



Board Meeting

Thursday, September 29, 2022

9:00 am – 11:00 am

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AGENDA

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| 1) | 9:00 | Call to Order & Agenda Review | Chair,
Commissioner
Buch |
| 2) | 9:05 | Roll Call | Staff,
Justin Peterson |
| 3) | 9:10 | Public Comment | Chair |
| 4) | 9:15 | Minutes of May 12, 2022 Meeting (Attachment A) | Chair |
| ACTION: Approval of Minutes | | | |
| 5) | 9:20 | Letter of Support Request Guidelines (Attachment B)
The CWEDD Executive Committee and Staff created general guidelines for letter of support requests. | Staff, Justin
Peterson |
| ACTION: Approval of Letter of Support Request Guidelines | | | |
| 6) | 9:35 | Childcare Working Group Update (Attachment C)
The childcare working group is currently working on defining goals and continues to meet. | Staff, Anne
Whittington |
| 7) | 9:50 | CARES Funding Summary (Attachment D)
Staff will provide an update on all of the projects funded and supported by the CARES funding. | Staff, Anne
Whittington |
| 8) | 10:05 | CWEDD Additional Funding for Rural Capacity Building | Staff, Anne
Whittington |

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| 9) | 10:20 | Discussion: CEDS Working Groups (Attachment E) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Broadband Action Team (BAT)</i>• <i>Cascades West Regional Consortium (CWRC)</i>• <i>Early Childhood Education</i>• <i>Rural Economic Alliance (REAL)</i>• <i>Lane Economic Committee (LEC)</i>• <i>Blue Economy Update from EDALC</i>• <i>Other workgroup updates?</i> | Staff,
Justin Peterson |
| 10) | 10:40 | Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Executive Committee Updates – CWEDD Project Tracker</i>• <i>Staff Updates</i>• <i>Jurisdiction Updates</i> | Chair/Staff |
| 11) | 11:00 | Adjournment
<i>Next Meeting: November 10, 2022</i> | Chair |

Attendance (For Quorum Purposes)

OCWCOG Members	Title	Jurisdiction	Attendance
Pat Malone	Commissioner	Benton County	
Claire Hall	Commissioner	Lincoln County	
Jim Lepin	Mayor	City of Millersburg	
Sherrie Sprenger	Commissioner	Linn County	
Alan Rowe	Councilor	City of Adair Village	
Dean Sawyer	Mayor	City of Newport	
Paul Shuytema	Executive Director	EDALC	
Chris Workman	City Manager	City of Philomath	
Kelly Hart	Director	City of Lebanon	
John Pascone	President	AMEDC	
Pam Barlow-Lind	Tribal Planner	CTSI	
Kate Porsche	Economic Development	City of Corvallis	
Lane Members	Title	Jurisdiction	Attendance
Greg James	Board Member	WillamaLane Parks and Rec	
Tom Cotter	Council Member	City of Veneta	
Randy Groves	City Councilor	City of Eugene	
Heather Buch	Commissioner	Lane County	
Patti Chappel	President	Emerald People's Utility Dist.	
Laural O'Rourke	Board Member	4J School District	
Greg Ervin	Council Member	City of Cottage Grove	
Matt Michel	City Manager	City of Veneta	

Quorum Requirement: CWEDD business may be conducted provided a quorum of members attends. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the membership of the District Board. The CWEDD members may participate by telephone or other means of electronic communication, provided the meeting is called to order at a meeting place where the public can attend, hear, understand and/or read the comments of the members participating by telephone or electronic means and the members so participating can fully hear, understand, and/or read the comments of the other members participating in the meeting.

CWEDD BOARD MEETING**Thursday, May 12th, 2022****9:00 am – 11:00 am**

Zoom Remote Connection

DRAFT MINUTES

Members: Commissioner Heather Buch, Mayor Jim Lepin, Paul Schuytema, Greg James, Councilor Randy Groves, Councilor Greg Ervin, Matt Michel, Commissioner Wyse, Kelly Hart, Jerry Sorte (Kate Porsche), Patti Chappel

Guest Presenter: Chris Reese, Courtney Helstein, Marcus Kauffman, Leigh McIlvaine, and Judith Sheine

Staff: Jenny Glass, Justin Peterson, Sarah Lindsey, Anne Whittington, and Brenda Wilson (LCOG)

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION/CONCLUSION
1. Call to Order & Agenda Review	The meeting first started with agenda item number 7 because quorum wasn't met at the start of the meeting.	Meeting called to order at 9:05 am by Chair Commissioner Heather Buch. There were no changes to the agenda.
2. Roll Call	Jerry Sorte was filling in for Kate Porsche.	Staff Justin Peterson completed roll call.
3. CWEDD Board Membership (Handout) & Election of Officers (Attachment A & B)	Staff members Justin Peterson and Jenny Glass introduced this agenda topic and gave an introduction as to what the criteria entitles for choosing the chair and vice chair for this committee. One of the specific criteria that Staff Justin Peterson noted is that the chair and vice chair must come from different COG, which would be LCOG and OCWCOG. Mayor Lepin noted that he will be stepping down from his Vice-Chair position and suggested that Heath Buch continue as the Chair, he also suggested that Pau Schuytema would take his place as vice Chair. Greg James seconded mayor Lepin's nominations.	Consensus to approve Commissioner Buch as Chair and Paul Schuytema as Vice-Chair (Motion by Mayor Lepin and Second by Patti Chappel in the official motion) Patti Chappel moved for Kelly Hart to join the CWEDD Executive Committee, Paul Schuytema seconded.

