

Yamhill County Economic Development Newsletter, May 7, 2025

Business Resources/Information:

- Visual Capitalist created a map of **Every US State 's Top Import in 2024** . Oregon has \$9.2B imports of electronics and computers. Other states tops imports included cars and auto parts, energy, chemicals and medicines, and industrial machinery. You can view the map [here](#).
- Pepperdine University, Graziadio Business School has announced the **Most Fundable Companies Competition** . US based startups, all industries, pre-revenue/pre-seed through Series A are eligible. Free feedback reports on attractiveness to potential investors, \$370M raised by winners in 2018, over 2,300 startups from all 50 states competed in 2024. You can learn more [here](#). You can read about past winners [here](#).
- Join us on May 8th for '**Access to Capital/Resource Fair** ' at **Chemeketa Yamhill Valley Campus, 8-11am** . You can learn more [here](#) and register [here](#). There is a virtual option if you are unable to attend in person. Email me at goodrumg@yamhillcounty.gov for the Zoom information.
- Launch Mid-Valley is offering a **How to Build your own AI Assistant on MONDAY, MAY 5th, 12noon**. You can learn more [here](#).
- Entrepreneur offered this article ["5 money habits that separate successful entrepreneurs from struggling ones"](#) . 1. Prioritize cash flow; 2. Pay yourself first. 3. Track EVERY dollar and review it monthly. 4. Invest in assets, not just expenses. 5. Be patient and persistent.
- CO- by the US Chamber of Commerce is looking for the next **CO-100** . Their premier awards program that exemplifies the best small and medium businesses have to offer. There is a cost to apply (\$150 by Ma 27th, \$200 by June 30th, and \$250 by July 7). You can learn more [here](#).
- May is **wildfire awareness month** in Oregon. You can learn more about how you can keep safe and prevent wildfires [here](#).
- The Oregon Business Resource Center is hosting the [Small Business Success Summit](#) on June 18, 2025, 8am to 2pm at the Holiday Inn Portland - I-5, Wilsonville, OR. The event is FREE. You can register [here](#). You can attend in person or virtually.
- Entrepreneur is offering a free webinar ["How to use AI to revitalize your business"](#).

- The **Bureau of Labor Statistics** released the employment for April 2025: payroll employment rose by 177,000 and unemployment remained at 4.2%. You can read the report [here](#).
- The [Federal Reserve](#) issued an FOMC statement. In essence, given the uncertainty of the economic outlook, they have decided to maintain the target range for the federal funds rate at 4-1/4 to 4-1/2 percent. You can read the statement [here](#).

Grants:

- [H&R Block Fund Her Future Grant](#) - the grant is a partnership between Hello Alice and H&R Block to empower entrepreneurs to seize growth opportunities and expand impact, providing access to \$100k in grant funding and expert small business services. To be [eligible](#) you must own a for-profit business, with fewer than 20 employees and at least \$20k in revenue generated in 2024. Applications are open until May 30, 2025.
- [Climate Launchpad](#) is offering a business development boot camp and competition. Applicants must have a promising early-stage idea focused on climate change.