

Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization (EOCCO)

2025 SHARE Investment Summary

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SHARE overview

SHARE (Supporting Health for All through Reinvestment) is a requirement that coordinated care organizations (CCOs) invest a portion of profits back into their communities to address social determinants of health and equity (SDOH-E). For details, see the [Oregon Health Authority SHARE webpage](#).

This summary does not reflect all CCO spending in the community or on SDOH-E.

SHARE investment process

Priority areas

All funded SHARE projects are required to align with Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization's Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) to ensure projects address community-identified needs and priorities. EOCCO's [2025 Community Health Improvement Plan](#) priorities were identified through a community-engaged process that included collecting data and community feedback to understand the health needs and challenges in Eastern Oregon. Once data was collected, key health priorities and goals were identified in collaboration with partners, including the EOCCO Community Advisory Council (CAC), leading to the creation of the CHIP: a guide to addressing community health priorities and improving the well-being of people in EOCCO's service area. The CHIP priorities aligned with EOCCO's 2025 funded SHARE projects are highlighted below.

2025-2029 Community Health Improvement Plan Priorities

- **Social determinants of health:** Focus on improving Social Determinants of Health for EOCCO members by enhancing access to education, housing, nutritious food, and healthcare.
- **Healthcare Navigation:** Make it easier for members to access services by improving communication, creating simple digital tools, and offering personalized support to help people understand and use available resources.
- **Workforce Development:** Focus on building a stronger healthcare workforce by offering training, mentorship, and access to continuing education to close skill gaps and support career growth.
- **Older Adult Supports:** Improve healthcare and resources for older adults by making medical services easier to access and building community programs that meet their unique health and wellness needs.

- **Educational Opportunities for Members and Healthcare Providers:** Expand learning opportunities for EOCCO members and healthcare providers by offering training programs, accessible courses, and spaces for knowledge sharing and professional growth.
- **Language Access:** Improve language access for EOCCO members to help them understand medical information and communicate effectively with healthcare providers.
- **Environmental Health and Outdoor Activities:** Focus on giving EOCCO members access to recreational facilities, community spaces, and services like Climate, Housing, and Nutrition benefits under Health-Related Social Needs.
- **Children, Youth, and Families:** Improve health and well-being of children, youth, and families in the EOCCO region through integrated preventive care services by fostering collaboration.

Partner selection and community advisory council (CAC) role

Each county in the EOCCO region has a Local Community Health Partnership (LCHP), overseen by the EOCCO Field Team at GOBHI. The LCHPs include representation from local community partners and EOCCO members. One of the key functions of the LCHPs is to review SHARE applications and make initial funding recommendations for SHARE projects. The LCHPs have a robust standardized review process that was developed in partnership with the EOCCO grants team. The LCHP review is the first step of the review process to ensure that funding recommendations are aligned with the Community Health Improvement Plans and other SHARE requirements. Each year, a portion of SHARE funds are set aside for each LCHP to fund priority projects. Funding budgets are calculated based on the number of EOCCO members within their county.

LCHPs make their initial SHARE funding recommendations to the EOCCO Community Advisory Council (CAC). The CAC is an EOCCO Member majority advisory group that ensures the health care needs of consumers and community are being addressed, and includes representation from all 12 LCHPs. The CAC supports ongoing health transformation, health equity and the best possible health for individuals. The CAC reviews and approves the final SHARE recommendations, which are then shared with the EOCCO Board of Directors.

2025 SHARE investments

Total SHARE investments for 2025 = \$803,834.30*

*Does not include 2025 SHARE projects funded from previous year's SHARE investments

2025 SHARE Projects

Lake County School District #7 - Gap Care (\$80,450.00)

Our Gap Care project aims to provide consistent, affordable childcare for 35 children aged 3 to 12, bridging the gaps created when school is not in session. Specifically, we will offer care on all Fridays and school breaks, including summer. We are dedicated to maintaining rates below the Division of Early Learning and Care's (DELIC) standards and prioritizing EOCCO members. During the summer months, we will implement a unique internship program, hiring nine local high school students to assist our experienced staff. These interns will receive training in Conscious Discipline, First Aid & CPR, and Food Handlers, enhancing the program with fresh energy and fostering valuable mentorship opportunities. This initiative not only provides essential childcare but also cultivates future educators within our community.

