

Business Information:

- The SBDC (Small Business Development Center) is offering a Small Business Management program. It is a blend of classroom learning, one-on-one coaching, and networking. The classes are held in Salem and start in September. A flyer with additional information is attached. You can apply for the program at go.chemeketa.edu/sbm. If you are interested in this program but can't make it to Salem, let me know so we can gauge interest in Yamhill County for this program to be offered here.
- Looking to get your new business idea off the ground? The SBDC is offering the Ready, Set, Start workshops. They are usually 1.5 hours each and are offered twice per month, free of charge and via Zoom. You can view that and other classes here: oregonsbdc.org.
- No cost 1-on-1 business advising with the Chemeketa Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Go here to learn more and request for advising: <https://oregonsbdc.org/center/chemeketa-sbdc/>
- New monthly Chemeketa Center for Business and Industry (CCBI) *Power Lunch* series. The first Power Lunch workshop will be held Wednesday, July 23. We will learn from a rep from OregonBuys on how to use Oregon's eProcurement system to find and bid on government procurement offerings. New sales opportunities for business owners, including small businesses. Learn more and register here: <https://clients.oregonsbdc.org/workshop.aspx?ekey=30450031>
- Registration is now open for the CCBI Small Business Management (SBM) Program. A nine-month program to learn and apply today's best small business insights and practices. Includes in-person classes, peer collaboration, and 1-on-1 business coaching. Learn more and register here: <https://www.chemeketa.edu/alumni-community/business-opportunities/business-support/small-business-management-sbm/>.
- Looking for an intern to help? Unidos' Level Up Internship is a youth workforce development program. If you are interested in hiring an intern and learning more about the program, contact Salma Galvan Pelayo at salma@unidosyamhillcounty.org.
- If you were not able to attend the Access to Capital event in May, you can see the [slides](#) here and the recording [here](#).

- RealID is now required for air travel in the US. You can obtain one at the DMV. The FTC is warning residents that there are scammers pretending to be the DMV. They'll help you skip the line if you pay them. It's a scam. Here is a [link](#) to the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles for more information on RealID.
- The US Patent and Trademark Office is holding a [Trademark Bootcamp on July 1 from 2-2:30pm ET](#). The event is free, space is limited, and you can register [here](#).
- In October, YC Economic Development is partnering with local educators and McMinnville Economic Development Partnership to host a county-wide Manufacturing Day for high school students. If you are a manufacturer and are willing to allow a visit from high schoolers interested in manufacturing and fabrication, please let me know. I can be reached at goodrumg@yamhillcounty.gov.
- CO-by the US Chamber, C-Suite to Main Street talk on July 10, 12noon ET (9am PT). Adam Goldberg with PopUp Bagels will be sharing how he disrupted an established industry. You can learn more and register [here](#).
- The Bureau of Labor Statistics issues state employment and unemployment rates – jobless rates were up in three states, down in two, payroll changed little across all states. Oregon had an increase in unemployment year to year: May 2024, 4.1 vs 2025, 4.8. You can read the report [here](#).

Funding your business - Grants and Loans information:

- Business Oregon, the state's economic development department has a multitude of programs to assist businesses. You can find a full list of programs [here](#).
- Fed-Ex E-Commerce Learning Lab is offering an opportunity to small businesses to participate in an on-demand, online course that allows entrepreneurs to learn valuable e-commerce lessons in a quick, interactive, virtual environment. You can learn more [here](#) and take the classes.
- Skip Grant for Business Growth is offering \$5k to entrepreneurs with business plans. You can create a business plan on the site if you don't have one. Applications are due July 18, 2025. Skip also offers other grants that may be of interest. You can find all the information [here](#).
- Do You Fellowship is a founder support and mentorship opportunity. Must be 18 y/o; must be for profit business; must be in the post-revenue stage with a minimum annual revenue of \$250k or have raised at least \$150k; founder must be the majority owner; tech based business or innovatively incorporate technology into its business

model, products, or services; be poised for growth and actively seeking investment to scale; founder are required to share how and in what way inclusion in the program will disrupt inequities in the entrepreneurial ecosystem or investment landscape in which they operate. Applications are open June 3-July 20, 2025. You can learn more [here](#).

- The Hey Helen Grant gives \$5,000 in financial support to women founders building impactful, mission driven businesses. The grant is a privately funded initiative that invests in women entrepreneurs. The business must be 100% women-owned, generate between \$25k-\$1M annually and legally registered in the US. Deadline to apply is August 29, 2025. You can learn more [here](#).

Legislative Information:

- The Oregon House of Representatives will consider HB2025, a \$14B+ transportation bill. The bill, if passed will increase gas taxes to \$.55 per gallon (currently \$.40 per gallon); increases to most DMV fees; implement a new transfer tax on car sales; raise taxes on truck drivers; triple the state's 0.1% payroll tax for transit; and enact a charge that electric vehicle users would pay per mile driven, among other increases. You can read an article from the Oregonian [here](#) and the full bill [here](#).
- Last week the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee issued a statement on June 18th that they would hold the target range for the federal funds rate at 4.25 to 4.5%. You can read the statement [here](#). A summary of Economic Projections was also issued. You can read that report [here](#). FED officials have indicated they do intend to make at least two quarter-point rate cuts at some point this year. Indications are that interest rates at lending institutions will remain at current levels (for loans/mortgages as well as savings and cd's).
- This week FED Chairman Powell delivered testimony to Congress. The Central Bank had held pat on lowering the interest rate and concerns that tariffs will create inflation. The PCE for May ([Personal Consumption Expenditures](#)) will be released later this week and will inform the FED on next steps. The report is a measure of the spending on goods and services in the US and is a driver of the [Gross Domestic Product](#) (GDP). You can watch the testimony and read an AP article about it [here](#).
- DLCD (Department of Land Conservation and Development is asking for feedback on the City of McMinnville's Housing Production Strategy. You can read the overview and make comments [here](#).

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