



Yamhill County Economic Development Newsletter

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Business Information:

- The Chemeketa SBDC will start doing more small business workshops in Yamhill County starting with a Power Lunch – Cybersecurity, with Chuck Dornon on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 11:30am to 1pm. You can register [here](#).
- October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month. As a reminder: use strong passwords; turn on multifactor authentication (MFA); recognize and report scams to appropriate departments or agencies (FTC, for ex) and update your software. The State of Oregon and the National Cybersecurity Alliance are hosting “Level Up your Cyber Game: Trivia Game Show on October 15th, 1-2pm (online). You can [learn more and register here](#).
- The FOMC (Federal Open Market Committee of the Federal Reserve Bank) concluded their meeting on September 17th and announced a ¼ point reduction in the Federal Funds Rate. You can read the report on their projections [here](#). And read the announcement [here](#).
- CO-by the US Chamber provided this list of [free courses](#) to help you be a better manager.
- [The Right Way to Pitch VC’s article](#) offers some helpful hints on how to ask for funding.
- The Bureau of Labor Statistics issued their State Employment and Unemployment report for August 2025. Oregon Unemployment increased from 4.2% in August 2024 to 5.0% in August 2025. You can read the full report [here](#).
- As national preparedness month comes to an end, the IRS recommends adding financial and tax records to your emergency preparedness plans. [Ready.gov](#) has resources and checklists to help you put together an emergency preparedness plan. Recommendations include create electronic copies of documents, document valuables, understand tax relief available for disaster situations. The IRS also has a site dedicated to Casualty, Disaster, and Theft Loss Workbook that might be of

interest to help you figure your loss on personal use property. [You can learn more here.](#)

- CO-100 Small Business Forum is on October 8th. In-person seating is limited, but you can join virtually. Registration information can be found [here](#).
- Amazon agreed to pay a refund for Prime customers – a \$2.5B settlement and some customers will receive \$51 refund: you are a US based Prime customer; you signed up for Prime between June 23, 2019 and June 23, 2025, through one of the enrollment flows the FTC challenged in its case OR you unsuccessfully tried to cancel your Amazon Prime membership between those dates; you used less than three Prime benefits such as watching a Prime video, or listening to Amazon Music in any 12-month period after you enrolled in Prime. The FTC is warning the public that scammers often will use big FTC settlements to contact people to “help” with your account or refund. NO one from the FTC or Amazon will ask you for money to get a refund. You can learn [more here](#).

Grants and Funding your Business:

- The US Dept of Commerce’s Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) offers targeted grants and loans to aid minority owned businesses and are offered throughout the year. You can learn more [here](#).
- Hustler’s Microgrant is a \$1,000 business grant for small businesses. You can learn more and apply [here](#).
- Intuit Quickbooks and Mailchimp Small Business Hero Program awards \$20k grants to US based small businesses. Three winners are chosen each quarter and receive both funding and resources to help grow their business. The current [round is open](#) until November 14, 2025.
- EforAll offers a 12-week accelerator program for aspiring owners who may be at the business idea stage, people with part-time business or hobby looking to take it to the next level/grow an early stage business or not for profit. Must be English or Spanish speaking. Application deadline is Nov. 6, 2025. You can learn more [here](#).
- Young entrepreneurs (ages 16-25) can apply to Hunter’s Fund for up to \$5k to support their pursuits of music, performing arts, computer science and entrepreneurship. Application deadline is November 15, 2025. You can learn more [here](#).

- Operation Hope offers small business development assistance to help grow your business through their financial literacy programs. Assistance is at no cost. You can learn more [here](#).
- The Standard offers support to not for profits: general operating support, program support, capital support, event sponsorship, exhibitions and performance/production. Support ranges from \$500-25,000. Focused on healthy communities, disability and empowerment, cultural development, education and advancement. Decisions are made year-round. You can learn more [here](#).
- Stephen L. Tadlock Veteran Business Grant and Accelerator Program, \$1,000 micro-grant to veteran entrepreneurs. Deadline to apply is October 7, 2025. You can learn more [here](#).
- The HudsonAlpha AgTech Accelerator invests up to \$100k in ten high-tech-growth startups per year working at the forefront of ag innovation. You can learn more [here](#).