



## County Administration

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# Crook County Board of County Commissioners

Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 9:00 AM

**Crook County Administration Conference Room | 203 NE Court St. |  
Prineville OR**

Members of the public and media are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom: 1-253-215-8782; Meeting ID: 962 4214 4333; Passcode: 970900

**Commissioners: Seth Crawford, Chair; Brian Barney; Susan Hermreck**

## Work Session Agenda

### Public Comment

Please note that each speaker is limited to a maximum of 5 minutes. This guideline helps ensure that everyone has an equal opportunity to speak.

### Discussion

- 1. Treasurer's Report for January 2026**  
**Requester:**  
Christina Haron, Finance Director
- 2. Meeting Rooms at the Library—Hours of Use**  
**Requester:**  
Kim Bales, Team Lead Librarian
- 3. Review and Discuss Draft Order 2026-09**  
**Requester:**  
Eric Blaine, County Counsel  
**Presenter(s):**  
Eric Blaine, County Counsel
- 4. NewSun Energy Local Community Benefits Program**  
**Requester:**  
Jacob Ripper, Director of Permitting and Entitlement  
**Presenter(s):**  
Josie Norris, Director of Community Investments

## Manager Report

## Commissioner Updates

### Executive Session

5. **ORS 192.660(2)(h) Consulting with Counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.**

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Contact: Seth Crawford (Seth.Crawford@crookcountyor.gov (541) 447-6555) | Agenda published on February 4, 2026.



## Agenda Item Request

**Date of Meeting:** February 11, 2026

**Subject:**

Treasurer's Report for January 2026

**Background and Policy Implications:**

The attached report provides the following information for the month of January 2026: The amount of cash on hand in the custody of the county treasurer as county treasurer; The banks in which such funds are deposited, with the amounts so deposited in each bank; The security furnished the county by each bank to cover such deposits, and the interest rates paid on such deposits; and A statement of the amount of outstanding warrant indebtedness of the county and the date up to which the county's warrant indebtedness has been redeemed.

**Budget/Fiscal Impacts:**

**Requester:**

Christina Haron, Finance Director

**Presenter(s):**

Christina Haron, Finance Director

**Legal Review (only if requested):**

**Elected official sponsor (if applicable):**

**CROOK COUNTY TREASURER REPORT**  
**POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS**  
all balances as of January 31, 2026

**BANK & INVESTMENT ACCOUNT BALANCES**

FIRST INTERSTATE OPERATING CHECKING	7,992,522.91
FIRST INTERSTATE ELECTRONIC TRANS	39,691.68
FIRST INTERSTATE JAIL COMMISSARY	116,052.85
FIRST INTERSTATE SHERIFF SALE	1,668.14
FIRST INTERSTATE BOND PROCEEDS SAVINGS	-
FIRST INTERSTATE ACH PAYMENTS	52,008.43
FIRST INTERSTATE CC ROAD AGENCY	8,327.27
FIRST INTERSTATE SOLAR MITIGATION FUND	535,831.19
LGIP COUNTY	28,242,668.16
LGIP JUSTICE CENTER	3,617,284.66
LGIP PRC	554,448.76
LGIP PRC#2	675,450.29
ZIONS BANK	133.26
ZIONS - CORE INVESTMENTS	52,230,083.64
ZIONS - JC BOND INVEST.	-
FIRST INTERSTATE POOLED	-
 TOTAL BANK & INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS	 94,066,171.24
TOTAL COMBINED CASH PER GL	93,271,557.16
 TOTAL BANK & INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS VARIANCE*	 (794,614.08)

Variance is due to Operating "Deposits in Transit" that amount to \$5,180.85, outstanding Operating checks totalling -\$605,498.33. LGIP variance is due to the tax turnover of -\$194,296.60.

Bank Code	<b>POOLED CASH ACCOUNTS IN GENERAL LEDGER</b>	
10	FIRST INTERSTATE OPERATING CHECKING	7,392,205.43
12	FIRST INTERSTATE ELECTRONIC TRANS	39,691.68
13	FIRST INTERSTATE JAIL COMMISSARY	116,052.85
14	FIRST INTERSTATE SHERIFF SALE	1,668.14
16	FIRST INTERSTATE BOND PROCEEDS SAVINGS	-
17	FIRST INTERSTATE ACH PAYMENTS	52,008.43
25	FIRST INTERSTATE CC ROAD AGENCY	8,327.27
26	FIRST INTERSTATE SOLAR MITIGATION FUND	535,831.19
60	LGIP COUNTY	28,048,371.56
61	LGIP JUSTICE CENTER	3,617,284.66
66	LGIP PRC	554,448.76
67	LGIP PRC #2	675,450.29
72	ZIONS BANK	133.26
73	ZIONS - CORE INVESTMENTS	52,230,083.64

The financial information included in report is preliminary, unaudited and subject to revision upon completion of Crook County's closing and audit processes.