Morrow Discovery Center - Support free admission for children and families to Morrow Discovery Center (\$62,400)

Morrow Discovery Center will open and operate a children's discovery center and family gathering space in Heppner, Oregon. Morrow Discovery Center will be open to all children with an emphasis on engaging children in Morrow County. MDC will provide a variety of programming including: indoor play spaces for children ages 0–2 and 3+ focused on social and emotional development; activity stations focused on learning through play; STEAM activities geared toward older children; a space dedicated to arts and crafts for all ages; parent groups including a group for new mothers to build social connections and share information and resources; a donation station to supply diapers, formula, and other necessary items to families in need; an event space with kitchen that can be used by MDC and rented by community members; day camps focused on specific themes and learning topics; participation in existing community events.

Outback Strong Inc. - Personal Hygiene Trailer (\$30,000)

Outback Strong is the Behavioral Health Provider for Lake County, We intend to purchase a Shower/Laundry Trailer. This trailer will be housed in north Lake County. It will provide EOCCO members as well as others to access a clean and sanitary place to wash clothes and shower. This will help address existing disparities, and promote increases in self-esteem, self-worth, and dignity. Having this clean space can improve health, increase quality of life, decrease illness, and promote good hygiene.

Eastern Oregon University - Eastern Oregon University Prison Education Program (\$125,000)

Eastern Oregon University is spearheading an initiative to establish a Prison Education Program in two Eastern Oregon correctional institutions, Snake River Correctional Institution (SRCI) in Malheur County and Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution (EOCI) in Umatilla County. The degree being offered will complement the good work currently being undertaken by Treasure Valley Community College (TVCC) at these institutions by offering the final two years of education, allowing the students to complete a bachelor's degree after finishing their associate's degree with TVCC. The degree being offered by EOU will be an Interdisciplinary Studies Bachelor's degree and Business minor. The Interdisciplinary

Bachelor's degree is a combination of two minors and lends itself to self-guided (and individually appropriate) course pathways. The goal is to offer at minimum 2 courses per term at each institution throughout the year. It is estimated that this will take an Adult in Custody (AIC) three years to complete coursework for graduation. This program is being offered in partnership with the Oregon Department of Corrections, who oversee Higher Education in Prison at both institutions.

Lifeways Inc. - Transitional Housing Renovation Initiative (\$100,000)**

Lifeways seeks funding to renovate four transitional housing units in Ontario, Oregon that serve EOCCO members reentering the community following residential behavioral health or substance use disorder (SUD) treatment. These homes provide critical, recovery-oriented environments that support long-term stability and independence. Renovations will include new roofing, painting, fencing, updated rain gutters, replacement of windows and doors, and new kitchen cabinets and countertops. These improvements will enhance the safety, accessibility, and dignity of each home while reducing future maintenance burdens. The project is expected to benefit approximately 50-100 EOCCO members annually. Lifeways will complete the project within one year using a phased renovation schedule to minimize disruption to residents. This effort directly aligns with Malheur County's CHIP housing priorities and addresses key Social Determinants of Health and Equity (SDOH-E).

North Central Education Service District (NCESD)- Little Explorers Wasco Playground (\$50,000)**

The goal of this project is to install an age and developmentally appropriate playground to meet the needs of current and future Little Explorers Preschool children and be accessible to the entire community outside of preschool hours.

Umatilla County Public Health Department - Pendleton Community Gardens Project (\$14,740)

The Pendleton Community Gardens Project seeks to establish a sustainable and inclusive space for economically disadvantaged individuals to thrive in rural Oregon where opportunities for nutritional education and accessibility remain scarce. In hopes to address the persistent issue related to food insecurity this project serves to create a garden with separated beds for individuals and families, enabling them to grow and harvest their own food.

