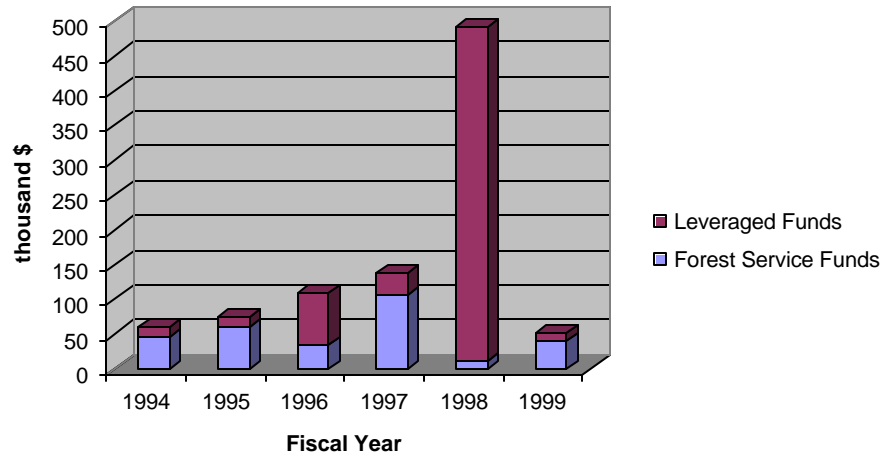
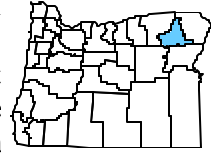




Economic Action Programs

Union County, Oregon

Union County is a nonmetropolitan county located near the northeastern corner of the state. Much of the landscape is dominated by forests of the Blue Mountains. Industries associated with wood products manufacturing are the primary export industries in the county. Railroads and ranching are other key export industries. Over 45% of the county's land area is administered by the Forest Service and about 18% of that is officially designated as wilderness. Roughly another 15% of the land base is in private timberland. About 35% of Union's lands are in farms, and agriculture is a large contributor to the economy of the County.



Recipient	Project Name	Federal ID	Funds		
			USFS	Leveraged	Total
Planning and Technical Assistance					
City of Cove	Cove Community Planning	OREC-97-007	\$20,000	\$5,500	\$25,500
City of Elgin	Industrial Park Development	OREC-94-057	\$3,091	\$3,530	\$6,621
City of Elgin	City Park Planning and Design	OREC-96-003	\$9,800	\$74,450	\$84,250
City of Union	Strategic Plan Implementation	OREC-95-010	\$14,010	\$7,100	\$21,110
Union County	Community Action Plan	OREC-94-059	\$23,708	\$6,620	\$30,328
Union County	Airport Light Ind Park-Phase 3	OREC-97-006	\$15,000	\$8,400	\$23,400
Union County	Industrial Park Engineering	ORRD-95-001	\$46,000	\$8,000	\$54,000
Natural Resource Related					
Private Lands Forest Network	Reforestation Network	ORRD-96-001	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
Facility Construction/Environmental Improvement					
City of Union	Community Athletic Complex	OREC-99-001	\$40,000	\$12,000	\$52,000
NE OR Area Health Edu Ctr, Inc	EMT Rural Edu Partnership	ORNW-97-026	\$70,000	\$18,000	\$88,000
Union County	Museum Renovation	OREC-94-058	\$18,100	\$5,000	\$23,100
Union County	Airport Industrial Park	OREC-98-002	\$12,000	\$480,461	\$492,461





Economic Action Programs

One success story from Union County, Oregon



Union County Museum Renovation

One of the key criteria to obtaining Forest Service funding for a proposed project under the 1990 Farm Bill is for the project to be of high priority in a community's strategic plan. So, when the Union County Museum applied for a Forest Service Rural Community Assistance grant and the City had not completed their strategic plan, so Union County was the applicant. The Union County Museum is located in the City of Union.

The renovation project was designed to restore the museum's exterior and improve the physical plant to attract visitor attention and increase local interest in downtown appearance. Pride in facility improvements gave the Museum Board the confidence to bid as a site for the

Oregon Cowboy Museum. Their successful bid increased visitor numbers and the museum continues to expand at a steady rate. The project was a significant event for the Museum Society and encouraged other brick building restorations within Union's downtown area.

Applicant: Union County

Grant No: OREC-94-058

USDA Forest Service Funding: \$18,100

Total Project Cost: \$23,100