**CROOK COUNTY TREASURER REPORT**  
**POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS**  
**all balances as of January 31, 2026**

74	ZIONS - JC BOND INVEST.	-
80	FIRST INTERSTATE POOLED	-
	TOTAL POOLED CASH	93,271,557.16
	CASH ALLOCATED TO FUNDS	<u>(93,271,557.16)</u>
	TOTAL UNALLOCATED CASH	<u><u>-</u></u>

**CASH ALLOCATION BY FUND RECONCILIATION**

101	ALLOCATION TO GENERAL FUND	13,513,798.24
202	ALLOCATION TO ROAD FUND	16,440,481.22
212	ALLOCATION TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND	10,273,060.66
221	ALLOCATION TO COUNTY CLERK FUND	173,632.38
231	ALLOCATION TO CC ED CENTER FUND	400,774.26
251	ALLOCATION TO SHERIFF'S OFFICE FUND	10,094,114.69
281	ALLOCATION TO NATURAL RESOURCES FUND	51,702.22
301	ALLOCATION TO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FUND	2,918,509.78
302	ALLOCATION TO VIDEO LOTTERY FUND	153,331.50
312	ALLOCATION TO SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND	1,458,780.71
313	ALLOCATION TO SPECIAL PROJECTS ON FEDERAL LAND FUND	118,573.89
325	ALLOCATION TO VETERANS SERVICES FUND	314,104.84
330	ALLOCATION TO LIBRARY FUND	1,797,175.54
380	ALLOCATION TO COUNTY SURVEYOR FUND	208,351.41
388	ALLOCATION TO COUNTY SCHOOL FUND FUND	(0.01)
390	ALLOCATION TO TOURISM DISCRETIONARY FUND	157,585.83
392	ALLOCATION TO JUSTICE CENTER FUND	10,191,264.96
398	ALLOCATION TO RISK MANAGEMENT FUND	460,509.67
401	ALLOCATION TO RESERVE FUND FUND	8,298,114.26
501	ALLOCATION TO DEBT SERVICE FUND FUND	431,437.96
602	ALLOCATION TO ALFALFA FIRE DISTRICT FUND	193.53
605	ALLOCATION TO COUNTY SCHOOLS/BONDS FUND	-
606	ALLOCATION TO CC JAIL INMATE FUND	137,828.30
607	ALLOCATION TO SHERIFF FEE ACCT FUND	1,668.14
608	ALLOCATION TO PLA Unit I SRD 2022 LEVY FUND	153.82
610	ALLOCATION TO EXTENSION SERVICE FUND	580,883.09
614	ALLOCATION TO MH PARK OMBUDSMAN FUND	-
616	ALLOCATION TO HISTORICAL FUND FUND	445,229.30
622	ALLOCATION TO CROOK/DESCHUTES ED SERV FUND	-
623	ALLOCATION TO FLAT ROCK ROAD DISTRICT FUND	34.50
624	ALLOCATION TO CC ROAD AGENCY FUND	8,927.27
630	ALLOCATION TO DESCHUTES CO RFPD #1 FUND	6.55

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**all balances as of January 31, 2026**

631 ALLOCATION TO CROOK CO RFPD #1 FUND	-
635 ALLOCATION TO HAHLEN ROAD DISTRICT FUND	158.05
636 ALLOCATION TO REDMOND F&R 2020LOL FUND	2.74
651 ALLOCATION TO OCH WEST W & S AUTHORITY FUND	669.03
664 ALLOCATION TO PARKS & RECREATION DIST FUND	8,381.67
665 ALLOCATION TO CEMETERY DISTRICT FUND	2,192.94
666 ALLOCATION TO VECTOR CONTROL DIST FUND	1,201.82
668 ALLOCATION TO JUNIPER CANYON WATER CONT FUND	94.89
676 ALLOCATION TO OR LAND INFORMATION SYSTE FUND	685.98
679 ALLOCATION TO PLA UNIT I SPEC ROAD DIST FUND	307.53
680 ALLOCATION TO COUNTY UNIT SCHOOL FUND	-
681 ALLOCATION TO COUNTY UNIT SCH/BOND 2013 FUND	-
682 ALLOCATION TO UNSEGREGATED TAXES FUND	1,231,534.70
684 ALLOCATION TO ADVANCE PMT ON TAXES FUND	41,061.57
686 ALLOCATION TO SOLAR MITIGATION FUND	538,831.19
687 ALLOCATION TO SALE OF COUNTY LANDS	32,596.52
688 ALLOCATION TO CATF/STATE HOUSING FEES FUND	33,323.43
689 ALLOCATION TO COUNTY ASSESS/TAXATION FUND	10,344.50
690 ALLOCATION TO CENTRAL OR COMM COLLEGE FUND	-
691 ALLOCATION TO CEN OR COMM COLL/B & I FUND	-
692 ALLOCATION TO CITY OF PRINEVILLE FUND	-
693 ALLOCATION TO CITY OF PVILLE/DEL SEWER FUND	-
694 ALLOCATION TO STATE FIRE PATROL - REG FUND	-
695 ALLOCATION TO STATE FIRE PATROL - IMP FUND	-
701 ALLOCATION TO FAIRGROUNDS FUND FUND	808,283.54
702 ALLOCATION TO LANDFILL FUND FUND	8,977,419.14
705 ALLOCATION TO AIRPORT/OPERATING FUND	1,367,766.58
708 ALLOCATION TO CROOK COUNTY WEED CONTROL FUND	258,651.56
709 ALLOCATION TO FACILITIES FUND	1,327,821.27
 TOTAL ALLOCATIONS TO FUNDS	 93,271,557.16
TOTAL POOLED CASH FUND	<u>(93,271,557.16)</u>
 ZERO PROOF IF ALLOCATIONS BALANCE	 <u><u>-</u></u>

