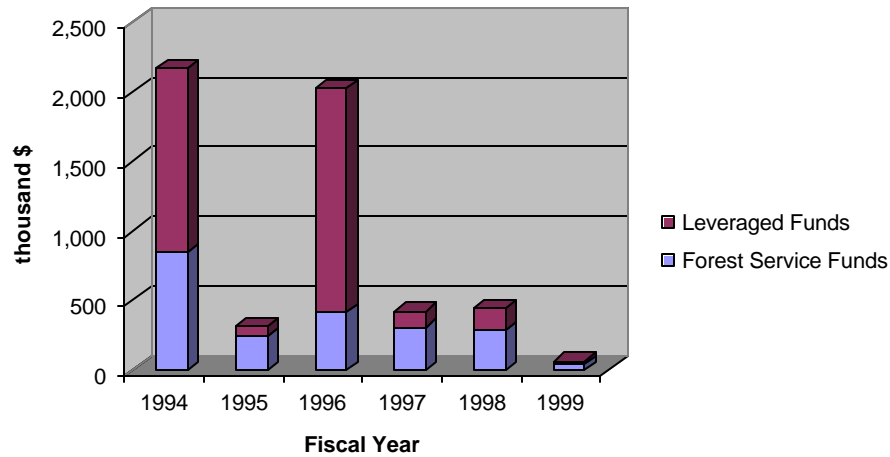
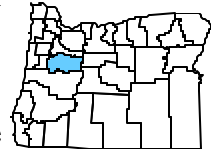




Economic Action Programs

Linn County, Oregon

Linn County is a nonmetropolitan county bisected north/ south by Interstate-5. The western third of the county is in the heart of the fertile Willamette Valley and the eastern two-thirds is dominated by the Cascade Range. About 38% of the county's land is administered by the Forest Service or BLM, about 30% is private timberland, and another 25% is farmland. Four of the top exporting industries are associated with wood and paper processing. The County ranked 6th in the state for timber harvested in 1993. Manufacturing plays a vital role in the County's economic structure.



Recipient	Project Name	Federal ID	Funds		
			USFS	Leveraged	Total
Planning and Technical Assistance					
City of Brownsville	Strategic Economic Action Plan	OREC-94-013	\$12,000	\$3,000	\$15,000
City of Halsey	Visitor Improvements	ORNW-97-047	\$20,000	\$20,200	\$40,200
City of Halsey	Strategic Plan	ORNW-99-002	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000
City of Harrisburg	Riverfront Park Improvements	ORNW-98-023	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$80,000
City of Lebanon	Cheadle Lake Tourism Project	ORNW-95-039	\$60,000	\$15,000	\$75,000
City of Sweet Home	Wilderness Village Feasibility	ORNW-97-036	\$63,000	\$15,750	\$78,750
Linn County	Economic Development Project	OREC-94-066	\$250,000	\$1,108,176	\$1,358,176
Linn County	Fiberoptics Feasibility Study	OREC-94-067	\$13,546	\$3,386	\$16,932
Linn County	Museum/Interp Center Study	OREC-94-070	\$65,000	\$20,000	\$85,000
Education and Training					
City of Sweet Home	Commercial Dist. Development	ORNW-95-029	\$34,856	\$9,250	\$44,106
Linn-Benton Comm College Dist	Develop Program/Curriculum	OREC-94-032	\$91,258	\$30,500	\$121,758
Natural Resource Related					
City of Sweet Home	Ames Creek Revitalization	ORNW-99-033	\$20,700	\$17,675	\$38,375
Linn County	Tourism Coalition Projects	ORNW-95-051	\$149,250	\$49,586	\$198,836
North Santiam Chamber of Comm	Residue Feasibility Study	ORED-94-002	\$46,637	\$27,277	\$73,914
North Santiam Chamber of Comm	Special Forest Prod Inventory	ORED-94-004	\$49,834	\$15,250	\$65,084
Oregon Department of Forestry	Jobs in the Woods Pilot	ORRD-94-005	\$25,000	\$5,000	\$30,000





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Facility Construction/Environmental Improvement

City of Brownsville	Water System Improvements	ORNW-96-030	\$163,000	\$1,492,937	\$1,655,937
City of Brownsville	Main Street Alley Access	ORNW-98-043	\$250,000	\$120,000	\$370,000
City of Harrisburg	Harrisburg Plaza Area Project	OREC-94-034	\$30,000	\$7,500	\$37,500
City of Harrisburg	Riverfront Trail Improvements	ORNW-97-048	\$25,000	\$28,174	\$53,174
City of Mill City	Old Depot Logging Museum	OREC-94-018	\$230,100	\$94,125	\$324,225
City of Sweet Home	Outdoor Event Portable Seating	ORNW-97-068	\$200,000	\$50,000	\$250,000
City of Tangent	Community Center Rehab	OREC-94-038	\$30,000	\$7,500	\$37,500
Linn County	Fair/Expo Center Improvements	ORNW-96-018	\$250,000	\$75,000	\$325,000





Economic Action Programs

One success story from Linn County, Oregon



Alley Access

Brownsville is Oregon’s third oldest community. Its downtown business area is tiny and lined with historic buildings; some brick, some wood, some pristine, some deteriorating, some empty, some bustling.

There’s a hill behind a full block of business structures that has been a headache to the city for years. The hillside sheds rainwater directly into the groundfloors of commercial buildings; there are no storm drains, no gutters, no infrastructure, and no city funds to build them. Several of the buildings have been abandoned because of water damage. New businesses will not relocate to rotting, mildewed structures. In a community of 1400 and a four block-long downtown, loss of even a single business site is a high price to pay.

In 1998, Brownsville rated dealing with the hillside as #1 priority, but could not muster up adequate city funds to engineer a new stormwater management system behind the business core.

Of course, the City Council was very pleased when Diane Rinks, the City Manager, proposed applying for Forest Service Rural Community Assistance grant funds through the State

Community Economic Revitalization Team to excavate the hillside, build a paved alleyway behind the buildings, and install stormwater infrastructure. When approached with the proposal, the Forest Service said, “Yes, with conditions.”

Because using federal money means applying federal regulations, the Forest Service required that Brownsville receive approval from the State Historic Preservation Office to construct the alley and storm system in the historic downtown core. And because the Forest Service prefers to partner on projects, FS Rural Community Assistance coordinators turned to their sister agency, USDA Rural Development for project management and oversight.

Then in late summer 1998, with all obstacles overcome, the Forest Service approved a grant for \$250,000 alleyway construction funds. All partners, including local business owners expect a tremendous economic and visual improvement in Brownsville’s downtown within 2 years.



Applicant: City of Brownsville

Grant No: ORNW-98-043

USDA Forest Service

Funding: \$250,000

Total Project Cost: \$370,000