



LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## MAY 2020 LCOG - NEWSLETTER



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## HOW ARE YOU DOING?

First and foremost, my heart goes out to everyone who is or has been personally impacted by the COVID-19 crises, which I think is probably everyone in some way at this point in time.

This is an unprecedented time for everyone, and the situation is changing daily. LCOG is committed to safely maintaining our business operations and ensuring you continue to receive the highest quality service without disruption. If there is anything you need or anything LCOG or I can assist you with, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

I would like to thank all of you for what you have done to weather this crisis and to get our region prepared to cope with what comes next. I have watched the numbers posted every day on the number of cases and, heart-brakingly, the number of deaths in our state, and Lane County has done an outstanding job in response to this crisis - and that means each and everyone of you. Your commitment to flattening the curve in your agencies and your communities is allowing us to cope at this difficult hour. This was the moment for extra effort, for going the extra mile. Your efforts will make a huge difference to our region as we start to emerge from this crisis. I hope - I know - we will be better and stronger when we do.

## NEXT PHASE OF THE 2020 CENSUS

While "Census Day - April 1" has passed, the Census count is still continuing.

Together, we can ensure that our community receives the resources it needs.



Learn more at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov).

On Monday, May 11, 2020, US Census workers will be in our communities in a few areas that do not receive mail at their home residence and/or only receive mail at a PO Box, or where the mail delivery information for the housing unit cannot be verified. These are called **Update Leave (UL)** areas. Note these are not the same as areas where the residence has not

responded.

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

In keeping with COVID-19 social distancing best practices, Census employees will be provided with Personal Protective Equipment, including face masks, gloves and hand sanitizer for use while dropping off packets in Update Leave areas.

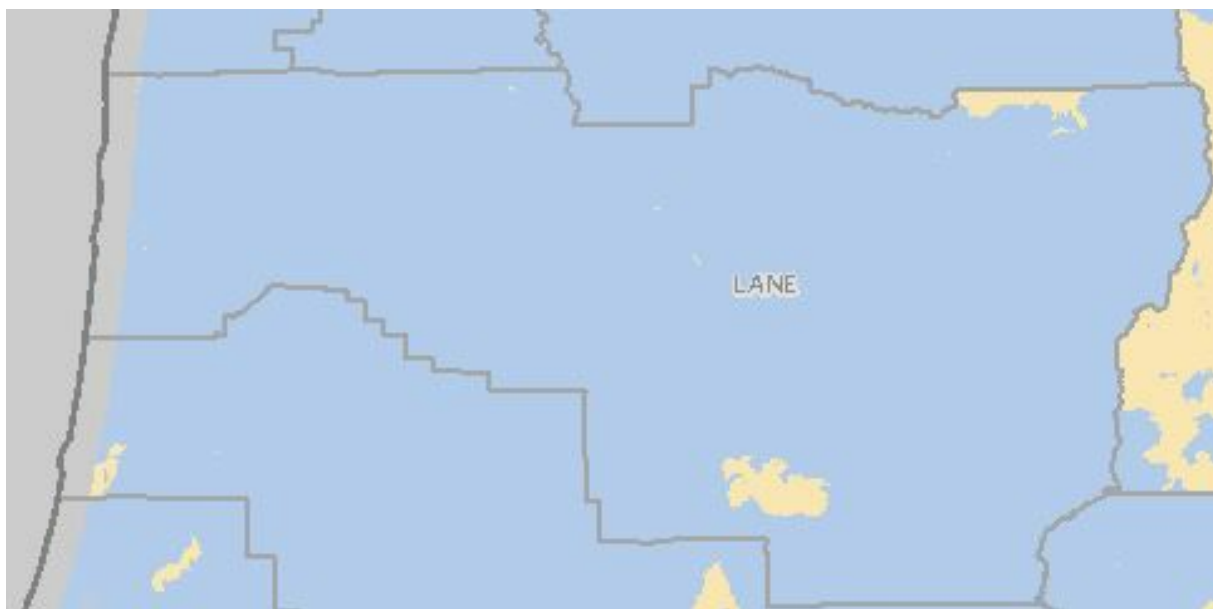
Employees will also be wearing their Census ID Badge, have their Census logo laptop bag, and a Census laptop. Employees may be seen using the laptop; they are linking the specific geospatial location of the housing unit to the Census ID (the 12-digit code) on the Census form or information being left.