**CROOK COUNTY TREASURER REPORT**  
**POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS**  
all balances as of January 31, 2026

**INVESTMENT ALLOCATION BY TYPE RECONCILIATION**

US TREASURIES	38,916,087.14
CORPORATE BONDS	2,975,315.00
GOVERNMENT AGENCY SECURITIES	2,126,343.00
US OBLIGATIONS	6,346,655.00
INTERNATIONAL BONDS	-
MUNICIPAL BONDS	1,865,683.50
 TOTAL INVESTMENTS	 52,230,083.64
CORE INVESTMENTS ACCOUNT AT ZIONS	(52,230,083.64)
 ZERO PROOF IF ALLOCATIONS BALANCE	 -

**INVESTMENT VALUES**

TOTAL BOOK VALUE OF INVESTMENTS	52,230,083.64
TOTAL MARKET VALUE OF INVESTMENTS	53,619,403.90
UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS*	1,389,320.26

\*Investments are guided by the Crook County Investment Policy pursuant to ORS 294. Investments are typically held to maturity, resulting in lower risk and more predictable returns.



**CROOK COUNTY TREASURER REPORT  
POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS  
all balances as of January 31, 2026**

**SECURITY AND INTEREST RATES PAID BY BANKS**

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**FIRST INTERSTATE BANK**

SECURITY ON DEPOSITS

First Interstate Bank is a qualified depository that participates in the Oregon Public Funds Collateralization Program (PFCP) which covers funds over and above the amount insured by the FDIC.

INTEREST RATE - SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Current Month	1.90%
Prior Month	1.96%
Change	<u>-0.06%</u>

**ZIONS BANCORPORATION**

SECURITY ON DEPOSITS

Zions Bancorporation (Commerce Bank of Oregon) is a qualified depository that participates in the Oregon Public Funds Collateralization Program (PFCP) which covers funds over and above the amount insured by the FDIC. Investments and securities are not bank deposits and are not covered by FDIC or the Oregon Public Funds Collateralization

INTEREST RATE - CHECKING ACCOUNTS

Current Month	0.40%
Prior Month	0.40%
Change	<u>0.00%</u>

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL**

SECURITY ON DEPOSITS

Investments and securities are not bank deposits and are not covered by FDIC or the Oregon Public Funds Collateralization Program (PFCP)

INTEREST RATES

Current Month	4.10%
Prior Month	4.25%
Change	<u>-0.15%</u>

Crook County has no outstanding warrant indebtedness as of the date of this document.

Prepared by:

<u>Christina Haron</u>	2/6/2026
Signature	Date
<u>Christina Haron</u>	Finance Director
Printed Name	Title



## Agenda Item Request

**Date of Meeting:** February 11, 2026

**Subject:**

Meeting Rooms at the Library—Hours of Use

**Background and Policy Implications:**

Discuss upcoming changes to the meeting rooms, draft policy in progress.

**Budget/Fiscal Impacts:**

**Requester:**

Kim Bales, Team Lead Librarian

**Presenter(s):**

Kim Bales, Team Lead Librarian

**Legal Review (only if requested):**

**Elected official sponsor (if applicable):**



## Agenda Item Request

**Date of Meeting:** February 11, 2026

**Subject:**

Review and Discuss Draft Order 2026-09

**Background and Policy Implications:**

As a result of some recent changes in the law, the Legislature has adopted HB 2089 to update the manner in which counties are to manage the sale of unredeemed tax-foreclosed real properties. Among the effects of the new bill is that it requires certain additional notifications to former record owners in addition to the notifications and legal presumptions to which they are already entitled; requires the County to attempt to sell to the former record owners of certain properties for not less than one year after the end of the two-year redemption date; and, if there is eventually a sale which results in proceeds in excess of taxes, interest, and fees, describes how that "surplus" is to be distributed.

The County has an order, 2023-48, regarding the sale of foreclosed real properties, but with the adoption of HB 2089 those policies have been superseded.

**Budget/Fiscal Impacts:**

The process for the sale of real properties under HB 2089 creates additional duties for County staff members, and requires the engagement of an appraiser and marketer for the sale of certain real properties which are not redeemed. If there should happen to be any surplus, the County will remit those funds to the Department of Revenue, which will facilitate the distribution to potential claimants.

**Requester:**

Eric Blaine, County Counsel

**Presenter(s):**

Eric Blaine, County Counsel

**Legal Review (only if requested):**

Yes

**Elected official sponsor (if applicable):**

IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
FOR THE COUNTY OF CROOK

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING )  
A POLICY FOR THE SALE OF )  
REAL PROPERTIES FORECLOSED ) ORDER NO. 2026-09  
UPON FOR NONPAYMENT OF )  
TAXES AND THE DISTRIBUTION )  
OF SALE PROCEEDS )

WHEREAS, by law, Crook County is required to initiate foreclosure proceedings for those real property accounts which are three years delinquent in the payment of their ad valorem real property taxes. Foreclosed properties may still be redeemed for a period of two years following the foreclosure, and if not redeemed, the County may need to sell the properties; and

WHEREAS, recent changes to applicable law have altered the manner in which the County must sell foreclosed real properties, and the distribution of any proceeds that result from such sale; and

WHEREAS, to update how Crook County will conduct the sale of tax foreclosed real properties, the Board of Commissioners adopts this Order 2026-09.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Crook County Board of Commissioners adopts the recitals above as its Findings of Fact, and ORDERS and DIRECTS, based upon the above recitals, that:

Section One: The following is adopted as the County's policy on the sale of tax foreclosed real properties, effective January 1, 2026, nunc pro tunc.

