



Yamhill County Economic Development Newsletter

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Business Information:

- Who doesn't like free money? Well, my finance professor...he said there is no such thing as a free lunch. In other words, somebody must pay for it. Nevertheless, grants are funding options that don't necessarily have to be repaid. Here is an [article](#) that might help with finding success when applying for grants.
- The DLCD (Department of Land Conservation and Development) has paused any further rulemaking regarding farm stands due to comments and concerns regarding the proposals. You can read more about the proposed changes [here](#) and the recent decision to pause the rulemaking [here](#).
- On August 5, OEN is offering "The CEO's guide to Productivity – how to work on your business not just in it", 8:30-10am (virtual). You can learn more and register [here](#).
- On August 13th, OEN is offering a Pub Talk – "Making the Leap, going full time in your business", 5-7:30pm, Miller Nash, 1140 SW Washington Street, Portland. You can learn more and register [here](#).
- CO-by the US Chamber's C-Suite to Main Street virtual event is on August 14th, Noon ET. Gail Becker, founder of Caulipower will talk about her journey and how she grew her business. You can learn more and register [here](#).
- The Federal Reserve met on Tuesday and Wednesday and the [FOMC](#) (Federal Open Market Committee) discussed monetary policy and released their decision regarding [federal funds rates](#). On Wednesday, at 2:30pm ET, Chairman Jerome Powell held a press conference. They will not lower the federal funds rates, which are currently at 4.25% to 4.5%. You can read the report [here](#).
- The IRS tax tip – a change in marital status affects tax filing. If you divorce or separate from your spouse, a new [Form W-4 Withholding Certificate](#) should be provided to your payroll provider. If receive alimony, you may have to make estimated tax payments. [The tax withholding estimator](#) can help with determining if you are withholding the correct amount. Speak with a tax professional if you have any questions.

- The [USPTO](#) (US Patent and Trade Office) workshops include “[Trademark Basics: Learn the Fundamentals](#)” on August 6, 7p, ET. “[Intellectual Property Basics and Helpful Resources](#)” on August 7, noon ET.
- OEN’s [Angel Oregon Fall Cohort](#) registration is open. If you are a founder in a [technology](#), [food](#) or [bioscience](#) business, this program might be right for you.
- [June Economic Indicators](#) for Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties were released on July 28th. Unemployment in Yamhill County was 4.5%, up from 4.4% in May 2025. Oregon’s statewide unemployment was 4.9%.
- The Bureau of Labor Statistics will release their jobs report on Friday. As of June 29th, in their report on [Job Openings and Labor Turnover](#), the number of job openings was little changed at 7.4M in June, and hires and separations were little changed at 5.2M and 5.1M respectively. Both quits (1.3M) and layoffs/discharges (1.6M) were unchanged. A slower job market could signal the Federal Reserve to drop rates to maintain its mandate to keep employment high and inflation low.
- If you are wondering how the OBBB (One Big Beautiful Bill) could impact your business, CO-by the US Chamber offered [this conversation](#) with Neil Bradley, Chief Policy Officer, U.S. Chamber of Commerce.
- The next Launch Mid-Valley McMinnville Coffee Club is on August 19th at Bad Dog Bakery, 1208 SE Baker Street, McMinnville, 9-10am. Register [here](#).

Funding Your Business:

- [Breva’s](#) Thrive grant is for for-profit entities, that have provided a community benefit (such as job creation, access to essential goods). You can learn more [here](#).
- Boundless Futures Foundation has grants for women owned businesses that are committed to positive change with ambitious and effective social reach such as poverty and hunger, sustainability and the environment, and strong communities. You can learn more [here](#).
- Intuit is recognizing small business contributions to the economy and communities. You can nominate a Small Business Hero for their chance to win a \$20k grant with additional resources. You can learn more [here](#).
- Global Citizen and PayPal are partnering on Small Business Impact Awards. Applications close on August 15th. The award is to celebrate small businesses that

are revolutionizing commerce and advancing social and environmental impact. You can learn more and apply [here](#).

- American Express Backing Small Business Grant is partnering with Main Street America. They have launched a grant program to provide 400 locally significant small businesses with \$10k grant to overcome economic hardship, grow, and drive community impact. Applications are due July 31, 2025, 11:59pmCT. You can learn more [here](#).
- [Women's Net](#) has resources for women entrepreneurs. The Amber Grant gives out \$30k per month in recognition of businesses owned by women. They have expanded their grant-giving to include start-ups, business category grants and three \$25k year-end grants. You can learn more [here](#).
- The Comcast Innovation fund supports technology and public policy research that contributes to the betterment of the internet and continued evolution of connectivity products and services. You can learn more [here](#).
- The Fearless Fund, a venture capital firm actively invests in businesses led by women of color. The fund seeks out companies at the pre-seed, seed or series A financing stages offering up to \$3M in exchange for a minimum equity stake of 10%. You can learn more [here](#).