

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

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Grant Letter of Support

Background: Umatilla Basin Properties, a subsidiary, of Umatilla Electric Cooperative, is preparing a grant application for round three of Business Oregon's Child Care Infrastructure Fund Grant Program for the development of a childcare facility in Umatilla County. UEC staff have requested a letter of support for this application.

Requested Action: Approve and sign Letter of Support and authorize staff to send the letter to UEC to be included in its grant application.

ATTACHMENTS: BCC Letter of Support

Date: ( 12/09/25 ) Submitted By: Robert Waldher, Community Development Director

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Checkoffs:

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

To be notified of Meeting:  
Robert Waldher

Needed at Meeting:  
Robert Waldher

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Scheduled for meeting on: December 10, 2025

Action taken:

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Follow-up:



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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December 10, 2025

**Business Oregon - Child Care Infrastructure Fund Grant Program**

Attn: Grant Review Committee  
775 Summer Street NE, Suite 310  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**Re: Umatilla Basin Properties CCIF Grant Application Letter of Support**

Dear Grant Review Committee,

On behalf of the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners, please accept this letter of support for Umatilla Basin Property's application to the Child Care Infrastructure Fund (CCIF) Grant Program – Round 3.

Umatilla County has experienced significant success in recent economic development efforts, which is directly tied to the availability of a growing, vibrant workforce. Our intentional focus on creating economic stability and fostering growth has yielded positive results for our communities. However, to sustain this trajectory and continue successfully growing our communities, it is paramount that we address critical social challenges, and the lack of accessible, affordable childcare is one of the most pressing.

This proposed project aligns perfectly with the strategic goals of the Board of Commissioners, which include ensuring intentional economic stability and growth, and continuing to identify and participate in solutions for social challenges facing Umatilla County. We recognize that robust childcare infrastructure is not merely a social service; it is essential economic infrastructure that enables parents to participate fully in the workforce, thereby strengthening our local businesses and economy.

Umatilla County is home to the second-youngest population and is one of the top five most diverse populations in Oregon. Providing adequate childcare resources is crucial to supporting these young, diverse families and ensuring that our rural communities remain attractive and viable places to live and work.

We are particularly confident in this application because this will be the second childcare facility Umatilla Basin Resources has developed. Their proven track record successfully demonstrates they are capable of developing, managing, and sustaining such a critical community resource.

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Funding for this project will directly help ensure additional childcare resources are available to support our thriving community and continue to fuel our economic expansion.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

**UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Celinda A. Timmons, Chair

Daniel N. Dorran, Commissioner

John M. Shafer, Commissioner