2025-awards. Deadline for nominations is July 11, 2025.
- [Business Oregon](#) has assistance for businesses seeking government contracts. You can learn more [here](#).
- The [Nonprofit Association of Oregon](#) is launching a five-part series to support non-profits facing federal cuts, staffing challenges, economic uncertainty. Registration is open for the first two sessions: [Strategic Decision Time – Sunset or Sustainability \(June 18\)](#) and [Business Remodeling for Sustainability \(June 25\)](#).
- [Investopedia](#) shared an [article about childcare costs in the US](#). The article included ways to lower the costs for families needing care.

- CO-100, America's Top 100 small businesses award program is open. They are seeking innovators, problem solvers and change-makers. You can apply to the CO-100 [here](#). You will need to create an account to login. The final prize is \$25,000.

Business Funding Sources and Resources

- Inc offered an article on Revenue Based Funding for startups. RBF is non-dilutive, providing capital in exchange for a percentage of future revenues. You can read the article [here](#).
- San Diego State University – [Techstars San Diego is an accelerator program for startups](#) hosted at SDSU. You can learn more here and apply [here](#). Applications are due June 11th. There are other Techstars locations across the US. Learn more [here](#).
- The PIG Difference grant program is offering up to \$5k to restore habitats, streams, rivers, ponds, swamps and wetlands. Groups and organizations of any type can apply: non profit, business or loosely-organized groups. You can learn more [here](#).
- The Oregon Startup Conference is coming soon. The deadline to apply to the Pitch is June 7th (Saturday!). Apply [here](#) to Pitch at the event. The conference is June 20th at George Fox University, 9am-4pm. You can learn more [here](#).
- Verizon and Local Initiatives Support Corporate (LISC) grant is designed to help small businesses with free resources on Digital Ready and awarding 50 small businesses with \$10k grants. You can learn more [here](#). Applications are due on June 30, 2025.
- The Entrepreneurship World Cup 2025 is one of the largest global pitch competitions and support programs. Entrepreneurs compete for a share of \$1.5M in cash prizes and millions more in investment, support, and publicity. You can learn more [here](#). Deadline to apply is June 30, 2025. FAQs [here](#).
- Intuit's Small Business Hero is an opportunity to nominate a small business (must be a third-party nomination) to honor their community impact. The nominee should have a history of integrity, perseverance, and positive community impact. In addition to the cash grant (\$20k), the winner will receive online features and free access to marketing and accounting software. Learn more [here](#).
- The [US Farm Service Agency](#) (US Department of Agriculture) is issuing up to \$10B in direct payments to eligible agricultural producers of eligible commodities for the 2024 crop year through the Emergency Commodity Assistance Program. These are

one-time economic assistance payments to help mitigate the impacts of increased input costs and falling commodity prices. You can learn more [here](#).

Legislative Update:

- The Oregon Legislature has passed **Senate Bill 426**, which allows construction workers to sue property owners and general contractors—not just subcontractors—for unpaid wages, in an effort to curb wage theft. Supporters say it boosts accountability, while critics warn it could raise construction costs and stall housing development . You can read the bill [here](#).
- The Bureau of Labor Statistics will be announcing the employment numbers for May 2025 this Friday. The expectation is that job growth will show a slowdown but perhaps not significant enough to encourage the Federal Reserve to cut the interest rate. You can read an article about it [here](#).