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## **POLICY ON SURPLUS PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED REAL PROPERTY**

### **A. Definitions**

1. "Acquisition Date" means the date on which a TFRP is deeded to the County following foreclosure proceedings.
2. "Governing Body" means the governing body of Crook County, whether entitled County Court, Board of County Commissioners, or such other name.
3. "County" means Crook County, Oregon, its elected officials and employees.
4. "Claimant" is a Record Owner of real property on the date the property was sold to the County on foreclosure for delinquent taxes, or the former owner's estate, heirs, devisees, power of attorney, trustee, guardian, custodian or bankruptcy estate or a successor in interest.
5. "Property Costs" means any/all taxes, interest, penalties, fees, a management fee of 2.5% of the property sale price or \$100.00, whichever is more, and other actual property maintenance and supervision expenses incurred by County, pursuant to ORS 275.275(1)(a)-(c) and other applicable law. Property Costs shall also include any administrative fees paid by purchaser pursuant to a land sale contract.
6. "Record Owner" means the individual(s) and/or entity(ies) identified as the owner in tax records at the time of foreclosure.
7. "Sale Date" means the earlier of the date on which title to property is conveyed from County to a purchaser or the date on which a memorandum of land sale contract is recorded. Sale Date shall also include the date on which the County issues a Governing Body Order retaining or conveying the property for public use.
8. "Tax Foreclosed Real Property" ("TFRP") means real property acquired by County as a result of tax foreclosure following expiration of the period of redemption.
9. "Unaffiliated with the County" means that there is no employer/employee relationship between the individual and the County. There may, however, be a contractual relationship whereby the County contracts to obtain the individual's services in a manner similar to any other customer.

### **B. Eligible Property**

1. This policy shall apply to all TFRP acquired on or after May 25, 2023.

### **C. Process for Selling or Retaining Tax Foreclosed Real Property**

1. Within sixty (60) days of Acquisition Date, or sixty (60) days after the effective date of Order 2026-09, County shall extend an offer to sell the TFRP to the Record Owner(s), pursuant to ORS 275.180. Record Owner(s) shall have thirty (30) days to enter into an agreement with

County to purchase the property. The County will send such notices to the addresses provided by the Record Owner(s) pursuant to ORS 311.555.

2. If no agreement is reached with Record Owner(s), within one (1) year of the Acquisition Date, the Governing Body shall issue an Order determining whether to retain or sell the TFRP. TFRP is not deemed retained by the County unless and until the Governing Body issues an Order stating its decision to retain it.
3. TFRP that is in a *residential zone* shall be listed for sale by a licensed realtor at a list price that is the highest price the TFRP is reasonably expected to sell. The County shall obtain an appraisal on the TFRP from a licensed appraiser Unaffiliated with the County if the real market value on the most recent tax statement exceeds \$250,000.
  - i. If the County is unable, after three attempts, to reach an agreement with a realtor for the sale of the TFRP, **or** a realtor, who has agreed to sell the TFRP on behalf of the County, is unable to sell it within 12 months of listing, the TFRP shall be sold at public auction in accordance with the provisions under paragraph 5 below.
4. TFRP shall be sold to the highest bidder at a public auction provided the bid exceeds the Property Costs, except those with a real market value less than \$15,000 and unsuited for development pursuant to ORS 275.225(1), which may be sold as permitted by applicable law. The public auction shall include the following:
  - i. Advertisements in a multiple listing service for at least 30 days before the date of the auction.
  - ii. If the County hires a private party to operate and advertise the auction, the maximum fee to do so shall be not higher than an amount equal to three percent of the surplus related to the property.
  - iii. A minimum starting bid of two-thirds of the property's fair market value.
5. For the purposes of this subsection (4) above, the fair market value of the TFRP shall be, as of the date on which the property was deeded to the County under ORS 312.200, either:
  - i. The real market value of the TFRP for ad valorem property tax purposes as shown on the most recent tax statement; or
  - ii. For TFRP that is required to be appraised (i.e., County elects to retain or convey for public purposes **or** TFRP is in a residential zone), the appraised value if greater than the real market value.
6. For TFRP that fails to sell at public auction, it shall be sold at public high-bid auction with the requirements contained in subparagraph 5 above, except the minimum starting bid shall be equal to the Property Costs. If the TFRP fails to sell at public auction for a third time, the County may accept the TFRP as payment for the Property costs and retain or convey the property for public purposes, or otherwise dispose of the TFRP as may be permitted by law.

#### **D. Distribution of Proceeds from Sale of TFRP**

1. The County shall distribute the amounts for all Property Costs at the time of sale to the appropriate account(s). The County shall calculate and

keep an itemized accounting of all Property Costs deducted from the TFRP sale proceeds in determining surplus.