Along with the creation and establishment of the garden, we will offer a free educational course led by Umatilla County Master Gardener volunteers. These courses equip members of the community to gain fundamental knowledge and skills related to horticulture to either grow at the new community garden or in their own homes. Topics of this course include seed starting, planning and maintaining your garden, and harvesting and preserving foods.

Working Homes LLC- E.M.&M. Fire Suppression System (\$100,000)**

Working Homes LLC is a non-profit organization based in Wallowa County, Oregon, dedicated to preserving and providing affordable workforce housing for middle-income earners. This project focuses on addressing one of the most pressing safety concerns—upgrading the building's

fire suppression system. The current system is inadequate for the building's size, occupancy, and modern safety standards. Many tenants have expressed concerns about the system's reliability, and Working Homes LLC has prioritized this upgrade to alleviate tenant stress, ensure compliance with fire codes, and protect both residents and the general public. Upgrading the fire suppression system is a key step in Working Homes LLC's broader strategy to preserve the building as vital workforce housing while ensuring safety, stability, and livability for decades to come.

Community Action Program of East Central Oregon - Feeding Rural Communities in East Central Oregon to Improve Social Determinants of Health (\$8,400)

Feeding Rural Communities in East Central Oregon to Improve Social Determinants of Health (FRCECO to improve SDOH) will expand services to the CAPECO Regional Food Banks, four county service area by increasing the Fresh Alliance or Food Rescue programs, developing a local Gleaning program, creating a repacking area, and developing a SDOH survey study and referral program. By increasing the amount of fresh foods available for distribution in Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, and Wheeler Counties there will be an improvement in the overall health of low income and marginalized populations living in rural East Central Oregon. In addition, developing a SDOH survey study and referral program will help this population better utilize other community services such as housing, senior services, and health care services through outreach, education, and referral. Overall, the CAPECO Regional Food Bank service area will see an increase in economic stability and a higher quality of life.

2025 LCHP SHARE Projects

Baker County SHARE LCHP (\$43,428)

- **New Directions Northwest- Contingency Management (\$15,000):** Provide resources to individuals that are resistant to come to treatment or are struggling in SUD Outpatient treatment. The resources will help these individuals overcome their barriers to treatment. Resources provided to those who attend their scheduled group and individual sessions will encourage them to continue in their treatment and attendance of group and 1 on 1 sessions. The overall aim for this LCHP Grant is to encourage attendance and growth in their treatment episode as well as their recovery. Contingency Management is a proven evidenced-based and best practice, and we have had great success with this program in SUD Outpatient treatment. This also meets the EOCCO Incentive Measure: Engagement of Substance Use Disorder Treatment – to continue treatment for at least 34 days.
- **Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. - Frontier Veggie Rx Program (\$24,480):** Continue serving 40 households on the Frontier Veggie Rx program in Baker County in partnership with St. Luke's Clinic EOMA.

Grant County SHARE LCHP (\$45,728)

- **Families First - Family Fun Day (\$5,000)**
Family Fun Day- Family Fun Day, an annual event, will be held on June 20, 2026. Vendor participants will be recruited to provide health education and support activities and materials.
- **John Day Canyon City Parks and Recreation District- Free Summer Meals (\$13,304)**
LCHP grant proposal bolsters its free summer meal program, providing hundreds of nutritious meals to at-risk children during school breaks to combat food insecurity.
- **Blue Mountain Hospital - Social-Emotional Parent and Child Peer Group (\$2,674)**
A multidisciplinary team of nurse practitioner, occupational therapist, and parent educator will work together to provide our community with a group. The group aims to teach children self-regulation and social skills in a group of their peers. While also providing education and peer support to the parents of the children.
- **Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc.- Frontier Veggie Rx (\$13,304)**
Start the Frontier Veggie Rx program in Grant County, serving 25 households with children in partnership with the Grant County Health Department, in coordination with Community Counseling Solutions.
- **Frontier Child Care Resource & Referral - Health and Safety Kits (\$6,874)**
The goal is to provide health and safety kits to families with children aged 0-5 and businesses that serve clientele in this age group. These kits will include essential items like bloodborne pathogen cleanup kits, first aid kits, carbon monoxide detectors with air quality control, and fire extinguishers. By offering these supplies, the initiative aims to ensure the safety and well-being of both young children and business environments catering to them. The focus is on creating safer homes and workplaces for EOCCO families and businesses to support young children.

