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MEMORANDUM

City Manager's Office

Date: September 9, 2026

To: Mayor Jackola and City Council
From: Ron Whitlatch, City Manager
Subject: Resolution No. 20 for 2026 – Business Oregon Regional Infrastructure Fund Grant Application

Background

Western University of Health Sciences (WUHS) is planning an expansion of its Oregon campus in Lebanon. The WUHS Oregon Campus Expansion is expected to expand opportunities for health care education and workforce development while supporting economic development in the City of Lebanon and the surrounding region.

The proposed campus expansion will require public infrastructure improvements to support the development. Business Oregon administers the Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF), which provides funding opportunities to eligible local governments for qualifying infrastructure projects that support community and economic development.

The City has an opportunity to apply for Regional Infrastructure Fund grant funding to assist with eligible public infrastructure improvements associated with the Western University of Health Sciences Oregon Campus Expansion. The scope of this project would be to extend the public roadway and utilities from Grant Street to the northern right-of-way of the railroad. If funding allows, the project will also include extension of the utilities through the railroad right-of-way.

Current Report

Devco Engineering has completed 30% of the design, and the Engineer's Estimate for the completed project is \$1,449,800. The Engineer's Estimate includes a 10% contingency to account for anything unforeseen throughout design and will carry into construction.

The project is currently on the City's Transportation System Development Charges (SDC) Project list and is 100% eligible for Transportation SDC Funds. The Transportation SDC match is \$629,420 and is currently appropriated in the FY 27 Budget.

The City intends to apply for \$820,380 in grant funding through the Business Oregon Regional Infrastructure Fund to complete the project.

Resolution No. 20 for 2026 authorizes staff to apply for the 2026 Business Oregon Regional Infrastructure Fund grant and authorizes the acceptance of grant funds awarded as a result of the application.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Lebanon City Council adopt Resolution No. 20 for 2026, authorizing staff to apply for the 2026 Business Oregon Regional Infrastructure Fund grant to support eligible public infrastructure improvements associated with the Western University of Health Sciences Oregon Campus Expansion.