2. Within 60 days of the TFRP's sale, conveyance or retention, the County shall determine the amount of any surplus and deposit that amount into a separate interest-bearing account.
3. The County shall file a report and deliver the surplus to the State Treasurer within 30 days after the date the surplus is determined. The report shall include an itemized accounting of Property Costs and the following information required under ORS 98.352 (2):
  - i. Name(s) and addresses of record owner(s), if known;
  - ii. The property's nature, description, and/or identification number and the total Property Costs due;
  - iii. The date when the property was sold, conveyed, or retained and when any surplus was determined; and
  - iv. Other information the State Treasurer prescribes by regulation.

#### **E. Notice of Right to Claim Proceeds from Sale of TFRP**

1. Within 60 days after it has determined the amount of surplus, the County shall deliver notice of a surplus to:
  - i. A claimant of the TFRP at the claimant's last known address provided pursuant to ORS 311.555;
  - ii. The Estate Administration Program of the State Treasury;
  - iii. The Oregon Department of Revenue;
  - iv. The Oregon Department of Justice; and
  - v. The municipality, if any, in which the property is located.
2. The County also shall publish on its website the following information on each TFRP sold, conveyed, or retained that has a surplus:
  - i. The surplus amount;
  - ii. A description of the property to which the surplus relates;
  - iii. The name(s) of the claimant(s); and
  - iv. Information about how claimants may file a claim with the Oregon State Treasurer.

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Section Two: This Order 2026-09 supersedes Order 2023-48.

Section Three: County staff members are authorized to adopt and publish such forms, documents, and related items as may be helpful or necessary to effectuate this Order. Staff members are authorized to make nonsubstantive changes to this Order 2026-09, such as changes to formatting, correcting typos, and other similar revisions.

Section Four: If a court of competent jurisdiction should invalidate any portion of this Order 2026-09, the remaining portions will continue in full force and effect.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

CROOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Seth Crawford

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Susan Hermreck

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Brian Barney

<u>Vote:</u>	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Excused
Seth Crawford	___	___	___	___
Susan Hermreck	___	___	___	___
Brian Barney	___	___	___	___



## Agenda Item Request

**Date of Meeting:** February 11, 2026

**Subject:**

NewSun Energy Local Community Benefits Program

**Background and Policy Implications:**

NewSun Energy would like to give a presentation about our company's local community investment and philanthropy program. There is more information here:  
<https://www.newsunenergy.net/community-investments>

**Budget/Fiscal Impacts:**

No County Budgetary Impacts

**Requester:**

Jacob Ripper, Director of Permitting and Entitlement

**Presenter(s):**

Josie Norris, Director of Community Investments  
Jake Stephens, NewSun Energy CEO

**Legal Review (only if requested):**

**Elected official sponsor (if applicable):**

# NewSun Energy Community Benefits Program

Josie Norris  
Director, Community  
Investments

*Crook County Board of  
Commissioners Work  
Session  
February 11, 2026*



NewSun's Community Benefits Program is  
manifestation of our goal to make **near-term  
and long-term investments** in the  
communities and **places where we do  
business.**



We direct our support to **values-aligned** partners, focusing on small, strategic investments that generate an **outsized impact**.



NewSun  
ENERGY



# Watt Powers Our Giving?

## How it Works

For the lifetime of every project, a small percentage of revenue is deposited into a Community Benefits Fund annually

## Trust-Based

Built on trust, close relationships and values aligned partners

## Reliable Funding

Multi-year commitments and one-time donations, typically \$500-\$25,000

## High Impact Projects

We make modest investments that deliver outsized impacts



Since 2016, NewSun has  
invested \$1,400,000 in Oregon  
communities, including \$232,000  
in Crook County.

