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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

Jake Stephens, NewSun Energy CEO

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	<u>93,271,557.16</u>
 TOTAL BANK & INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS VARIANCE*	<u>(794,614.08)</u>

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 **POOLED CASH ACCOUNTS IN GENERAL LEDGER**

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.

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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>

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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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	 -

**CROOK COUNTY TREASURER REPORT
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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	<u>(52,230,083.64)</u>

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*	<u>1,389,320.26</u>

*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.

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SECURITY AND INTEREST RATES PAID BY BANKS

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	-0.06%

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	0.00%

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	-0.15%

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

Prepared by:

Christina Haron 2/6/2026
Signature Date

Christina Haron 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
ENERGY

Driving the Pace of Decarbonization in the PNW

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.**

NewSun
ENERGY



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

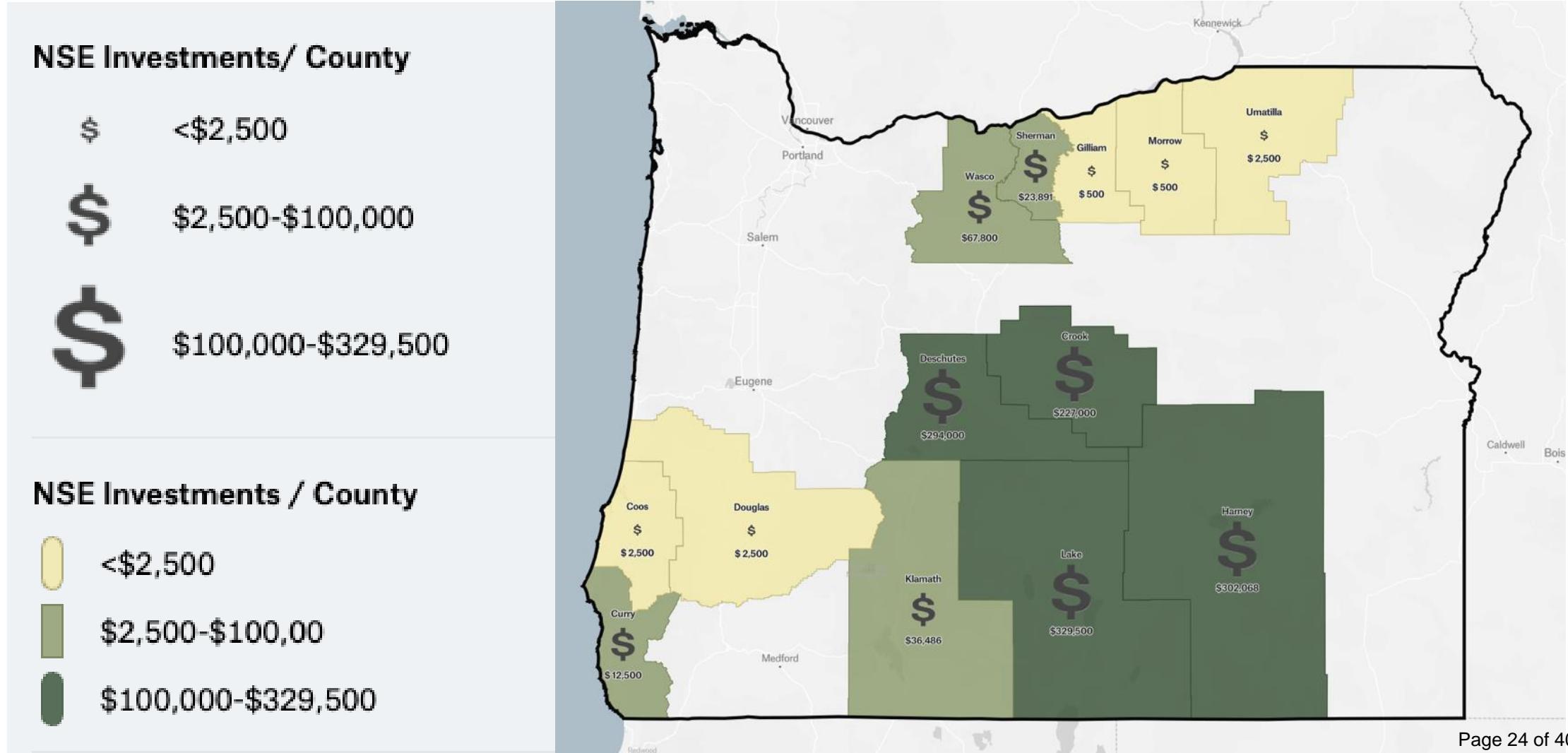
We make modest investments that deliver outsized impacts



