

LCOG - JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER



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NEW AIC FOR SENIOR & DISABILITY SERVICES

LCOG Names New AIC for Senior & Disability Services Division

This spring, we were both happy and sad to announce that Senior & Disability Services Director Emily Farrell has accepted a role with Trillium Community Health Plans as Senior Director of Operations.

Program Manager Stephanie Sheelar has stepped into the Division Director role in an Acting in Capacity (AIC) role, at least through the end of the Fiscal Year (June 30).

Stephanie has been a Program Manager with LCOG for three years and has tackled the IE/ONE system changes and the PTC rollouts. Before being promoted to Program Manager, Stephanie was a Unit Manager for five years, first with the Support Unit and then focused on agency projects. She implemented written protocols and helped streamline our process for on/off-boarding staff, not to mention coordinated the numerous office and staff moves. She also implemented a system that transitioned from paper files to electronic files.

Before coming to SDS, Stephanie worked in the Office of Continuous Improvement at Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) for about five years as a Project Manager and Lean Leader. She also spent 16 years with the Oregon Self Sufficiency Program (SSP), with 12 of those years as a manager working in various offices in Lane County. She has extensive training and experience with project management, LEAN practices and has been in leadership and management for over 25 years. She has also created and maintained strong relationships with our state partners. Stephanie graduated from the Oregon Program Management program in January 2010. She has

been an incredible asset to LCOG in the time she has been with our agency, and we are truly grateful that she is willing to step in to this role to help us as we transition.

SENIOR MEALS PURCHASES NEW TRUCKS



LCOG's Senior Meals Program has recently purchased two new meal trucks. The funds used to purchase the trucks were generously donated fundraising dollars. We will use the trucks to deliver meals to our Senior Meals sites throughout Lane County, including Florence, Oakridge, Veneta, Junction City, Cottage Grove, and more!

The graphic design was created by Funk/Levis.

METRO TELEVISION WINS FIVE TELLY AWARDS



Kudos to Neil Moyer, Metro TV Program Manager, and Tim Garner, Video Analyst! They won five Telly Awards this year for videos produced for the City of Eugene and Lane County.

- **Young Women's Fire Camp 2021** is a **Silver Winner** in Television - Motivational: (See above)
- **Lane County Deputy Stories: Butler Road Menacing** is a **Silver Winner** in Television - Government Relations: [Watch](#)
- **Westmoreland Rest Stop** is a **Silver Winner** in Television - Government Relations: [Watch](#)
- **Lane County Waste Management: How Do I Report Illegal Dumping?** is a **Bronze Winner** in Online - Information: [Watch](#)
- **Lane County Deputy Stories: Search and Rescue** is a **Bronze Winner** in Television - Government Relations: [Watch](#)

LCOG's Metro TV Channel 21 is provided as a community benefit through the Comcast Cable TV rights-of-way use agreement managed by Information Services' Telecommunications Program. The Telly Awards annually showcases the best work of the most respected advertising agencies, production companies, television stations, cable operators, and corporate video departments **in the world**. The Telly Awards receives more than 12,000 entries annually from all 50 states and many foreign countries. **Congrats to the Metro TV team – great work!**

RFP TO DEVELOP REGIONAL BROADBAND STRATEGY

LCOG issued a Request for Proposals to develop a regional broadband strategy and funding.

In March 2022, LCOG, as the Central Lane MPO, received \$2,018,930 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) funds. The MPC approved \$838,000 of the funds for the purpose of developing a regional broadband strategy, staffing for grant development, and management, and seed money as local match for state and federal grant funds.

The goal is to expand broadband access to the "last mile": homes and small businesses. This is a huge challenge because Lane County is primarily rural and many rural areas remain underserved or lack an internet connect. In order for our region to get where we need to be in the broadband race, we need to develop our own strategy and begin to build out our system now.