# Investing in Where We Do Business

## NSE Investments/ County

\$ <\$2,500

\$ \$2,500-\$100,000

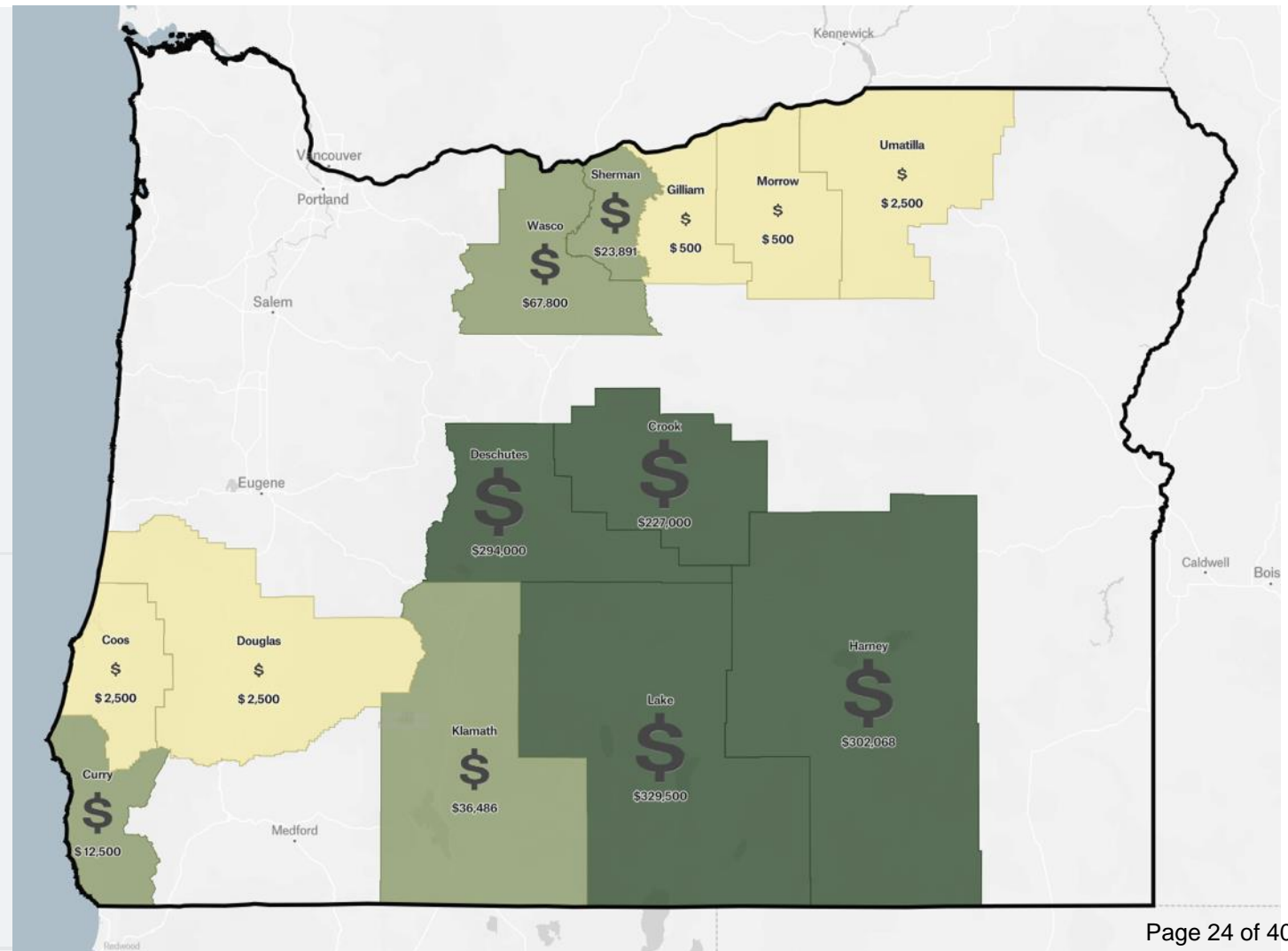
\$ \$100,000-\$329,500

## NSE Investments / County

<\$2,500

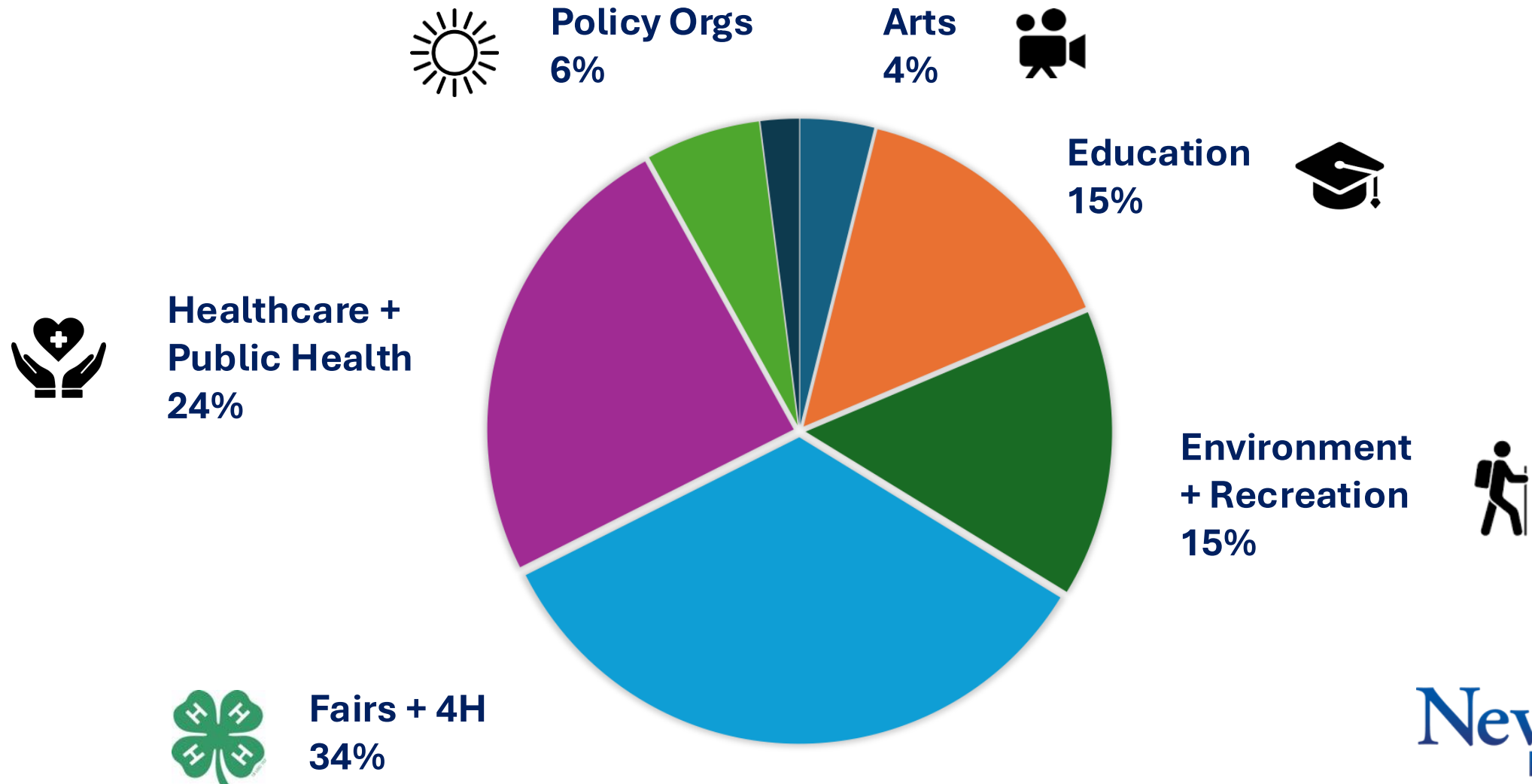
\$2,500-\$100,00

\$100,000-\$329,500





# Where Our Dollars Go



# Crook County Investments



**Fairs & 4H**  
**\$137,000**



**Education**  
**\$82,000**



**Recreation**  
**\$10,000**



**Public Health**  
**\$2,800**

# High Desert Museum

**LOCATION:** CROOK / DESCHUTES  
**AMOUNT:** \$5,000

## ABOUT

In partnership with NeighborImpact, the High Desert Museum's "Little Wonders" early childhood education program offers free two-year museum passes and gas cards to low-income families with kids ages 3-5. HDM expects 69 Crook County families to participate in the program in 2026.





# The Environmental Center



**CROOK COUNTY:** \$55,000

**TOTAL:** \$75,000

Multi-year funding to support the “Garden for Every School” program providing garden boxes and educational training at elementary schools in Prineville. Kids learn to grow food, and how to create and sustain a garden box. New in 2025, education programming is now offered in Spanish.