Lake County SHARE LCHP (\$53,906.30)

- **Douglas ESD- Take Root Parenting Connection (\$7,500)**

Take Root Parent Connection will serve families and children living in Lake County. Our goal for this grant is to reach those furthest from opportunity and experiencing geographical isolation by offering parenting education workshops, parent cafés, and family/caregiver activities. Each workshop and parent café would be facilitated by a parent educator, provide childcare when available, meal or snack, and incentives as they related to the topic.

- **Lake Health District - Healthy Cooking Classes (\$16,533)**

The classes meet once a week for six-weeks. They are designed to teach people with limited incomes that cooking healthy meals can be fast, easy and inexpensive. Registered dietitian Tara Geil will create menus around nutritious foods people can find at Lake County Food Share, Lakeview's food pantry, and at low cost in grocery stores. At the end of each session, students take home the ingredients, cookware, and utensils they need to replicate the meal at home. Geil will follow up with students after three months to see if they are still using the skills they learned in class.

- **Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. - Frontier Veggie Rx (\$25,200)**

Continue serving 35 Households on the Frontier Veggie Rx program in Lake County in partnership with local prescribers and Albertsons Companies.

Malheur County SHARE LCHP (\$125,000)**

- **Four Rivers Healthy Community- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (\$15,000)**

This project seeks to increase the number of children enrolled in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library from 51% to 60% of all children under the age of five in Malheur County. Enrolled children receive free, high- quality, age-appropriate books mailed directly to them at their home. Funds will be used to conduct outreach to enroll hard-to-find families and to pay for a portion of the books.

- **Four Rivers Healthy Community- Malheur Youth Wellness (\$15,000)**

This program seeks to improve access to education, economic stability, and community resources by fostering mental, emotional, and physical well-being among youth. Our vision is to build a supportive environment where young people can thrive and transition into healthy, engaged adults. The project will empower educators in creating enriched learning environments that prioritize student well-being. By integrating wellness-focused initiatives into Pre-K-12 school related activities, we aim to enhance academic performance, strengthen social connections, and promote personal growth.

- **Building Healthy Families- Parent Education (\$12,000)**

Parent education opportunities and family programming will integrate important health and wellness topics in order to increase education and raise awareness about childhood immunizations, well-child visits, ASQ-SE screenings, pediatric dental screenings, and the importance of literacy and school readiness. Overall goal is to improve a child's social determinants of health and health outcomes.

- **Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. - Frontier Veggie Rx (\$55,500)**

Continue the Frontier Veggie Rx program in Malheur Co. in partnership with Valley Family Health Care CHWs, as well as supporting the purchase of food for families in immediate need, as identified by the Food Systems Ambassador. Food insecurity is rising in eastern, rural Oregon with the increasing cost of food and other products. This rise in costs makes it difficult for households to choose healthy produce over less expensive options. The FVRx will serve 68 households that indicate they are food insecure. The Food Systems Ambassador (a Valley Family CHW) will screen and identify families in immediate need, and will purchase necessary items; this will occur on a case-by-case basis, with an estimated 60 households served.

- **Jordan Valley Lions- Jordan Valley Lions Community Center (\$15,000)**

The winters in Jordan Valley are long, cold and often there is so much snow that travel is very difficult, sometimes impossible (especially for the elderly or those with compromised health). People in Jordan Valley struggle with depression during the winter, often feeling caged in. The JVLCC seeks to provide more social functions for ALL to attend throughout the winter months (without traveling a minimum of 90 miles round trip). These social functions will happen during the months of November through February and include food and some activity. Examples include bingo, bunco, health fair, marathon, painting, and/or a concert and try to incorporate a free meal into each event as well.

