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MEMORANDUM

TO: Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Tonia Holowetzki, Director, Public & Government Affairs (PGA)
RE: FY 2027 Congressionally Directed Spending Projects
DATE: February 10, 2026

REQUEST: Approval of a project list for potential submission to the FY2027 congressionally directed spending process, also known as earmarks.

BACKGROUND: Congressional offices are beginning to solicit congressionally directed spending (CDS) proposals, including capital and programmatic funding requests. Applications to Senate offices are due February 25, 2026. The House CDS process is not yet defined.

Given the condensed timeline for Senate proposals, staff seeks the Board's approval of a recommended project list. The approval authorizes PGA to submit a CDS proposal for federal consideration should a recommended project appear competitive. Staff will keep the Board informed of any applications, or if recommended projects are determined to be unsuitable for this funding cycle.

In 2025, PGA interviewed County departments to better understand projects that may be competitive for state or federal funding opportunities. Potential projects were screened for alignment with the Board's strategic priorities and PGA is actively working with congressional offices to evaluate which projects may be competitive for funding, if any.

Recommended FY27 CDS Projects

Project	Corresponding BCC Priority
WES Middle Clackamas Interceptor (\$1-4M request). This would be a resubmission from last year.	Available Land for Business Development: By 2028, in conjunction with our communities and partners, the County will work to increase available land to retain, expand and recruit new businesses.
Mobile Command Center for Search and Rescue operations (~\$500,000 request)	N/A: Supports priority of partner elected official.

RECOMMENDATION: PGA recommends the Board approve the congressionally directed spending project list as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read 'Tonia Holowetzki'.

Tonia Holowetzki, Director, Public & Government Affairs