

Clatsop County Board of Commissioners

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Megan Hendrickson Onsite Financial Aid Program Coordinator State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Onsiteseptic.INFO@deq.oregon.gov

Re: <u>State of Oregon DEQ Onsite Septic Financial Aid Program</u>

Dear Ms. Hendrickson and Evaluation Committee:

Clatsop County submits this letter of support and intent to participate in the State of Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality's grant for Onsite Septic Financial Aid Program.

It is important to secure funding to provide septic system repairs and/or replacements to the members of our communities unable to afford these costs on their own. We recognize the critical need for these septic repairs as a means to maintain public health and safe housing to the most vulnerable. There is also an element of small businesses in our county which may qualify for the program.

With the support and assistance of Community Action Team, our three County collaboration (Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook) will have a new tool to address this critical need.

Upon award of the Grant, Clatsop County will work with the other two counties to formalize an MOU for the Onsite Septic Financial Aid Program, and contract with the Community Action Team to implement the program.

Sincerely,

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Mark Kujala Chair, Clatsop County Board of Commissioners