	<p>Staff Justin Peterson added that Mayor Lepin was on the CWEDD Executive Committee, and Paul was already a member at large. This would mean they need another member from Linn County to join the committee.</p> <p>Mayor Jim Lepin noted that the Mayor of Albany, Alex Johnson could possibly be a candidate as Johnson has already taken Lepin's position on the COG's Executive Committee.</p> <p>Commissioner Buch confirmed that they are needing to do recruiting for this member.</p> <p>Staff Jenny Glass suggested Kelly Hart from Lebanon to be a part of the executive committee.</p> <p>Patti Chappel moved for Kelly Hart to join the CWEDD Executive Committee and Paul Schuytema seconded, the motion passed unanimously.</p>	Motion passed unanimously.
4. Public Comment		There were no public comments.
<p>5. Minutes of February 10th, 2021, Meeting Minutes (Attachment C)</p> <p>ACTION: Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>There were no changes to the meeting minutes.</p> <p>Greg Ervin motioned to approve the previous meeting's minutes, Paul Schuytema Seconded.</p> <p>The motion to approve the February 10, 2021, Meeting Minutes (Attachment C) passed unanimously.</p>	Greg Ervin motioned to approve the previous meeting's minutes, Paul Schuytema Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Family Forward Presentation (Attachments D and E)	<p>Commissioner Heather Buch opened this agenda topic by noting that childcare is the leading cause for people not entering/re-entering the work force, which was discussed at the previous meeting.</p> <p>Courtney Helstein from Family Forward of Oregon addressed child needs in the region and introduced her presentation. The organization works with mothers and care givers to pass policies as well as funding supports at the state, local, and federal levels that better support care and caregiving. Examples would be the statewide paid family medical leave policy and, also relating to the COVID Crisis, they are addressing the childcare crisis.</p>	

	<p>Helstein provided backdrop on the childcare demographics in the state of Oregon. One specific she provided was that every county in the state of Oregon was in a childcare deficit for at least one age group. That would mean every county has a deficit for children ages 0-2, the overwhelming majority of counties had deficits for ages 3-5 as well. That would mean that statewide, there are only enough slots to meet 9% of the need for infants and toddlers, for 3–5-year-olds, the state can meet about 24%, finally for school aged kids the state can meet between 10-14%. Courtney Helstien noted that these demographics were all pre-covid. She then informed the members that once Covid hit, Oregon lost almost 80% of their childhood capacity.</p> <p>Even through the additional grants, and many helpful programs, the state of Oregon is still working with a loss of 20% of their childhood caring capacity before COVID-19 added Helstien.</p> <p>In order to address this crisis, Courtney Helstien adds that it will take several years, public investments not just from within Oregon, but from the federal government as well. She then noted that there is still a lot of work to be put in by the various counties and cities across the state so that everyone does their part to invest where they can. Helstien also noted that they have funding they hadn't had before to invest in community driven pilots and projects to expand capacity and add childcare providers.</p> <p>Helstien also notes that despite the overwhelming need, parents cannot find childcare for their children because most childcare providers cannot afford to stay open. She adds that the reasoning behind this is because the providers cannot charge the true cost of care since parents and families couldn't afford it.</p> <p>Courtney Helstien adds that their company is looking to address this crisis in a few ways, the first being that they are addressing these issues in a parallel form. The next, is through revamping the states childcare subsidy program, this involved policy changes, copay structures and adding more stability to those parents who are accessing the program. Another would be capping copays at no more than 7% of a family's income. The fourth way would be addressing the reimbursement rates for childcare providers. This entitled moving policies to a</p>	
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	<p>true cost of care model. This would mean a 20% rate increase for center-based providers, for friend family neighbor providers, they can only care for three children at a time.</p> <p>Helstein noted that usually they would run this type of program through the state early learning division, however the state noted that they are also in crisis and can't handle the capacity for the grant building program right now.</p> <p>Courtney Helstien then took her program and went to a non-profit sponsor called "Seeding Justice" and asked for them to be the fiscal sponsor for a portion of the money. She also noted one of the biggest barriers for creating more providers, is that it is not very profitable.</p> <p>Helstien also added that the state invested \$22million dollars into this capacity building grant fund, where various communities and organizations can pull together with a proposal so invest back in, and help childcare providers open their business and create more slots for children. She also provided multiple examples of how the communities are using those funds to build the childcare setting and create more capacity.</p> <p>Greg Ervin inquired about focus on funding for stay-at-home parents.</p> <p>Courtney Helstien answered that it is a part of the organization's overall vision. However, it will take a bit to build that resource in.</p>	
7. Albany YMCA Childcare Presentation	<p>Presenter Chris Reese introduced this presentation and his background with the program.</p> <p>Chris Reese also noted that they had started another preschool where some students were able to attend for free with preschool promise dollars. Each location will have 50 students at a time with 178 students' total. He also added that Millersburg may be adding an early learning child development center, and after school area with boys and girls club running that. He added that the goal is to have 10 new centers over the next five to eight years and they already have three built with four planned out to build soon.</p>	

