



October 1, 2025

Gordon Howard, Community Services Division Manager  
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**Re: 2025-2027 Technical Assistance (TA) Grant Application**

Dear Selecting Committee,

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners appreciates the opportunity to offer this letter of support for DLCD 2025-2027 TA Grant funding. The Community Development Department (CDD) is proposing to update the Terrebonne Community Plan component of the County Comprehensive Plan. In July of this year, the Board identified this as a priority project.

Deschutes County last updated the Terrebonne Community Plan in 2010. It is predicated on septic infrastructure and policies supporting modest growth. The Terrebonne Sanitary District (TSD), formed in 2023, has advanced significantly. Sewer mains are being installed along Highway 97, 11th Street, and Smith Rock Way, and lateral connections are scheduled for later this year. More than 100 properties have been annexed into the district. The sanitary district has an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Redmond for treatment of effluent and has secured capacity for up to 800 future units. While some state and federal funds did not materialize, the project remains on track for operation by 2028, supported by a mix of grants, loans, and other investments. Community interest in annexation and participation in local planning discussions has increased. Sewer infrastructure is expected to reshape development potential in Terrebonne. Previously septic-limited lots will become viable for increased residential and commercial development. At the same time, there are unresolved questions about zoning flexibility, development standards, and lot area requirements. The TA grant will leverage these infrastructure investments to evaluate land use interrelationships while engaging residents and stakeholders into the future.

Thank you for considering this grant request.

Sincerely,

THE DESCHUTES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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