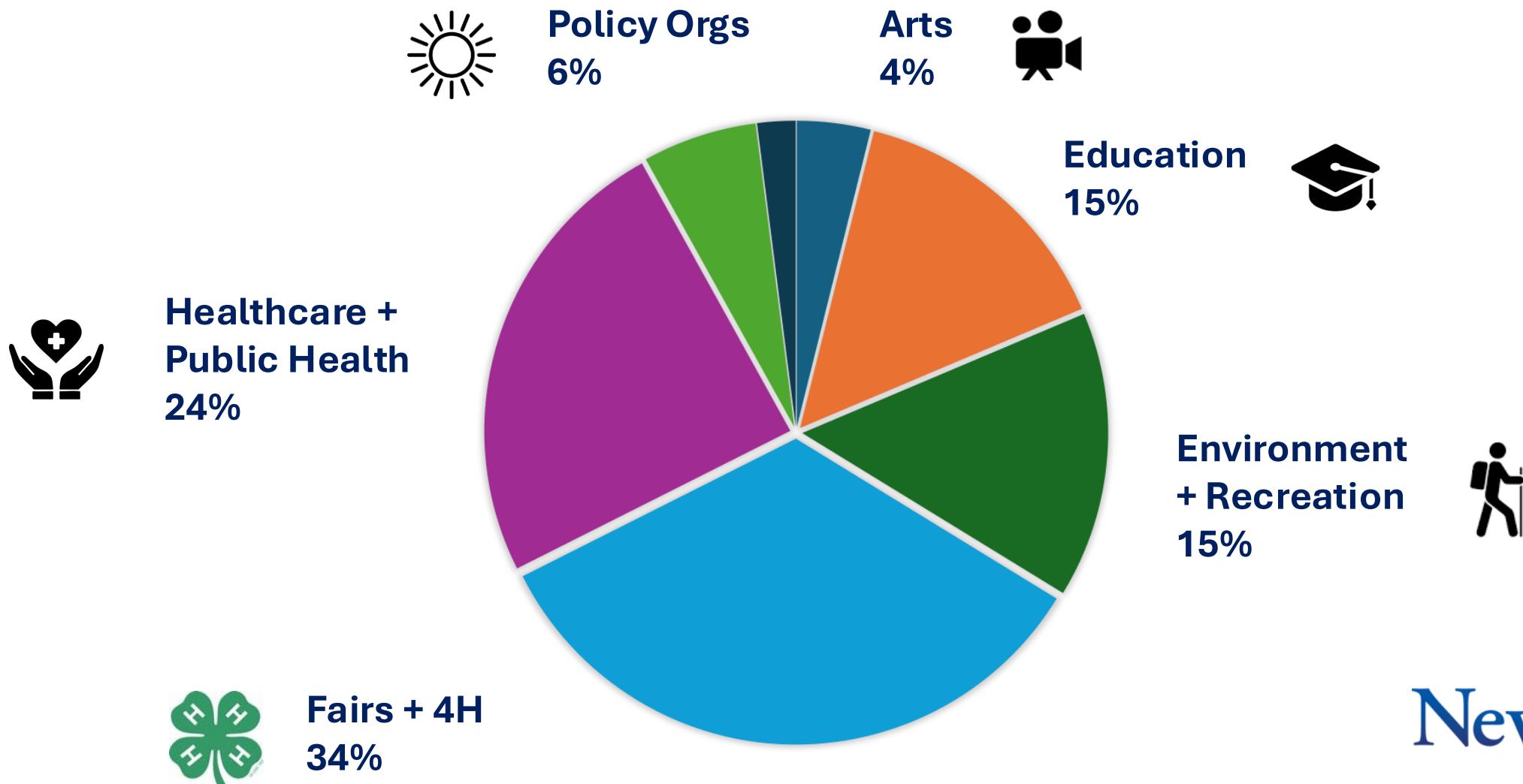
Since 2016, NewSun has invested \$1,400,000 in Oregon communities, including \$232,000 in Crook County.