	<p>Chris Reese added the relevance of this project to meet the demands for childcare as more people are headed back to work. He also noted that they are trying to be non-competitive and just fill in holes in the childcare scene.</p> <p>Anne Whittington asked a question regarding how Chris Reese is dealing with the nation-wide staffing issues facing the childcare industry's as well as other industry fields across the nation.</p> <p>Chris Reese noted that it can be easier in the non-profit field because they can pay their teachers an appropriate salary because the company itself is just trying to break even rather than turning a profit. The goal is to keep the cost as low as possible, and to pay their teachers what they deserve. Reese also notes that the hours are decent at their program as well. Additionally just treating them well, having benefits, and providing whatever they need to make their job more effective.</p> <p>Chris Reese adds that another way they are able to keep up the staffing is by really listening to their teachers and finding out what they need to be the most effective.</p> <p>Reese also provided insight on how the last two years of COVID have really impacted the youth and kids of all ages. Another additional comment is kid's attention spans are not what they used to be as they aren't used to social interaction which is because they weren't exposed to the social setting due to COVID. He also stresses that it is so important not to give up on those kids.</p> <p>Greg James applauded what Chris Reese is doing with keeping children engaged. He then had a few questions regarding state certification, and pre-school promise dollars.</p> <p>Chris Reese noted that there are more responsibilities to be state certified and must have higher education level with their teachers, as well as there are more restrictions and full day programs.</p> <p>Chris Reese also touched on the pre-school promise dollars, which are a grant where children can go to a licensed program. He pointed out that the program is</p>	
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	<p>at risk of losing their pre-school promise dollars because of a previous director, who is no longer there. Another note is that Reese wants to keep the lowest cost care, with the highest quality teachers. Chris Reese also pointed out that if the pre-school promise dollars are lost, then the 40 students who are currently attending for free, wouldn't be able to attend this pre-school any further.</p> <p>Chris Reese added that he has written about 10million in grants in order to have the program survive from a programmatic income in order to keep the lights on and the bills paid. Chris's goal for his year is a self-sustaining program with free childcare. Eventually he also plans for a free YMCA for all members of the public to be a part of. The programmatic income would pay of teachers' salaries, salaries, and other expenses the environment could be free, and teachers can be paid top dollar.</p> <p>Reese noted that he wanted to partner with all the preschools and other childcare centers, not compete with them.</p> <p>After this presentation, the members moved back to the beginning of the agenda since there was now a quorum.</p>	
8. Childcare Working Group Update	<p>Anne Whittington introduced the childcare working group update who is currently working on GIS mapping of large employers as well as childcare availability in those same areas.</p> <p>Whittington noted that there is a new business liaison in the early learning hub, Brian Steinhouser. She also referenced the Seeding Justice grant, and how LBCC was taking the lead for applying for that grant.</p>	
9. Presentation: Mass Timber	<p>Jenny Glass introduced this program for Leigh and the Mass Timber Presentation.</p> <p>Leigh McIlvaine introduced herself, and her teammates from department of forestry, DLCD, and the tall wood Design Institute. McIlvaine provided a background to the coalition, and how the region as designated as a manufacturing industry.</p> <p>Leigh McIlvaine also noted who the members in the coalition were, those being: Port of Portland, Tall Wood Design Institute, Business Oregon, Oregon</p>	

	<p>Department of Forestry, DLCD, Oregon State University, and the University of Oregon. She also mentioned that this coalition is still growing daily.</p> <p>Marcus Kauffman gave an update to the members regarding Forestry and Timber Commitment. He also noted that this allows for the industry to transition into housing, while partnering with Willamette National Forest.</p> <p>Kauffman also noted that the idea is to use the technology of mass timber to address economic development, housing disparities, and to address forest health. What they are proposing is to plus up their partnership with the Willamette Nation Forest and to keep doing restoration across all the areas of the forest from south to north.</p> <p>Marcus Kauffman also noted that the Oregon Mass Timber Collation is looking into finding a new homes in the ever-changing markets for these alternative woods such as pine.</p> <p>Judith Sheine introduced the Tall Wood design institute and explained that they are a group from both OSU and UofO who work to increase economic development as well as advance mass timber development. Sheine also noted that they are funded by the state of Oregon. Tall wood is proposing to build a fire testing chamber, and an acoustic testing Lab that currently the institute must go out of state for, however they want to advance their services to be able to do these tests at the home front.</p> <p>Sheine noted that their upcoming housing project is going to be a pilot of 34 unites on a few different sites. She noted this would be in Milwaukie Oregon. This new type of housing will replace family housing, as it uses very thin plywood panels that are produced here in Oregon. This type of material would make these units more affordable with two bedrooms. This new housing will be assembled on site because they are created in panels.</p> <p>Judith Sheine then introduced the newest site plan for three of the sites in Milwaukie. She also noted that they are working on retrofitting rental units that started as a request form the department of energy. These two projects that they are seeking the EDA grant for are more like prototype projects.</p>	
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	<p>Sheine also showed the members the prototype they already have started on the OSU campus back lot.</p> <p>Leigh McIlvaine also noted that one larger question is who is going to be completing the work.</p> <p>Councilor Randy Groves appreciates this presentation, and notes that workforce housing is especially needed. Groves did inquire about if testing was being done with thermal insult and fire testing, and what the failure rate would be.</p> <p>Sheine noted that there has been a large bit of fire testing done on these projects. She also noted that these panels would take longer to burn, which would make them slightly fire resistant. Judith noted that the panels will char on the outside, but then would slow or even stop burning.</p> <p>Groves then asked about fire resistant sheetrock, however Sheine noted that they are instead going to use the mass timber on the inside as well and keep it exposed.</p> <p>Leigh McIlvaine also noted that a large part of this investment is directed towards the work force which will help to advance the industry cluster, which will have partnership driven training programs. Many of these training opportunities were listed off by McIlvaine such as housing instruction, and wood studies.</p> <p>McIlvaine also touched on community development codes of the project, and how the modular housing developments are following through with each region's specific codes for safety. She also noted that DLCD proposed a project to help wildfire effected communities with development code assistance and to minimize barriers.</p> <p>Leigh added that DLCD has been focusing a lot lately on community outreach, and getting people involved in development of these housing communities.</p>	
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	<p>Randy groves noted that it is very wise to go about building and creating these easily adoptable codes to keep development safe and easier for these rural fire effected communities.</p> <p>Commissioner Heather Buch noted that fire danger is on the top of many of the members minds. She would like to follow how the mass timber is addressing the fire danger, and code language updates. Buch also wanted to know if this project would compete with local contractors.</p> <p>Leigh McIlvaine answered saying they have some capacity funds available to help all communities benefit from this project.</p> <p>Sheine noted that a lot of the work would be done in the factory, however there is a lot of on sight work that would need to be done by local construction.</p> <p>Councilor Randy Groves noted that houses shouldn't be sheaved in kindling, and the land surrounding the homes also need to be taken care of and prepared too.</p> <p>Greg James applauded the process and wanted to put an emphasis on cross-laminated timber which he has experience with. He also noted that the codes are always playing catch up to these industries.</p>	
10. Discussion: CEDS Working Groups (Attachment F)	<p>Staff members Jenny Glass jumped into the broadband updates from throughout the region. She explained that Whittington is the point person for broadband, and the OCWCOG will be taking care for these grants.</p> <p>Staff Glass noted that there is going to be an RFP for the three counties to do research for broadband across Linn, Lincoln, and Benton counties.</p> <p>Faster Internet Oregon will be kicking off tomorrow, which is a speed test that hopefully many people would be a part of in testing the broadband across the region.</p> <p>Staff Justin Peterson noted that for CWRC they have been focus on wetlands and they just received a grant from Business Oregon to look over credits for supply and demand for the wetlands in the three-county region.</p>	

