

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING ( ) Discussion only  
( X ) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): County Counsel

SUBJECT: Letter of Support

<p>Background:</p> <p>The Board has been requested to provide a letter of support for the Weston Area Development Association grant application for revitalization of historic downtown buildings. The letter is before the Board for review and approval</p>	<p>Requested Action:</p> <p>Approve letter and authorize Chair to sign</p>
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ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Letter

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Checkoffs:

- ( ) Dept. Heard (copy)
- ( ) Human Resources (copy)
- ( ) Fiscal
- ( X ) Legal (copy)
- ( ) (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:

Needed at Meeting:

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Scheduled for meeting on: February 5, 2025

Action taken:

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Follow-up:

## Board of Commissioners



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February 5, 2025

Oregon Heritage/State Historic Preservation Office  
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant

Re: Weston Area Development Association

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Umatilla County Commissioners would like to add their support for the application of the Weston Area Development Association for an Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant. The purpose of the grant would be to assist in the restoration of the historic buildings located within the Weston Historic Commercial District located in downtown Weston.

The Weston Historic Commercial District includes many buildings that have existed for almost 150 years. Most of these are constructed from brick manufactured by the local Weston Brick Company. Restoration of these buildings will help to preserve the history of the city, as well as Umatilla County.

Restored buildings will help to provide much needed business opportunities and housing in this low-income area. Currently vacant buildings could be restored and repurposed to serve business, retail, nonprofits or governmental offices uses. These buildings have second stories that could be converted to residential space to provide housing. These restored historic buildings will help bring further tourism to the community and vitality to this rural area.

The restoration of an historic Weston, and revitalization to this City will enhance not just the local area, but the County as a whole. The Board is privileged to add its support to this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Celinda A. Timmons  
Chair, Board of Commissioners

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