NewSun
ENERGY

Investing in Where We Do Business



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



LOCATION: PRINEVILLE, BEND
CROOK COUNTY: \$10,000
TOTAL: \$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:	STATEWIDE
CROOK COUNTY:	\$137,000
TOTAL:	\$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



Steer-ing 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.
\$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 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
Lakeview 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

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

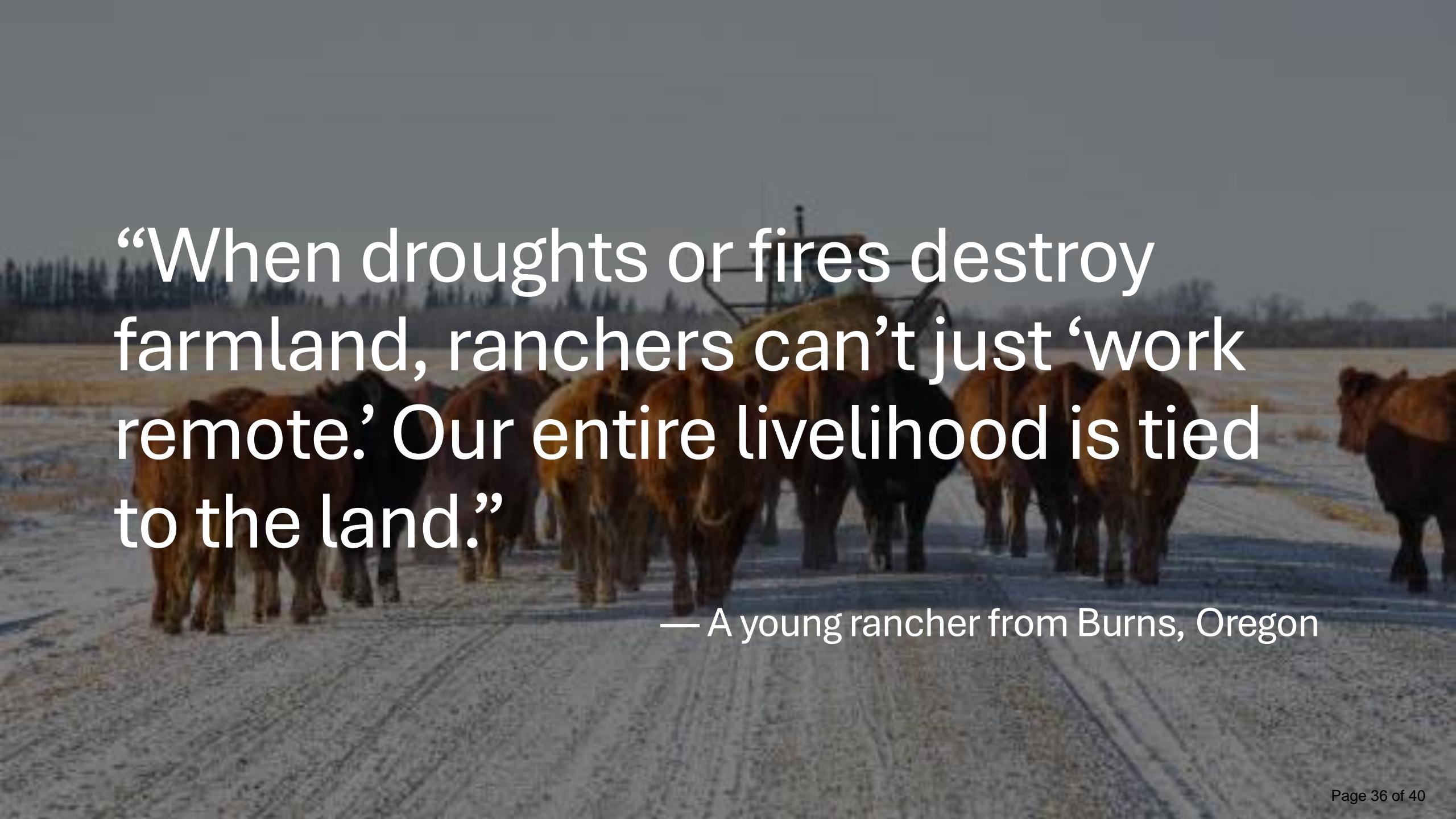


Amelia Holloway
Southwestern Oregon Community College
Elkton High School
ELKTON

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.



“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

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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

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Specialty Care Clinic

Questions or project ideas?

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THANK YOU!