	<p>Kelly Hart gave an update for the rural work groups that is combined from 9 different cities, they are starting a new brand, and will be releasing the new website in June. The website focuses on giving resources and opportunities to those rural community region members.</p> <p>Matt Michel was also able to report from the Lane Economic Committee and their recent presentation regarding growing and expanding programs throughout Eugene.</p>	
11. Other Business	<p>Staff Updates:</p> <p>Staff Jenny Glass added that for staff updates Sandra Easdale moved to the lending program at LCOG.</p> <p>Jurisdictional Updates:</p> <p>Commissioner Heath Buch noted for LCOG, and metropolitan planning committee has approved funding for regional broadband coordinator in conjunction with other partners here on this team.</p> <p>Paul Schuytema for Lincoln County noted that his committee worked with developing a video celebrating economic week. There is also an event in Newport from 3 to 5pm</p> <p>There were no other jurisdictional updates.</p>	
12. Adjournment	The next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2022 (may be rescheduled to September or cancelled)	Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am



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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 22, 2022
To: CWEDD Board
From: Justin Peterson, CWEDD Staff
Re: Letters of Support Request Guidelines

To better define a letter of support, process the CWEDD Executive Committee discussed parameters for letters of support at the April 28, 2022 meeting and approved the guidelines for CWEDD Board review on September 8, 2022.

CWEDD is the Economic Development District (EDD) for Benton, Lane, Lincoln, and Linn Counties. EDDs are multi-jurisdictional entities, commonly composed of multiple counties and in certain cases even cross-state borders. CWEDD includes the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) and Lane Council of Governments (LCOG). CWEDD is responsible for the five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) adoption and implementation. Many federal grants require alignment with the CEDS, and letters of support can confirm alignment with the CEDS.

CWEDD Staff and the CWEDD Board understand that practitioners are very busy and grant applications are a big lift. However, whenever possible the guidelines and criteria below should be followed when requesting a letter of support.

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- Two weeks' notice
 - Provide a draft of letter
 - Provide a summary of project or presentation to the board. The summary at a minimum should include the name of the grant, size of the grant, and the anticipated impact.
 - The CWEDD Executive Committee may approve letters of support via email and the OCWCOG Director will sign the letters.
 - If the letter of support does not have unanimous support of the CWEDD Executive Committee the CWEDD Board will approve or not approve a letter of support.
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CWEDD ACTION: Approve Letter of Support Request Guidelines.

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 22, 2022
To: CWEDD Board
From: CWEDD Staff
Re: Childcare Update

