



# Grants available for Lane County businesses

Lane County and Community Lending Works (CLW), in partnership with the cities of Coburg, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Eugene, Florence, Lowell, Springfield and Veneta, have been awarded \$225,000 from Business Oregon to be provided as grants to eligible businesses.

The cities of Lowell, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Florence and Veneta have contributed approximately \$60,000 in additional funds, making almost \$285,000 available. Earlier funding provided by Lane County and the partner cities was used to demon-

strate matching funds in order to increase the overall amount of Business Oregon's award.

"Businesses in Lane County continue to struggle against the effects of COVID-19, including a sharp decline in customers and restricted operations," said Lane County's Community & Economic Development Manager Austin Ramirez. "These grants are intended to help bridge part of that gap for small businesses."

Eligible businesses include those with 25 or fewer employees (including sole proprietors and business owners with In-

dividual Taxpayer Identification Numbers), and only those that have been unable to receive federal CARES Act funding, including the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program, Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency Advance program, or other federal programs for emergency pandemic funding to date.

These grants will range from \$2,500 to \$25,000 to support businesses directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The amount awarded will be based on a formula from the State that accounts for employment size and COVID-19-

related impacts. Businesses must use the proceeds for business-related operating expenses.

To be considered for funding, eligible businesses must go to [communitylendingworks.org/emergency-grants/](http://communitylendingworks.org/emergency-grants/) and submit the pre-registration form.

Pre-registration will close at midnight on July 13, 2020.

Eligible businesses that pre-registered will be entered into a random lottery and selected until funding runs out. Community Lending Works will then work with the selected businesses to complete the full application.

# As of July 1, Lane County minimum wage is now \$12

Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) announced that Oregon's minimum wage increased on July 1, 2020.

Oregon workers must make minimum wage.

Oregon's minimum wage depends on work location. The minimum wage is \$11.50 per hour in non-urban areas, \$12 per hour in standard counties, and \$13.25 per hour in the Portland metro area.

Standard counties are Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Deschutes, Hood River, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, Wasco, Yamhill and parts of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington

County.

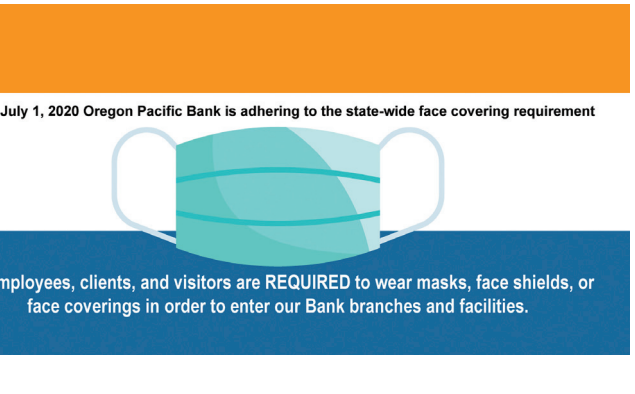
Non-urban counties are Baker, Coos, Crook, Curry, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler.

To determine which minimum wage applies, people should go to [www.oregon.gov/boli/workers/Pages/minimum-wage.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/boli/workers/Pages/minimum-wage.aspx)

Typically, workers should be paid the wage for the county where they work 50 percent or more of their hours each week. If someone travels for work, their employer can pay the rate in each county worked.

# Oregon Pacific Bank requires masks in lobby

As of July 1, Oregon Pacific Bank will be adhering to the state-wide mask requirement as put in place by Gov. Kate Brown. All clients and visitors will be asked to wear a face covering when entering a branch facility. All



branch employees will continue to wear face coverings, as they have been doing since June 1.

According to bank staff, "Oregon Pacific Bank keeps the best interest of our clients, our employees and our greater community at heart. Based on the scientific evidence put forth by the CDC and the Oregon Health Authority, we believe in doing all we can to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to help keep our employees and clients safe and healthy."

The bank looked at current modeling performed by the Oregon Health Au-

thority, which points towards possible exponential growth in new coronavirus infections by mid-July if specific measures are not taken to reduce the spread

of the virus.

"We at Oregon Pacific Bank will do our part to comply with the governor's orders," representatives said. Oregon Pacific Bank is lo-

cated at 1355 Highway 101 in Florence.

Learn more at [opbc.com/frequently-asked-questions-covid19/](http://opbc.com/frequently-asked-questions-covid19/).

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# FLORENCE AIR ACADEMY & THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

*Take to the Skies*

August 3rd - August 14th • For Teens 12 - 18

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Lane County is partnering with **Aero Legends Biplane Rides August 3-14** for the 4th Annual Florence Air Academy.

All teens 12-18 are invited to apply. The Florence Air Academy, led by COL (Retired) Terry Tomeny, will be a two week course teaching Boys & Girls Club members the principals of aviation and information on careers in the aviation industry. Classes will include a tour of the Coast Guard Helicopter, flying Remote Controlled planes, piloting drones, and the change to go up in a plane one-on-one with an instructor pilot! The Academy activities will be a combination of classroom study, interspersed with hand on activities and flight operation.

There is no cost to Boys & Girls Club of Western Lane County members. All expenses for members are paid by Aero Legends Biplane Rides & Western Lane Community Foundation. Teens not already a CLUB member can join for a \$25 membership fee and \$100 Program fee.

**Date & Hours of Operation:** The course will be conducted on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for two consecutive weeks, August 3rd – August 14th. Class time will be 0800 - 1200 and 1300 – 1500. Lunch will be provided by The Boys & Girls Club.

There will be a graduation ceremony and celebration BBQ held on the last day of the Academy at Hangar 26E at noon. All family members are invited to attend. Prior to the graduation ceremony, Academy graduates will take to the skies with a qualified pilot. Families are invited to watch graduates and hear their teen make the radio calls during flight!

**Instructor:** Terry Tomeny is a former USAF and Lockheed Martin Test Pilot and current Flight Instructor with over 45 years of flying experience in aircraft ranging from Reno Air Racers to F-16 Fighters to C-17 Transports.



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OF WESTERN LANE COUNTY

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Applications are available at the Boys & Girls Club Teen Center located at 1501 Airport Road, Florence.

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