Employees have been instructed to **NOT** knock or ring the doorbell, but instead will simply leave the packet on the doorstep of the residence.

Each packet contains, in a plastic bag:

- A paper Census questionnaire with Census ID.
- Census phone number to take the Census with a live person over the phone.
- Web address to respond to the Census online.

These are the **Update Leave (UL)** areas in Lane County:



If you have questions - please let me know! Email me: [Brenda Wilson](mailto:Brenda.Wilson)

**TRAVEL OREGON COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

# RESPONSE GRANT

This grant Program could benefit some of the businesses in your communities. The fund is \$800,000 and specifically targets rural/small businesses and those who have NOT received funds from EIDL or PPP.

**Deadline: It has a short opening window to apply – May 11-15.**

Eligible applicants include those listed below that are currently *doing business* in Oregon, have been conducting business for the past five years and can demonstrate direct work in support of improving the economic impacts of Oregon's travel and tourism industry:

- Oregon lodging properties with 25 or fewer full-time employees on January 31, 2020.
- Oregon-based tour operators, guides and outfitters with a budget greater than \$100,000 in 2019 and carrying worker's compensation insurance; and can demonstrate working partnership referrals or bookings of lodging packages at properties such as hotels, motels, BnB's and resorts.
- Oregon Destination Marketing/Management Organizations.
- Federally recognized tribes, including tribally owned enterprises and tribal member owned businesses that directly support the travel and tourism industry.

Details can be found

here: <https://industry.traveloregon.com/opportunities/grants/covid-19-emergency-response-grant-program/>

## LCOG'S SENIOR MEALS PROGRAM NEWS



### SENIOR MEALS PROGRAM

Offering Café 60 & Meals On Wheels

The Senior Meals Program helps people age 60 and older maintain their independence by providing food, friendship and safety check. Senior Meals Programs operate 11 Café 60 dining rooms throughout Lane County and Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver lunches and safety checks for home-bound older neighbors in 8 Lane County communities. Both programs serve adults age 60 and older and their spouses, regardless of their income.

Last year, the Meals on Wheels program, in partnership with Food for Lane County, served over 188,800 meals to 1,460 participants. The Café 60's served over 66,200 meals to 940 participants. The Senior Meals Program is currently serving approximately 10,000 meals monthly across Lane County.

**Operations during COVID-19 Pandemic**

All **Meals on Wheels** routes are continuing to operate with volunteers. Our volunteers are not having direct contact with meal recipients to minimize health risks for all parties. These health risks are being alleviated by a “knock and drop” approach that allows us to continue to check on our consumers while maintaining appropriate “social distancing” measures. Our **Café 60 dining locations** are providing meals to go only and maintaining a regular lunch operation schedule in most locations.

### **Euphoria Chocolate and Texas Roadhouse give to S&DS Senior Meal Programs during COVID-19 Pandemic**

Senior and Disability Services, a division of Lane Council of Governments, will partner its Senior Meals Program with two local partners: **Euphoria Chocolate** and the **Texas Roadhouse** to provide a special meal to program participants on Friday, May 15, 2020. These efforts will provide 250 meals to participants in Springfield.

**Meals will be available for pick-up between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm on Friday, May 15 at the Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 W. C St., Springfield.**

The Senior Meals Program staff and volunteers will provide packaging to portion meals and serve them throughout Springfield while continuing to adhere to social distancing guidelines. This collaboration is a response to the increased demand for food services and resources due to COVID-19.

### **New Springfield Meals on Wheels Route**

Beginning this week, LCOG Senior & Disability Services started to serve new participants that have been on the Meals on Wheels wait list in Springfield! This is made possible by 15 new volunteers, a Meals on Wheels America grant, and CARES Act funds. For more information:

<https://www.lcog.org/178/Meals-on-Wheels>

Questions regarding these programs may be directed to [David Van Der Haeghen](#) (email), Community Programs Program Manager at Senior & Disability Services, 541-463-4137.

## **THINGS GOING ON IN THE REGION**

### **City of Coburg:**

- The City of Coburg is seeking applicants for its Budget Committee and Heritage Committee. Anyone interested in applying should contact City Recorder Sammy Egberts [HERE](#) or call 541-682-4852.