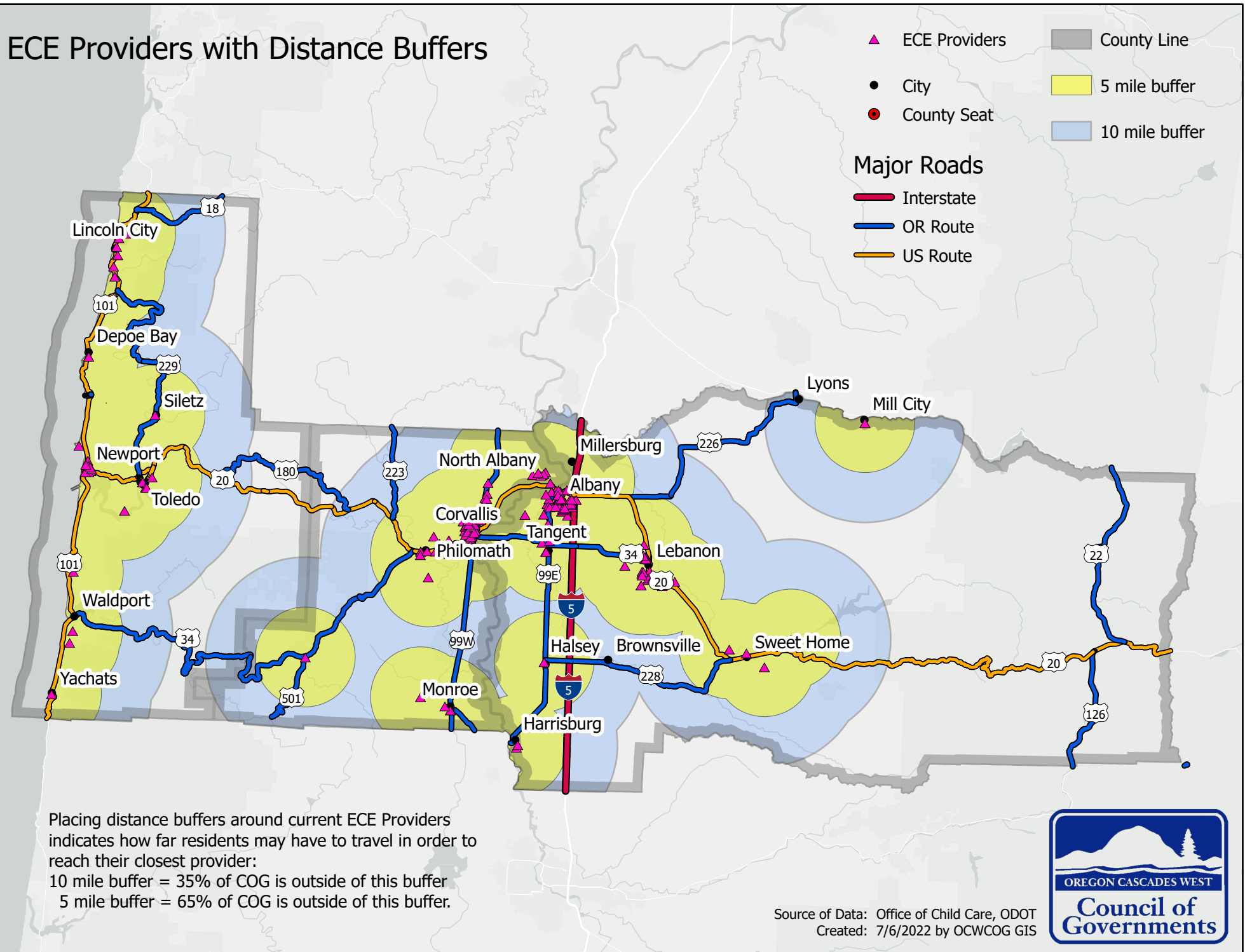
Early Childhood Education

- OCWCOG staff, Anne Whittington, is convening early childhood education and economic development partners in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln County to explore strategies to support the region's childcare systems.
- The childcare working group is currently working on defining goals including Regional Collaboration, Childcare Needs Messaging, Affordable Care, and Recruitment/Retention of Workforce. OCWCOG provided mapping services for the childcare working group. OCWCG GIS Staff, Mary Bach-Jackson, developed childcare maps depicting the childcare slots available vs the slots needed in each of our three-county region. The gap in care for each county shows the level of the childcare crisis in our area.
- The group continues to monitor available grants to apply for including Seeding Justice.

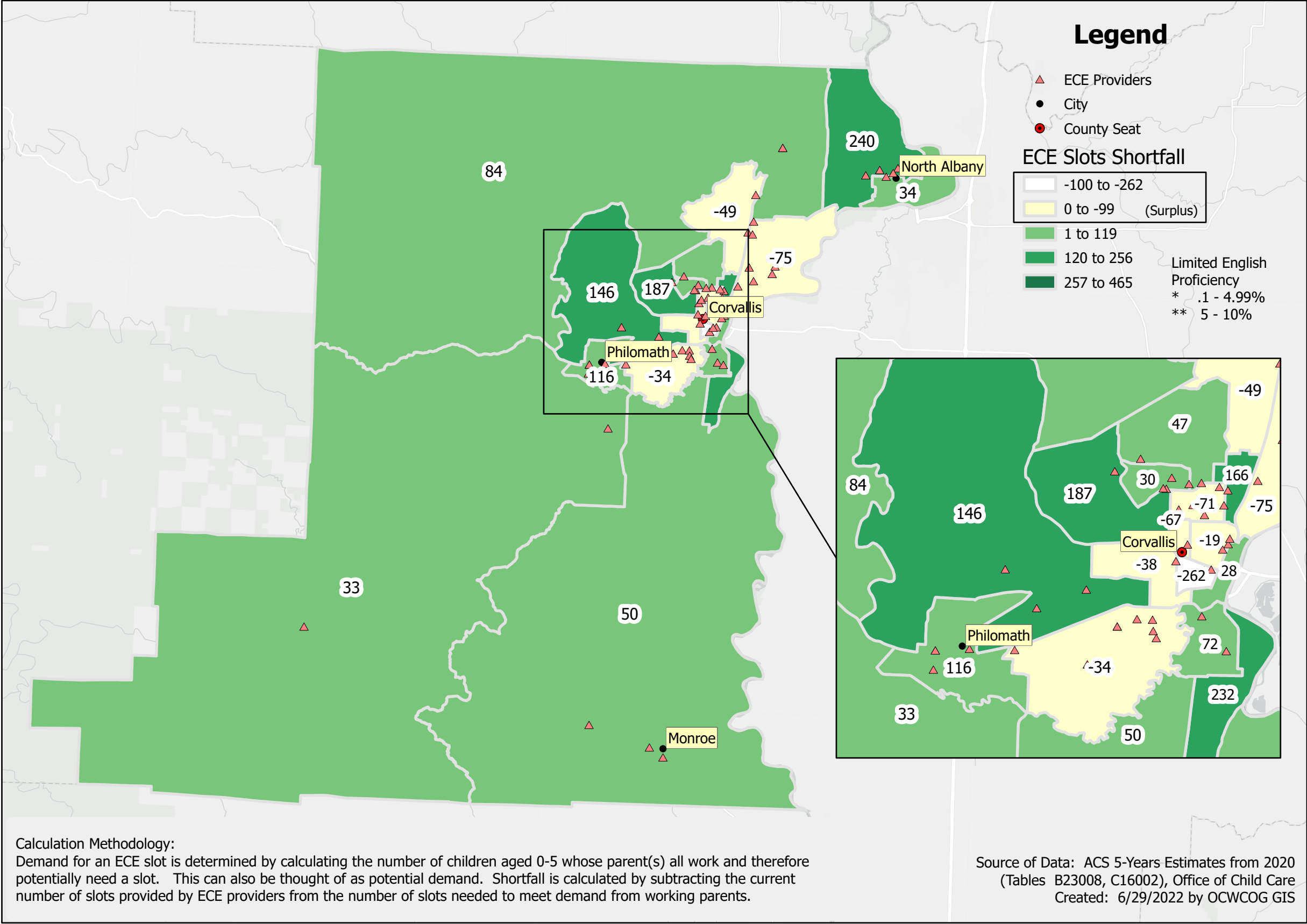
Attachments:

