

2029 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK: Proposed PRIORITIES AND PROJECTS

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Tonight's purpose

Discuss the Proposed Priorities and Projects to share with GRDC.

Timeline for GRDCAC

- **October:** Overview of 2029 Community Investment Framework
- **December:** Financial Assessment
- **January:** Planning Background
- **January – July:** Engagement & Survey
- **August:** DRAFT Proposal
- **September:** GRDC review

DRAFT Priorities

Housing

**Economic
Opportunity**

**Community
Safety**

**Community
Vibrancy**

Transportation

Summary

Housing	Increase available ownership housing
Community Safety	Invest in Fire Station; invest in Yamhill street improvements
Economic Opportunity	Grant programs for new industries and storefront; increase retail space and workforce opportunity
Transportation	Yamhill street improvements; coordinate transit capital improvements; parking assessment; pedestrian safety within Rockwood town center
Community Vibrancy	1-2 more development sites for cultural, wellness, business investment; park/recreation investment

August feedback summary

Housing

- Reduce barriers and provide resources for home ownership.
- Consider innovative approaches, and nonstandard construction to reduce costs, create middle housing.

Economic Opportunity

- When exploring grant programs, identify mechanisms to address rising commercial rents for independent business

Transportation

- Important to define the scope of Yamhill improvements - difficult ROW, speed bumps, intersection

Future developments

- Incorporate sustainability into developments – solar power, on-site composting, recommendations from the climate strategy, waste reduction
- Incorporate public safety features, lighting, into all future development
- Investments should benefit local residents and increase wealth opportunities

Additional Project ideas

- Maker space with a focus on small business innovation and training
- Explore medical training facility; job training opportunities
- Community Center with recreation and arts programs
- Additional services and programs for youth and families – skill development, arts and festivals, languages, childcare, sports and fitness
- Kitchen and dining services for elders
- Increase safety, walkability and bike ability of streets
- Trees and shade throughout the community
- Park resources, including shelters for picnicking
- Opportunities for small business
- Dog park

Housing

- Outcome: Increase available ownership housing
- Strategies:
 - Funds set aside for property acquisition, gap financing, or grant program.
 - Partner to reduce barriers to buying/selling home
 - Partner to increase resources for mortgage assistance and other financial support

Community Safety

- Outcomes: Develop public safety facility, increase street safety
- Strategies:
 - Contribute to the capital funding of a new Fire Station facility (station 74)
 - Invest in improvements to Yamhill Street

Economic Opportunity

- Outcome: Increase businesses, jobs, and storefronts
- Strategies:
 - Grant programs for New Industries, Storefront Improvements
 - Ensure development sites increase economic opportunity through business development and workforce training opportunities

Transportation

- Yamhill Street Improvements: upgrade to collector standard with pedestrian and safety amenities
 - Identified in plan
 - Community need
 - Increase access to parks
 - Increase pedestrian safety
 - Leverage Wy'East Trail
- Coordinate with TriMet Blue Line improvements and shelters
- Coordinate with proposed City parking assessment studies
- Invest in improved pedestrian safety

Community Vibrancy

- Outcome: Increase economic, cultural, and wellness resources
- Strategies:
 - Invest in 1-2 more development sites for uses such as medical, day care, skills development, youth opportunity, elderly opportunity within Rockwood Town Center.
 - Park and recreation investment

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Question

- Is there any additional feedback to share with GRDC regarding the proposed priorities and projects?

Next Steps

- September GRDC: Presentation of Proposed Priorities and Projects
- Fall: Incorporate GRDC feedback into document for public review and feedback