Morrow County SHARE LCHP (\$52,250)

- **Umatilla Morrow Head Start - Seeds of the Future Garden (\$4,500)**

The UMHS Seeds of the Future Garden is a community-driven initiative dedicated to cultivating a love for healthy food, lifelong learning, and meaningful connections. By providing children and families with access to fresh, nutritious food and hands-on gardening experiences, we create a welcoming space where growth happens in every sense-physically, intellectually, and socially. More than just a garden, this initiative will serve as a hub for education, collaboration, and positive family interactions. Through shared experiences in nature, we will empower individuals with the knowledge and skills to make healthier choices, build sustainable habits, and strengthen connections with both their environment and their community. Through education, connection, and positive family interactions, we nurture minds, bodies, and relationships-planting the seeds for a healthier, more connected future.

- **Community Counseling Solutions - Students Providing Understanding and Respectful Support (\$43,000)**

The Community Counseling Solutions SPURS (Students Providing Understanding and Respectful Support) Program promotes positive growth, functioning and social integration through peer mentoring enrichment and support to improve the well-being of youth who attend Morrow County schools.

Umatilla County SHARE LCHP (\$111,760)**

- **Good Shepherd Health Care System- Providing Produce Bags (\$10,000)**

This project aims to continue providing low-income community members with biweekly produce boxes or bags, ensuring access to fresh fruits and vegetables. The Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend consuming at least 5 servings of fruits and vegetables daily, but in 2021, less than 28% of adults in Umatilla/Morrow counties met this goal. Many low-income individuals, even those receiving state assistance, struggle to afford healthy, fresh foods due to the high cost compared to processed options. This initiative will help alleviate that burden by offering fresh produce to qualifying families based on household size. The long-term goal is to reduce the high rates of overweight and obesity in Umatilla County, which surpass state and federal averages, by promoting healthier eating habits.

- **Growing Hope of Eastern Oregon- Support Recovery Outcomes (\$40,000)**

Growing Hope is a addiction and recovery support organization. We offer regular 12-step meetings in Pendleton, cooking/nutrition classes, trauma informed parenting classes, job/education supports and transition housing support. By providing support for the whole person, our goal is to increase recovery success for individuals.

- **Umatilla County Public Health- Diapers and Wipe Program (\$14,400)**

This project aims to distribute diapers and wipes to OHP enrolled clients that are participating in home visiting services with UCO Health and UMHS to promote economic stability. All home visiting clients would be eligible to access 1 package of diapers and wipes each month as needed during the project period.

- **Umatilla Morrow Head Start- Seeds of the Future Garden (\$12,000)**

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- **Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center- Frontier Veggie Rx (\$25,200)**

Start the Frontier Veggie Rx program in Umatilla County serving 35 households (individuals and households, with children 5-18 years of age, who are engaged in Yellowhawk Public Health Programs and Services) in partnership with the Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center.

Union County SHARE LCHP (\$105,701)

- **Community Connections of Northeast Oregon (CCNO) - Solar-Powered Lighting (\$10,798)**

Our project aims to install solar- powered lighting at the five existing bus stops in La Grande and Island City, as well as a new stop planned for the Transit Hub. During the 2024 Fiscal Year, our Deviated Fixed Route provided 28,702 rides, operating every 45 minutes, Monday through Saturday. Many of our shared clients rely on public transit for essential activities, such as grocery

shopping, medical appointments, bill payments, or recreational activities like bowling or attending movies. Given the early winter sunsets, the installation of lighting at these stops will enhance safety, making our clients feel more secure and less vulnerable. Additionally, improved lighting will increase visibility for drivers, allowing clients to remain under cover and avoid the need to stand on the curb to be seen. We also propose adding a covered stop at the Transit Hub to better accommodate clients who ride the Kayak bus to Pendleton, particularly when the Transit Hub is closed. A well-lit, sheltered area will provide these clients with a safer and more comfortable waiting experience. Overall, this project will significantly benefit both EOCCO and Community Connection's clients, and we appreciate your consideration of this proposal.