# Central Oregon Trail Alliance



<b>LOCATION:</b>	PRINEVILLE, BEND
<b>CROOK COUNTY:</b>	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$20,000

## ABOUT

COTA develops, protects, and enhances the Central Oregon mountain bike experience through trail stewardship, advocacy, collaboration, and education. We provided funding for Barnes Butte trails and local trail signage, maps, and outreach in the Prineville area.



# County Fairs // 4H & FFA



## **LOCATIONS:**

### **CROOK COUNTY:**

### **TOTAL:**

STATEWIDE

\$137,000

\$476,000

## **ABOUT**

Fair sponsorships, livestock purchases at 4H / FFA auctions; auction add-ons and pool donations; donations to support free admission at the Crook County Fair; and rodeo and children's event sponsorships.

# 2025 Crook County Fair





# 2024 Crook County Fair





# Steering Support for the Community

1017 Project

Maupin Food Bank

Shriners Children's  
Hospital

Senior Centers

Burns High School

NewSun Christmas Party

NewSun Staff

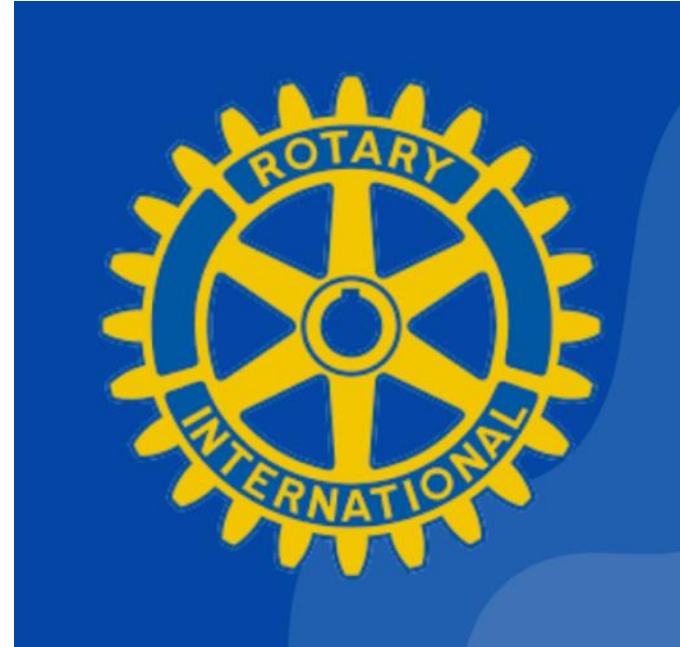
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# Crook County Community-Led Scholarships