- County Shortfall Maps

ECE Providers with Distance Buffers



Benton County Early Childcare Education Slots Shortfall for Children Aged 0 to 5



According to the Oregon Employment Department in February 2022, the number one reason why workers have been unable to return to the workforce is

lack of access to childcare.

Access to stable, high-quality early childcare education helps working parents improve their labor productivity by increasing work hours, missing fewer work days and pursuing further education. High-quality child care and education that enables mothers to enter the labor market pays for itself through increases in family income.

Benton County is facing a challenge to increase access to early childcare education (ECE) placements for children aged 0 to 5 and decrease the estimated shortfall.

2,545 Slots Needed for Working Parents
-1,695 Slots Available From Providers
850 Shortfall

This map shows the shortfall of ECE slots across Benton County within individual 2020 Census tracts. If the number shown within the Census Tract is negative, that indicates a surplus of slots available for the number of children aged 0 to 5 living in that Census tract. The percentage of limited English proficiency in households within the Census tract indicates areas which might benefit from additional, culturally-specific ECE placements.



Attachment C Lincoln County Early Childcare Education Slots Shortfall for Children Aged 0-5

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1,449

Slots Needed for
Working Parents

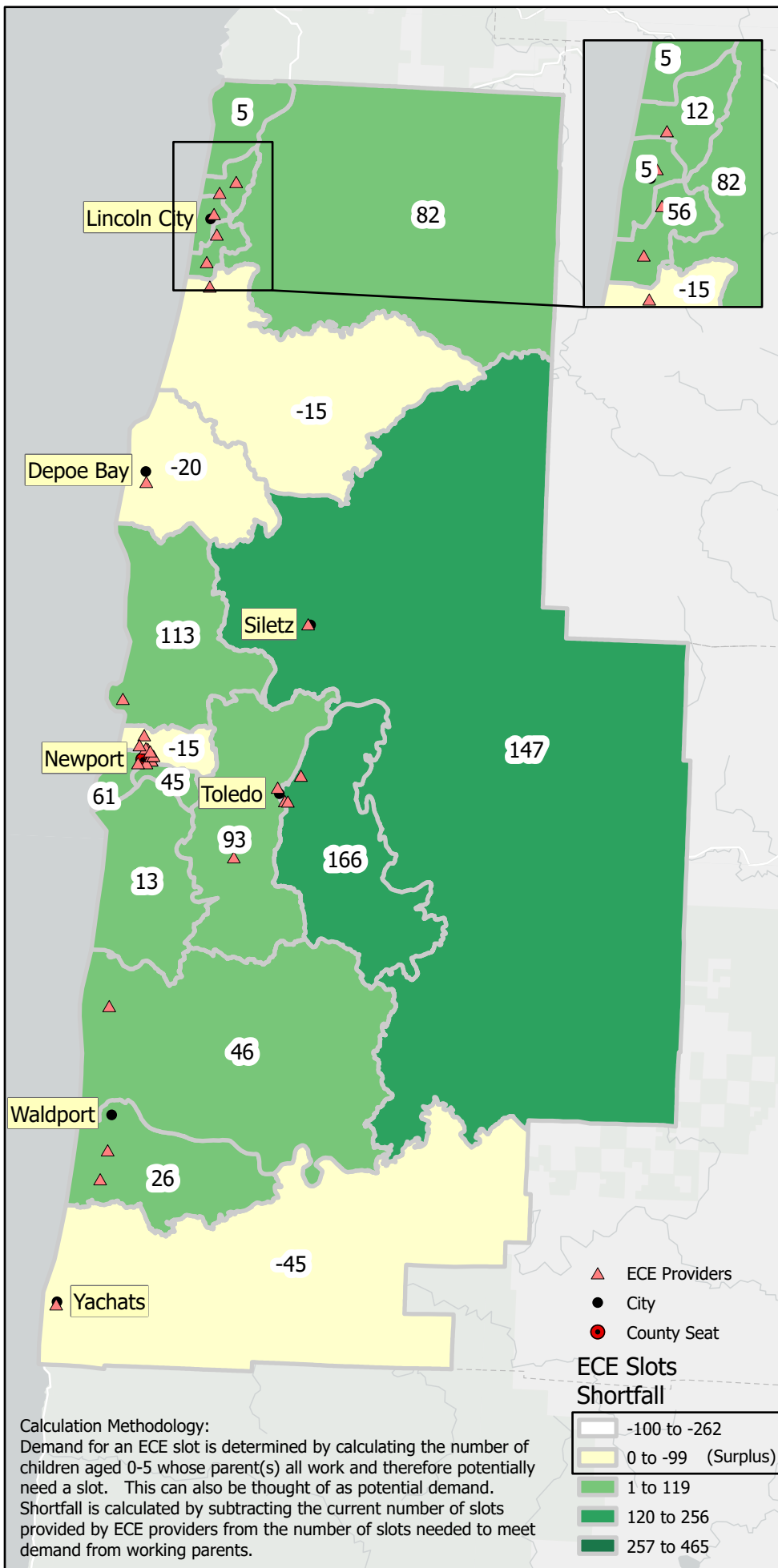
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Slots Available
From Providers