[Click here to view the RFP](#)

EUGENE SPRINGFIELD FIRE'S FUTURE DISCUSSED AT LCOG

[Governance Review Panel Seeks](#)

The City of Eugene Fire & EMS and the City of Springfield Fire & Life Safety departments merged to form Eugene Springfield Fire in 2010. The Eugene Springfield Fire Governance Review Panel was established to evaluate and identify the next steps for the governance of the two departments. This Spring, LCOG is facilitating the panel's meetings.

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CRESWELL HOSTS FINLAND FOR OREGON22

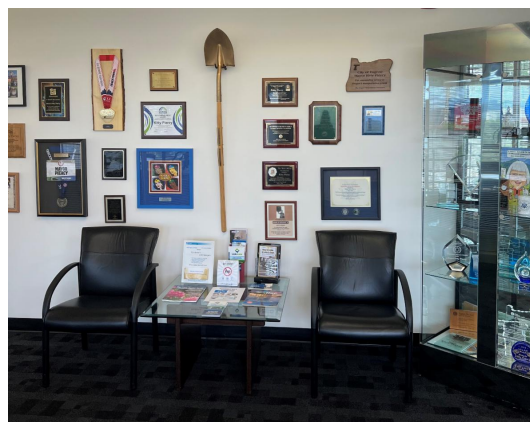
This summer, 2,000+ athletes from more than 37 countries, along with tens of thousands of staff, volunteers, participants, and spectators are coming to Eugene, Oregon for the World Athletics Championships Oregon22, being held in the United States for the first time on July 15-24, 2022.



One of the countries that will be represented is Finland. And in order to make the Finns feel welcome, the City of Creswell is rolling out the red carpet. According to [an article published in *The Chronicle* newspaper](#), Finland's track team plans to arrive in early July and stay in Creswell throughout the 2022 World Athletics Championships. To help the team practice, four-time Olympian Lance Deal is building a hammer cage and renting it to the local high school. Creswell residents have even volunteered to open their homes to athletes, coaches, and others as places to stay during their training, competitions, and time exploring the Willamette Valley and beyond.

There is still much to be done to prepare for the influx of visitors coming to Oregon for this event. If you would like to take part in Oregon22, [click here](#) for the event's website or [visit Travel Lane County's website](#).

REGIONAL OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE "MUSEUM"



Public officials are recognized for various achievements and the longer they serve in a public role, the more likely they are to be recognized for their great

work. Throughout former Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy's public career, she amassed a large collection of items reflecting her public service and achievements. But where does one keep all of those items? That is what Kitty asked herself and spurred an idea by LCOG Executive Director Brenda Wilson – LCOG could house and display those items! And so, the Regional Outstanding Public Service “museum” was created.

Are you a Public Official that doesn't know what to do with your items? Would you like to share them with the region? Contact Brenda, and let's get your things on display!

GRANT PROGRAMS TAKING APPLICATIONS

Here is a list of grant programs that are currently taking applications:

School Violence Prevention Program: The U.S Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services, is accepting applications for the FY 2022 School Violence Prevention Program. The program provides funding to improve security at schools and on school grounds in the recipient's jurisdiction through evidence-based school safety programs. Details can be found [here](#).
Deadline: June 14, 2022.

Community Policing Development (CPD) Microgrants: The U.S. Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services, is accepting applications for the FY 2022 Microgrants. The funds are used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement community policing strategies by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities. Details at <https://cops.usdoj.gov/cpdmicrogrants>. **Deadline: June 21, 2022.**

American Rescue Plan Community Grant: Lane County will award \$3 million in grants to assist nonprofits and public agencies that did not receive direct American Rescue Plan (ARPA) allocations as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. To apply, submit the required information contained in the Request for Applications packet found at www.LaneCounty.org/ARPA.
Deadline: July 6, 2022.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

- June 18: McKenzie River Trail Run (McKenzie Bridge) [Click here](#)
- June 23-26: Mountain Bike Oregon (Westfir) [Click here](#)
- June 25: Wings & Wheels (Cottage Grove) [Click here](#)
- July 4: Creswell Fourth of July Parade and Celebration [Click here](#)
- July 15-24: World Athletics Championships Oregon22 [Click here](#)

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