**CROOKED RIVER  
ROUNDUP FOUNDATION**  
\$10,000



**CROOK COUNTY ROTARY ON THE  
RADIO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**  
\$15,000

# NewSun Climate + Ag Scholarships

## Congratulations to our 2024 Scholarship Winners!



**JOSIE TAYLOR**  
Crane Union H.S. to  
Treasure Valley C.C.  
\$2,500

**GUS HENDRICKS**  
Klamath Union H.S. to  
Hamline University  
\$2,500

**ROBERTO  
RODRIGUEZ PEREZ**  
The Dalles H.S.  
Oregon State University  
\$2,500

**BLAKE HERINCKX**  
North Lake School to  
Oregon State University  
\$2,500



**ANDRAYA MCNARY**  
Crook County H.S. to  
Central Oregon C.C.  
\$2,500

**ELIZABETH  
ARCEO DORADO**  
The Dalles H.S. to  
Columbia Gorge C.C.  
\$500

**VIOLET WOODS**  
Sherman County H.S. to  
Univ. of Hawaii - Mānoa  
\$500

## Congratulations to the 2025 Climate + Ag Scholarship Winners



**Doctor Welp**  
Oregon State University  
Oregon Connections Academy  
ARLINGTON



**Kali Rockwell**  
Central Oregon Community College  
Dufur High School  
DUFUR



**Mason Orem**  
University of Idaho  
Heppner Jr/Sr High School  
HEPPNER



**Peyton Simonds**  
Whitworth University  
Bandon High School  
BANDON



**Kale Cornell**  
Saint Cloud State University  
Burns High School  
BURNS



**Grace Budre**  
Oklahoma State University  
Crook County High School  
PRINEVILLE



**Julianne Jones**  
Utah State University  
Pendleton High School  
PENDLETON



**Jack Jensen**  
Utah State University  
Klamath Union  
KLAMATH FALLS



**Rank Herrera**  
Southwestern Oregon Community College  
Penn Foster Online School  
COQUILLE



**Madison Duarte**  
California Polytechnic State University  
Lakeview Senior High School  
BEATTY/LAKEVIEW



**Amelia Holloway**  
Southwestern Oregon Community College  
Elkton High School  
ELKTON

## Congratulations to our 2023 Scholarship Winners!



**TAYLEUR BAKER**  
Crane Union H.S. to  
Oregon State University  
\$2,500

**SHAYLEE ROOT**  
Silvies River Charter to  
Brigham Young University  
\$2,500

**ALEXIA BALLARD**  
Crane Union H.S. to  
Blue Mountain C.C.  
\$2,500

**KARLEE VICKERMAN**  
Crane Union H.S. to  
West Texas A&M  
\$2,500



**STEPHEN 'EMERY'  
HAMMOND**  
Crane Union H.S. to  
Treasure Valley C.C.  
\$500

**KATHERINE GRAYSON**  
Henley H.S. to  
University of Nevada-Reno  
\$500

**ANA LAURA JACUINDE  
CABALLERO**  
Crook County H.S. to  
OSU-Cascades  
\$500

**LOCATION:** STATEWIDE  
**CROOK:** \$5,500  
**TOTAL:** \$42,500

## ABOUT

Since 2023, we have awarded scholarships to 25 students (including 3 in Crook County) for writing exceptional essays about the impact of changing climate on their community and way of life. Essays are reviewed and scored by elected officials, executive directors, solar industry partners, and NewSun staff.



A herd of brown and black cattle is walking across a snow-covered field. In the background, a tractor is visible, and the sky is overcast. The scene is a rural landscape during winter.

“When droughts or fires destroy farmland, ranchers can’t just ‘work remote.’ Our entire livelihood is tied to the land.”

— A young rancher from Burns, Oregon

# Crook County Donations and Sponsorships



PEDCO

Crooked River Roundup

Powell Butte Charter School

Crook County on the Move

CC High School Track and Field Sponsor

Crook County Hospice

Crook County Hoedown Fundraiser

*Left: Josie Norris (NewSun Director of Community Investments) and CCHS scholarship awardee Andraya McNary at the 2025 Hoedown*

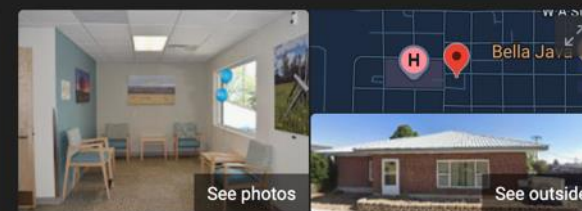


# Project Spotlight: Harney District Hospital Specialty Care Clinic

**LOCATION:** BURNS  
**AMOUNT:** \$260,000

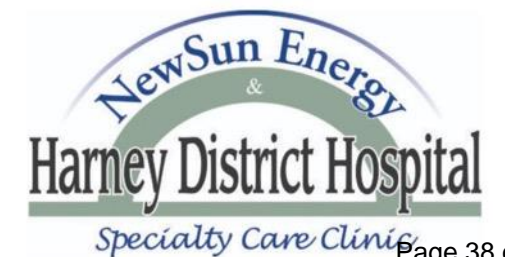
## ABOUT

The Specialty Care Clinic provides critical healthcare services to rural Oregon residents at a frontier hospital. Prior to the clinic opening in 2021, residents drove five hours round trip for services now available locally. The clinic offers general surgery, vascular surgery, Mohs dermatology procedures, orthopedics, oncology, hematology, and cardiology.



**NewSun Energy & Harney District  
Hospital Specialty Care**

Medical clinic in Burns, Oregon



Questions or project ideas?

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THANK YOU!