



Legislative Committee

City Manager's Office, Room 220, Conference Room
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July 25, 2025, 11:00 a.m.-Noon

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Committee Members

Mayor Julie Hoy, Chair; Councilor Brown, Councilor Gwyn, and Councilor Nordyke. Councilor Nishioka is an alternate member.

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Justin Martin, Perseverance\Mark Dedrick, Terry Heubert, and Jannet Jimenez, Summit Strategies

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and Call to Order
 - a. Introductions
2. Discussion
 - a. State Legislative Session Debrief, Justin Martin
 - Leadership Strategy
 - Legislative Strategy
 - Next Steps
 - b. Federal Update, Mark Dedrick and Terry Heubert, Summit Strategies
 - Impacts to Cities
3. Adjourn

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Federal Grant Resources

Update: as of July 21, 2025

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Parks: Urban and Community Forestry Grant from USDA Forest Service [\\$1 million RECEIVED](#) for more [resilient and equitable tree canopy](#)

- Grant agreement is in place, but work was suspended earlier this year.
- Work has resumed with approval to proceed through the remainder of the current federal fiscal year - though September 30.
- The City has hired five summer interns to support the grant-funded scope of work.
- Staff are exploring tree purchase contracts in preparation for the upcoming planting season.

CENTER 50+: Funding changes will impact our Medicaid clients in the respite program roughly \$1,000 a month, or \$12,000 a year.

POLICE

- JAG award helps pay for our Community Service Officers (non-sworn responders). We received grant totaling \$86,887 (\$76,105 for City of Salem, and \$10,782 for Marion County Sheriff's Office). Executed and grant monies for City of Salem received. Marion County Sheriff's Office has not reported any grant activity to date.
- COPS Microgrant for Trust Building grant supports our Procedural Justice Training program. Partially executed, \$12,000 draw down to date. Project ongoing.
- DOJ provides funding to combat violent crime including the Community Violence Reduction Initiative, equipment and supplies. DOJ Project Safe Neighborhoods \$178,684 grant is a subaward through Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. Project ongoing. No funding received yet
- Opioid settlement funds: unclear whether these will be impacted.

FIRE

- Salem's Emergency Manager is funded through a grant reimbursement (through OEM, from FEMA) of about \$100,000 per year. This would revert to the General Fund.

PUBLIC WORKS

Airport: Current, fully executed grants include:

- Small Community Air Service Development (SCASD) grant award from USDOT
- We also rely on federal funding for capital projects at the Airport for taxiway improvements and terminal.
- We have not yet executed the grant agreement for \$850,000 Airport Improvement Program (2024 appropriations, Congresswoman Salinas).
- We are watching closely as other Oregon cities are seeing grant assurances change. We are navigating whether these changes present challenges for us.

Streets, Water, Sewer Capital Projects

If a pause in federal funding causes delay, it may make the project more expensive. If this happens, we may not be able to complete the project with existing funding.

- **McGilchrist Phase 2 Construction** is under construction; all construction funds were obligated in September 2024; ODOT indicated that there should be no issue with processing invoices due to the type of funds for this grant. Phase 3 in design.
- **Pedestrian Safety Crossings** – the plans, specifications and estimate (PS&E) submitted July 8, 2025.
- **Orchard Heights Rd NW: Snowbird to Westhaven** – the plans, specifications and estimate (PS&E) submitted July 15, 2025.
- **Commercial Street SE at Ratcliff Drive SE** – in design. Right-of-way 2026; construction 2027.
- **Front Street Corridor** (\$2.8m RAISE) This agreement has not yet been executed. Updated agreement received June 5, 2025. Reviewing terms and conditions.
- **Safe Streets and Roads for All, 2023** (\$2.8M USDOT): [Vision Zero, 20 is Plenty](#) Agreement has been executed and notice-to-proceed has been received. Design for 20 is Plenty underway. Anticipate publication of RFP for Vision Zero plan in August 2025.
- **South Salem Traffic Signal Improvements:** Notice to proceed issued January 23, 2025. Construction 2027.
- **Pringle Creek Path Connection:** Processing paperwork for consultant design services.
- **OR 22 Pedestrian Overcrossing Planning Study:** RFP advertised July 16, 2025.
- **Regional Traffic Control Center Operations:** IGA executed July 16, 2025; waiting for Notice to Proceed.
- **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant** (\$214,750) Agreement has been executed for conducting a Municipal Energy Master Plan. To date, \$55,234 has been drawn down. Remittance requests are made monthly to minimize risk, project estimated to conclude by end of 2025.

Grants In Process:

- **DOT Culvert Grant: McGilchrist Culverts.** Application was submitted on 09/23/24, waiting for awards to be announced.
- **ODOT Safety Grants:** Three applications submitted December 2023. Received notice of tentative award for all three projects on 7/10/2025. Final approval anticipated summer 2026. Funding for FY2027-2030.
- **SKATS Federal Funding:** Submitted applications for six projects in February 2025. Recommendations for funding anticipated August 2025 with final approval May 2026. Funding for FY2027-2032.
- **Safe Streets and Roads for All, 2025:** Submitted application for pedestrian crossing improvements on June 26, 2025.

Grants no longer available at this time.

- **PROTECT Grant: River Rd Slide Mitigation.** Application prepared for submission in late February
- **BRIC Grant: Geren Island Bridge Replacement.** Application prepared for submission in late March.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

- CDBG/HOME: \$2.1M on an annual basis. City makes grants and contracts with local non-profits and organizations. We pay these contractors and apply for reimbursement. Should the grant be reduced after the project is underway, either the City or the community partners could be responsible for the reimbursement.

SALEM HOUSING AUTHORITY

The majority of funding that SHA receives is Federal Funding. No programs have been “paused”.

- Both the Voucher Program and Public Housing units are Federally funded.
- We have additional HUD funding at our subsidized buildings; however, those are 20-year contracts that are not as susceptible to government pauses.

How much of Salem Housing Authority's budget comes from federal grants?

Our annual budget for Rental Assistance / Operating Subsidy is \$43,547,351.00

What will it mean for Salem Housing Authority's programs if federal payments pause?

If these payments pause, we have reserves we can tap into for a few months. At that point we would notify landlords and work with them to talk about when funding may be resumed. For our own units, we may operate in a deficit.

How long of a pause can Salem Housing Authority function through before a shutdown?

SHA has made it through the last few shutdowns without issue. We keep a conservative reserve balance as we face this possibility each year the Federal Government does not have an approved budget by 10/1. In fact, we still do not have our approved budget for the 24-25 Fiscal year and it has been this way for several years now.

What is the Salem Housing Authority's reaction to this White House order? Are there any backup plans?

SHA is awaiting guidance from the local field office as well as monitoring the situation through our partner NAHRO (National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials). Each March our agency travels to DC with this organization to advocate for funding of our programs. They have a national legislative team that keeps us informed.

Late January 28th, HUD reported their Multifamily project-based rental assistance programs are running and are not subject to the pause in federal grants and loans outlined in OMB's memo to federal agencies. *SHA has six buildings that fall under this designation.*