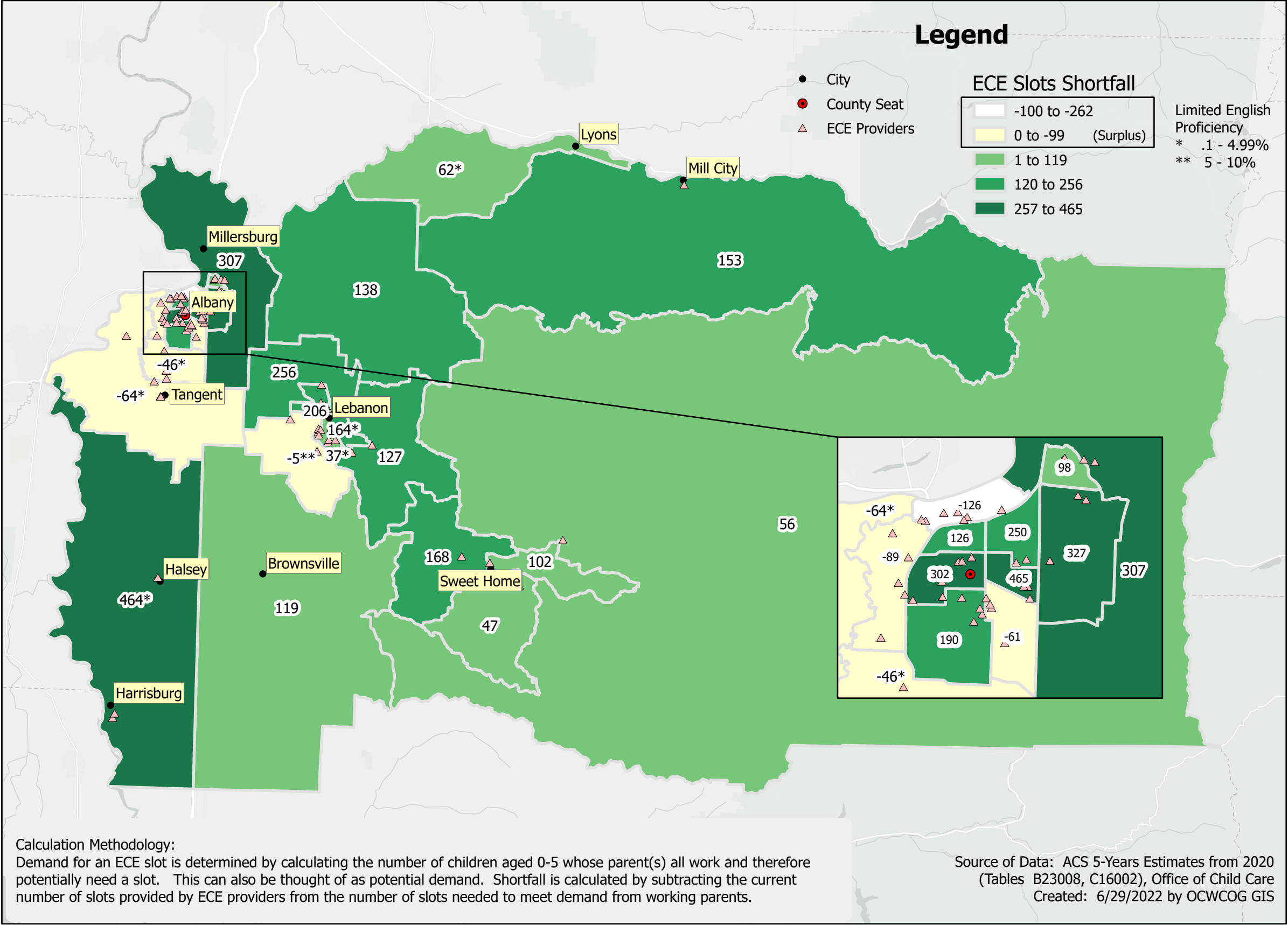
775 Shortfall

This map shows the shortfall of ECE slots across Lincoln County within individual 2020 Census tracts. If the number shown within the Census Tract is negative, that indicates a surplus of slots available for the number of children aged 0 to 5 living in that Census tract.

