

**APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM
OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION
FISCAL YEAR 2010**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 20, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.

1. Project Title: Willamette Falls Locks

2. Organization Name and address: City of West Linn

3. Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email:

4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):

The project is at the Willamette Falls Locks on the Willamette River.

5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:

The requesting organization is a municipal government representing a diverse group of public and private stakeholders interested in the long-term maintenance of the Willamette Falls Locks.

6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)

This funding is necessary to fund the repair and possible replacement of one or more lock gates at Willamette Falls. The Corps has recently begun a required inspection of the locks, but there is no funding for significant repairs or for replacement of lock gates. In addition, this funding will provide for the regular program operation of the locks, keeping them open to recreational, commercial, and industrial traffic. This will help prevent *permanent* closure of this historic and important transportation link, while a group of local, state, federal, and private-sector entities develops a management plan and structure for the continued long-term operation of the locks. These stakeholders continue to actively explore various alternatives for the future management of the locks.

7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

Yes

7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

This project has been funded historically under the Energy and Water Appropriations bill, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Operations and Maintenance Account. Recent funding levels include \$72,000 in FY 07, and \$158,000 in FY 08.

8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific –e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):

Energy and Water Appropriations –Energy & Water Development, Army Corps of Engineers, Civil, Operations & Maintenance, General (96X3123)

9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

This project is important to preserve the connectivity for navigation between the northern and southern portions of the Willamette River. The locks have great historical significance and have long been used by commercial and recreational vessels. For decades, the federal government has maintained and operated these facilities. However, there is a strong interest amongst all stakeholders – including the Corps of Engineers – to eventually transfer the locks (as well as the annual operation and maintenance responsibilities) to a local or state authority. In the meantime, it is critical that this funding be provided to ensure the locks remain open and in safe condition.

The benefits of this work for the U.S. and Oregon economy are numerous:

- Shovel Ready: This project provides an *immediate* benefit by performing work which has been contracted for and has begun, but is currently under-funded. The result of this work will be a refurbishment of the locks.
- Economic Stimulus: \$2.9 million annual estimated economic benefit by supporting recreational, historic preservation, economic development and other uses of the river near the Portland urban area. The project also improves transportation options for freight in the Metro area.
- Environmental Benefits: The project provides an environmental benefit by enabling marine transportation of industrial cargoes. This alternative reduces both energy use and highway congestion with a 65% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions compared to trucking. One industrial use currently being considered could, by itself, eliminate 10,000 semi-truck trips per year from metropolitan area roads.

10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress? If so, who?

Yes, we are also requesting funding through our U.S. senators.

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years):

Approximately \$258,000 annually for limited operation and maintenance, and \$840,000 for the repair of lock gates and other structures.

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010:

We are requesting a total of \$1.1 million in FY 2009 – \$258,000 for the continued operation and maintenance of the locks on a limited schedule, and \$840,000 for the repair of lock gates and other structures.

c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)

In recent years, more than \$500,000 in state and local (including private) funding had been provided to support the continued operation of the locks. Stakeholders that have provided funding include (but are not limited to):

Oregon Department of Transportation
Oregon State Marine Board
Portland General Electric
Willamette Riverkeeper
City of West Linn
Wilsonville Concrete
Clackamas County
Kinsman Foundation
Oregon Tourism Commission
Metro
Columbia River Yachting Association
City of Oregon City
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation
Clackamas Heritage Partners
Bernert Towing

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?

We anticipate supporting continued federal funding of the operation and maintenance of this facility until it is transferred to a non-federal entity.

e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010. (e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

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f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

Oregon Department of Transportation
Oregon State Marine Board
Clackamas County
Portland General Electric
Willamette Riverkeeper
City of West Linn
City of Oregon City

City of Lake Oswego
City of Gladstone
City of Milwaukie
Wilsonville Concrete
Oregon Preservation Alliance
Willamette Queen Sternwheeler Excursions

g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):

Yes, this project is scalable, but the overall cost of the lock repair would be lowest if the full amount is provided in one year.