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United States Department of Agriculture  
Rural Development - Oregon  
Attn: Drew Davis, Single Family Housing Program Director  
1220 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Suite 1801  
Portland, OR 97204

**Approved by the Yamhill County Board of  
Commissioners on 02/05/2026  
via Board Order 26-028**

Re: Yamhill Community Development Corporation

Dear Mr. Davis,

We would like to express our support for the mission and goals of Yamhill Community Development Corporation/Community Home Builders. As civic leaders who share similar goals, we appreciate the assistance that Yamhill CDC provides to many families living in adverse conditions as they seek to improve their quality of life. The work of Yamhill CDC is evident in the well-being of children, the strengthening of families, and the building of a healthy and robust community.

Yamhill CDC was established in 1990 and has assisted over 290 individuals and families through the Mutual Self-Help Housing Program. This program is designed to support low and very low-income people seeking homeownership. Approved applicants join a group of 8–12 families to build a rural neighborhood together. Participants receive USDA mortgages with reduced payments, technical assistance, and construction training. Once all homes in the current program are built, the new homeowners begin taking steps toward financial security. Program participation is based on several criteria. All applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

To sustain this program, Yamhill CDC must secure the 523 Grant, which funds office operations essential for managing homeowner billing and maintaining the program. Additionally, all 502 Grant funding for homeowners must be processed through Yamhill CDC's office.

The subdivision that Yamhill CDC is preparing to build in Amity, Oregon, will prove to be a boon to Yamhill County and to those families seeking housing in the immediate vicinity. Yamhill CDC provides an affordable alternative to many families during a rapidly changing and difficult housing market. We appreciate their efforts in supporting those who choose to live in the communities of Yamhill County.

Sincerely,

  
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Chair

  
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Vice-Chair

  
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