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To Whom It May Concern:

As the Executive Leadership Team of the Oregon Department of Human Services for Coos and Curry counties, representing the Aging and People with Disabilities, Self-Sufficiency, and Child Welfare programs, we would like to express support of granting funding through Project Turnkey 2.0 to the Curry Homeless Coalition to further and realize the goal of developing additional housing and supports in Gold Beach.

While this gap is familiar in other areas, small communities like those in Curry County, suffer from an inequity of resources and thus leave those most in need without opportunity for success. Without additional resources, the disadvantaged population that we share has very little to rely on, potentially putting them and others in great harm. Our agency is focused on supporting communities holistically and we rely on local partners to wrap around Oregonians in need.

During this time of a great pandemic, the needs only rise. Supports are even more limited, and organizations strain from a lack of workforce and interaction. It is essential to have community-based organizations staffed and funded to be able to work and grow in this environment, while not putting additional risk on anyone involved. This too, requires additional funding for even the smallest of tasks.

We as a community cannot put a price on safety. Providing safety and security to all those in our area is a monumental task, and it requires partners with a specialized experience and focus to support each other.

Thank you for your time,

ODHS Executive Leadership Team
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