Source of Data: ACS 5-Year Estimates from 2020
(Tables B23008, C16002), Office of Child Care
Created: 6/29/2022 by OCWCOG GIS



Linn County Early Childcare Education Slots Shortfall for Children Aged 0 to 5



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5,301

Slots Needed for Working Parents

-1,528

Slots Available From Providers

3,773 Shortfall

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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 22, 2022
To: CWEDD Board
From: CWEDD Staff
Re: CARES Funding Update

CARES Funding Update

- The CED Team has completed the CARES grant. During the grant period we created an opportunity for cities to apply for up to \$10,000 for resiliency and recovery projects. We provided 23 grants for a total of \$171,616. The grants renewed relationships with the COG as the cities learned how the COG may partner with them. The impacts felt through Benton, Lane, Lincoln, and Linn Counties were numerous. We heard from grateful communities who had city cleanups, beautification projects, and murals added to their downtowns. Others were able to prop up childcare, install a new financial system, and create an economic development plan. Our rural communities benefited with rebranding, a website, and marketing materials to draw people to their cities.

Attachments:

- County Summary Sheets

LANE COUNTY



LANE RURAL 10-CITY MARKETING



EUGENE TEXTILE MAKER



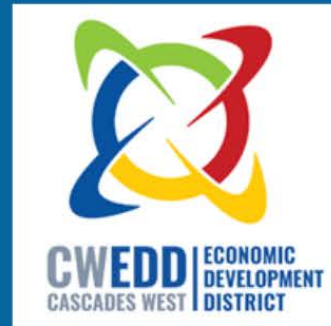
FLORENCE CHILD SUPPLIES



Lane County CARES Projects

Eugene Textile Maker Space	\$15,000
Florence Child Provider Supplies	\$10,000
Cottage Grove RARE Staff	\$10,000
Springfield Visitor's Association Conference Room	\$10,000
Veneta Outdoor Community Space	\$10,000
Lane Rural 10-City Marketing	\$9,875
Coburg Commercial Kitchen	\$7,277
Onward Eugene Innovation Hub Zoom Room	\$5,400

LINCOLN COUNTY



CITY OF TOLEDO MURAL



SILETZ LIBRARY COMPUTERS



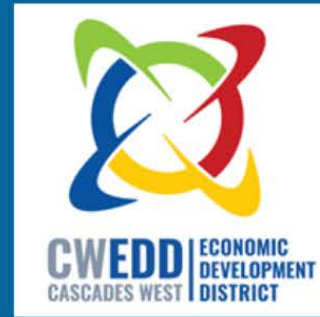
PORT OF NEWPORT SYSTEM



Lincoln County CARES Projects

Port of Newport Financial System	\$10,000
City of Toledo Mural	\$10,000
Siletz Library Computers	\$7,594
Lincoln County Strategic Planner	\$4,800
Blue Economy Mapping	\$3,000
Oregon Prospector Data Entry	\$2,950

LINN COUNTY



REAL BRANDING & WEBSITE



LEBANON CITY APP



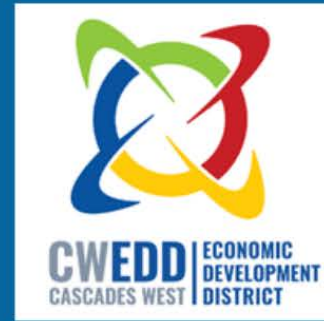
TRI-CITY BUSINESS EXPO



Linn County CARES Projects

Rural Economic Alliance (REAL) Branding & Website	\$10,000
Sweet Home Streetscape	\$10,000
Harrisburg Tri-City Business Expo	\$5,000
Lebanon Art Walk	\$4,000
Lebanon City App	\$2,500

BENTON COUNTY



MONROE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN



CORVALLIS CITY APP



CORVALLIS CLEANUP



Benton County CARES Projects

Monroe Economic Development Plan	\$10,000
Corvallis Chamber Conference Room	\$7,450
Corvallis City Cleanup	\$4,270
Explore Corvallis City App	\$2,500



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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 22, 2022
To: CWEDD Board
From: CWEDD Staff
Re: Working Group Updates

Broadband Action Team (BAT)

- OCWCOG along with Benton, Lincoln, and Linn County has selected Solarity for our EDA Broadband Feasibility Study. Contract was signed with Solarity August 15, 2022 and work will continue through October 2023. Initial meetings have started, and we are currently putting together a list of stakeholders to invite to a kickoff meeting by early October.
- The Regional BAT (Lane, Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties) continues to meet monthly.

Early Childhood Education

- See Attachment D

Cascades West Regional Consortium (CWRC)

- The CWRC received funding from Business Oregon's Special Public Works Fund (SPWF) to complete a Wetland Mitigation Feasibility Study that will look at the supply and demand of wetland mitigation credits in the region.
- ECONorthwest and their team were selected, and the final report should be completed at the end of September.
- The CWRC recently had a meeting on September 20th at 11am.
- The CWRC is planning a Half Day meeting for a Wetland Mitigation Feasibility Study Presentation from the consultant, and presentations from Army Corps/DSL/DEQ. The Meeting is scheduled for October 18th and will be in person with a hybrid option.
- Please reach out to Alysia Rodgers (arodgers@ci.lebanon.or.us) or Justin Peterson (jpeterson@ocwcog.org) for more information.

Rural Economic Alliance (REAL)

- The group's consultant, JayRay, sent out a teaser press release for the launch of the new website, logo and branding and the official launch is set for September 28th.
- An informal RFP process is being conducted to select a consultant to create a new strategic plan for the group to implement over the next 5-10 years.
- The Linn County commissioners granted REAL \$11,750 (half the cost of a RARE AmeriCorps member) to be able to further the goals of the group.