- **Northeast Oregon Network (NEON) - Growing Community Roots (\$14,480)**

Growing Community Roots (GCR) is an innovative summer program for neurodiverse youth in Union County. The target population is youth 6-11 years of age with a mental health diagnosis and/or an IEP/504 designation. The program is based on principles of Trauma Informed Care, providing acceptance and safety to support the connections with nature and others that can heal trauma, as well as promote social, emotional and academic growth by building resilience. Twelve youth spend one day a week for 8 weeks at a conservancy wilderness area. During the day youth participate in student led nature activities with hands on building and environmental learning, as well as discussions, games, role-play, and art projects that build emotional insight, skills and resilience.

- **Grande Ronde Hospital - Children and Recovering Mothers (CHARM) (\$10,000)**

The CHARM program is aimed to help expectant mothers who are currently or have had history of SUD abuse. Our program is structured to be a supportive tool to help eliminate stressors that could cause a participant to relapse. We are non-punitive, and educate our participants by giving them all the tools they need to become successful, by introducing them to different programs, such as Babies First and Next Step Pregnancy Center that can help them along the way. We aim to help the mothers up to eight weeks post-partum.

- **La Grande Farmers Market - Double Up Food Bucks (\$7,574)**

La Grande Farmers Market (LGFM) participates in both the SNAP benefits program and the Double Up Food Bucks (DUFB) program that supports the provisions of healthy food supplementation for those enrolled in the state Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), while incentivizing participation in pro-social activities at the La Grande Farmers Market. The DUFB program not only improves health outcomes for families but also strengthens community resilience and puts money directly into the pockets of our local family farmers, thus putting money back in our local economy. We believe investing in the DUFB program is an essential step in stabilizing Oregon's economy in these uncertain times, addressing an immediate need for food assistance, and supporting local farmers and economies. According to the Farmers Market Fund, every SNAP dollar spent at a farmers market generates \$3 in local economic activity. The DUFB program is the key initiative we at LGFM are seeking support for.

- **Northeast Oregon Network (NEON)- Right Track Resource Center (\$28,402)**

Our mission is to provide a safe, warm, welcoming environment where any member of our community can find shelter, support, and pathways to housing stability. In order to achieve our

mission, we intend to use funds for staffing to employ one overnight shelter monitor for the season following a short training period, as well as pay for rent and utilities for the shelter facility. Having trained and reliable staff during overnight operations will ensure we can provide a safe and consistent refuge from the cold Union County winter. Alternatively, a smaller award would at least allow us to use funds for 4 months of operating expenditures like rent and utilities. Operation costs are crucial to maintaining our current location and ensuring that our building is ready to open every year in November for the winter warming station. We believe that bringing services and community partners to those who need it and offering shelter and a hot meal to people experiencing homelessness provides a stepping-stone to greater health.

- **Northeast Oregon Housing Authority (NEOHA) - Timber Ridge (\$2,952.85)**

The Timber Ridge project is rooted in a trauma- informed approach to housing, designed to foster both community connection and individual growth. Our goal is to improve residents' quality of life by reducing barriers, connecting them with supportive services, and creating opportunities for self-expression and personal development. Through partnerships with organizations like CHD, Nerd Mentality, and Shelter From the Storm, I've already facilitated engaging activities such as children's baking groups, tabletop game nights, and on-site support services. With LCHP funding, I plan to expand these efforts by partnering with Art Center East to offer educational and creative classes, while also providing supplies for monthly social hours and community-driven events. This funding would allow us to deepen our impact and create more consistent, meaningful opportunities for Timber Ridge residents to thrive.

