



Yamhill County Economic Development Newsletter

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Business Information:

- The FTC shared this [article](#) about protecting your hard earned money from investment fraud. Scammers use your community connections or claim to have similar values as you to gain your trust. You can learn more about affinity fraud here – [Investor.gov](#), as US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) website. You can report investment and other fraud to the [FTC](#).
- Business Oregon is hosting a webinar, Tariff Strategies for Global Trade on September 17th, 10am-12 noon. You will learn strategies to help you get through the current tariff situation. You can learn more [here](#).
- This National Preparedness Month, be prepared to not be taken in by scams during a natural disaster. Create a plan and take steps to protect yourself from disaster-related scams. You can learn more from the FTC [here](#).
- CO-by the US Chamber issued their CO-100 Honorees. Two businesses in Oregon are on the list. You can read more [here](#). On October 8th, the CO-100 Small Business Forum will be held in person and virtually. Key note speakers from Google and the US Chamber leadership, policy insights that affect your business, exclusive in person session with ABC Shark Tank star Daymond John and connections with the CO-100 where one business will win \$25k.
- The FED's Beige Book was issued on September 3, 2025. The Beige Book is a compilation of anecdotal reports from business leaders from across the country. According to the report, districts said there was flat to declining consumer spending due to wages failing to meet rising costs. Our regional FED office in San Francisco shared that economic activity edged down slightly, employment levels were down slightly, and wages grew somewhat, while prices rose modestly. Conditions in agriculture, retail trade, and consumer and business services sectors eased slightly. Manufacturing activity declined modestly. Conditions in residential and commercial real estate were largely unchanged, and lending activity was stable. You can read the report [here](#). The Federal Reserve Bank's FOMC will meet on September 16-17,

and it expected that they will announce a [Federal Funds rate](#) decrease. You can see the FOMC's tentative 2027 schedule posted [here](#).

- The Bureau of Labor Statistics issued [the jobs report](#) for August 2025 on September 5, 2025. The report showed that the unemployment rate (4.3%) and the number of unemployed (7.4M) changed little in August, with job growth at 22,000 jobs.
- Investopedia shared this [article](#) regarding the jobs report issued on September 5, 2025. The market responded to the news with a drop in the 10-yr Treasury note, which influences rates on consumer loans such as mortgages.
- Investopedia shared this [article](#) on what to expect this Thursday's inflation report.
- Are you hiring or looking for a job? Work Systems and their partners (Willamette Workforce Partnership among others) are hosting a Job and Resource Career Expo on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, 10am to 3pm Wingspan Event and Conference Center, 801 NE34th Ave, Hillsboro. The expo is in response to the layoffs at Intel. Businesses, community resource organizations and job seekers are invited. It is free to attend. You can learn more [here](#).
- Do you have employees in need of project management training? Willamette Workforce Partnership and ExitBliss are partnering to present an in-person, free training on September 25-26 or October 9-10 in Salem at the Chemeketa Center for Business and Industry (626 High St NE, Salem, OR). A flyer is attached with more information.
- Forbes offered this article: [There are more ways than one to raise startup capital](#). It featured several methods to raise capital for your startup. In the end what was most important is finding the funding mix that most aligns with your goals, business growth stage and vision.

Grants and Funding:

- Business Oregon announced the second round of Housing Infrastructure Support Fund Program (created during the 2024 legislative session – SB1537). The funding is to provide capacity and support for infrastructure planning to cities to enable them to plan and finance water, sewers and sanitation, stormwater, and transportation to produce housing. If you are a municipality (city, county or county service district, a drainage district, a Port or tribal council) you may be eligible to apply. Technical

Assistance providers may be council of governments, Econ Dev districts, non-profit or for-profit entities. You can learn more [here](#).

- Business Oregon has opened an applications support program to help Oregon businesses access federal SBIR and STTR grants. If you are a business pursuing funding from the federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs, you may be eligible for funding: Phase 1 - feasibility research to test an idea's potential; Phase 2 - development of a commercially viable product based on phase 1 results. Applicants must be targeting an active federal solicitation to be eligible for a Business Oregon grant (maximum award amount is \$5k). You can learn more [here](#).
- [The Capital Boutique](#) shared The Call Sheet, a searchable [list via Airtable](#) of 1,200+ startup programs – accelerators, grants, pitch competitions and funding opportunities for women entrepreneurs.
- Credibly Small Business Award is for small businesses making an impact in their community. Applications are due by September 30, 2025. Applicants must be US based business, operating for at least six months, must use a business banking account and must be a for-profit entity. You can find the official rules [here](#) and find more information and apply [here](#).
- Square's Cornerstone Grant offers \$10k and experts to support your business. Must be a current Square seller, by US based, must qualify as a small business under SBA guidance and have gross annual revenue under \$2M, and must be legal US residents and business cannot be in bankruptcy or named as a defendant in an active lawsuit. Applications due by September 30, 2025. You can learn more and apply [here](#).
- The US Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Readiness for Resiliency Program is to assist business be more resilient and prepared for disaster. There are three steps: Complete a preparedness checklist (English and Spanish is available); take the Eligibility Quiz; apply for a grant. You can learn more [here](#).
- The High Five Grant for Moms is a grant offered by The Mama Ladder and is exclusively for moms of human children, must own 50% of a for-profit product or service-based business and are serious about growth; can verify revenue in the past 12months between \$10k and \$500k annual revenue, must be US based. You can learn more [here](#).
- Intuit Quickbooks and MailChimp Small Business Hero Program is a year-long initiative to celebrate small businesses that invigorate their communities. The

program spotlights entrepreneurs who demonstrate courage, perseverance, and integrity by awarding three businesses each quarter a grant of \$20k. You can learn more and nominate a business [here](#).