### **City of Cottage Grove:**

- Food For Lane County Hosting Mobile Food Pantry Weekly at Bohemia School: [INFO HERE](#)
- Cottage Grove Community Center Accepting PPE Donations for PeaceHealth: [INFO HERE](#)

### **City of Creswell:**

- Creswell Library Offers Library Take-Out: [INFO HERE](#)
- Food Drive for Creswell Food Pantry – Thursday, May 14 from 9-11 a.m. Creswell Grange: [INFO HERE](#)

**City of Eugene:**

- Eugene aims to 'flatten the curve' by helping people who are homeless to shelter in place [INFO HERE](#)
- Eugene Acquires Prized PPE Sanitization Unit [INFO HERE](#)

**City of Florence:**

- Florence Hosting May 2020 Scavenger Hunt: Physical Distancing Edition [INFO HERE](#)
- Florence Hosting Virtual Rhododendron Festival Grand Floral Parade May 17 [INFO HERE](#)

**City of Lowell:**

- The City of Lowell and our Library Committee have launched a capital campaign to fund the renovation of the new Maggie Osgood Library. [INFO HERE](#)

**City of Oakridge:**

- Food for Lane County Hosts Drive-Up Food Distribution Weekly at Oakridge High School [INFO HERE](#)
- Oakridge Public Library Offers Curbside Check-Out: [INFO HERE](#)

**City of Veneta:**

- Veneta seeks input on updated Parks Plan through online survey [INFO HERE](#)

**City of Springfield:**

- Springfield Welcomes New City Manager: [INFO HERE](#)
- Eugene Springfield Fire Celebrates Graduation of Recruit Class 26 Live on YouTube Channel – Watch recording here: [INFO HERE](#)

**Emerald People's Utility District:**

- EPUD Campaign Promotes Emergency Preparedness [INFO HERE](#)

**EWEB:**

- Bill Assistance Program Helped 1,000 Customers in April [INFO HERE](#)
- EWEB Announces Electrification Impact Study as Earth Day Celebrates 50th Anniversary Year [INFO HERE](#)

**Fern Ridge Library:**

- Library Offers Curbside Pick-up of Materials - [INFO HERE](#)

**Junction City RFPD:**

- Junction City first responders honor high school seniors in video tribute [INFO HERE](#)

**Lane Community College:**

- LCC and Eugene Mission team up to feed the hungry [INFO HERE](#)
- LCC launches 18-hr. Environmental Services Aide training in healthcare sanitation and disinfection [INFO HERE](#)

**Lane County:**

- Lane County to delay courthouse replacement efforts in recognition of economic uncertainty [INFO HERE](#)

**Lane ESD:**

- Lane ESD's Response to COVID-19 [INFO HERE](#)

**Lane Library District:**

- Creswell Library Offers Weekly Curbside Pick-up [INFO HERE](#)



**Lane Transit District:**

- CARES Act Opens LTD to \$25 Million to Alleviate COVID-19 Funding Losses [INFO HERE](#)
- LTD Purchases Property Adjacent to New Santa Clara Transit Station [INFO HERE](#)

**Port of Siuslaw:**

- Port Begins Tear-Down of 'Blue Barns' [INFO HERE](#)

**River Road Park and Recreation District:**

- Annual Plant Sale Benefits River Road Park – May 1-15 [INFO HERE](#)

**Springfield Public Schools:**

- Springfield Schools deploy 'WiFi bus' for students to work on assignments in quarantine [INFO HERE](#)

**4J School District:**

- 4J Better Together campaign invites community to share their stories of positivity [INFO HERE](#)

**Creswell School District:**

- Hiring Announcement for Creswell Middle School and Creswell High School Principals [INFO HERE](#)

**South Lane School District:**

- Food service and transportation workers have added stops for mobile meal stops. [INFO HERE](#)

**Bethel School District:**

- Plant Sale Deals In Generosity & Support [INFO HERE](#)

**Siuslaw Library District:**

- Siuslaw Public Library Hosts Weekly Virtual Book Club [INFO HERE](#)

**Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue:**

- Community Blood Drive – June 19 from 11 am-4 pm at Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue. Schedule appointment at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). [INFO HERE](#)

**Willamalane Park and Recreation District:**

- Willamalane Holds Virtual Race Fundraiser for Senior Meals [INFO HERE](#)
- Discover Willamalane Scavenger Hunt Begins [INFO HERE](#)



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