- **Union CARE Program - Lice Prevention Kit Project (\$8,182.20)**

The Lice Kit Prevention project is county wide within Union County and addresses two social determinants of health and equity-- Education, and Social & Community Health.

The purpose is to provide all six Union County School Districts free Lice Kits, including prevention items with educational materials. The goal is to reduce and/or eliminate the number of absenteeism, the significant financial burden on families, and the social stigma of head lice.

The plan is for each school to have Lice Prevention Kits immediately available on site, that will be distributed by the secretaries or nurses to any parent or guardian whose student(s) has been identified with head lice, free of charge.

- **Union County Safe Communities Coalition- Youth Conference (\$12,741.85)**

In 2017, UCSCC collaborated with the District Attorney's Office and local schools to create a conference for seventh-grade students, aiming to provide them with essential knowledge and skills for safe adolescent navigation. Funding has come from various sources, focusing on issues like healthy relationships and mental health. This year, UCSCC plans to add an eighth-grade conference in response to school requests, reinforcing key concepts in an age-appropriate manner. Union County faces social challenges, and statistics reveal significant issues among youth, including high rates of bullying and substance use. The eighth-grade conference will enhance education on making healthy choices and peer pressures. The project targets approximately 600 seventh- and eighth-grade students in Union County. It is inclusive and will provide the necessary accommodation for participants.

Wallowa County SHARE LCHP (\$48,559)

- **Eastern Oregon Legacy Lands - 2025 Wallowology Outings and Presentations (\$10,750)**

EOLL is a local organization that arose from the longstanding need for more accessible learning opportunities for residents and visitors regarding the remarkable Wallowa country landscape. EOLL's Discovery Center, Wallowology, offers a unique scientific education and outreach facility in a rural setting that attracts thousands of visitors annually to learn through exhibits, participate in science programs and guided hikes, and enjoy evening presentations at the Discovery Center in downtown Joseph, Oregon. Our programs inform, inspire, and involve residents and visitors in conserving ecosystems and landscapes that help support and sustain our rural communities. We emphasize science and culture, focusing on Tribal scientists and indigenous speakers and their priorities. We seek this award to help support Wallowology's flagship educational and outdoor programs, our annual series of evening presentations, and our guided outings.

- **Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. - Frontier Veggie Rx (\$32,954)**

Start the Frontier Veggie Rx program in Wallowa County in partnership with Winding Waters Clinic. Food insecurity is rising in rural and frontier Eastern Oregon, driven by increasing food costs and other essential products. This rise in cost makes it difficult for households to choose healthy produce over less expensive food options. In Wallowa County, food insecurity is higher than that of the EOCCO region and the State as a whole. We know that healthy food consumption leads to healthier individuals, making food a vital part of healthcare. This program seeks to bridge the gap in access to fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables for Wallowa County residents.

Gilliam County SHARE LCHP (\$32,745)

Harney County SHARE LCHP (\$51,184)

Sherman County SHARE LCHP (\$32,404)

Wheeler County SHARE LCHP (\$30,179)

- **Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. - Frontier Veggie Rx**

Continue the Frontier Veggie Rx program in Gilliam, Harney, Sherman, and Wheeler Counties in partnership with Gilliam county Family Services, Harney District Hospital Family Care and Cancer program; Harney County Health Department, OSU Sherman County Extension Office, Sherman County Prevention Program, and volunteers in Fossil and Mitchell. Food insecurity is on the rise in Eastern, rural, and frontier Oregon, driven by the increasing costs of food and other essential products. This rise in costs is making it difficult for households to choose healthy produce over less expensive food options. In these four counties, food insecurity is higher than that of the EOCCO region and the State as a whole. We know that healthy food consumption leads to healthier individuals, making food a vital part of healthcare. This program seeks to bridge the gap in access to fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables for Baker County residents. The FVRx will serve 251 households indicating they are food insecure. Gilliam County- 56 households; Harney County- 88 households; Sherman County- 55 households; and Wheeler County- 52 households.

** Project funded in 2025 from previous year's SHARE investments

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