

October 20, 2025

Gordon Howard  
Grant Program Manager  
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development  
635 Capital Street NE Suite 150  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Mr. Howard,

On behalf of the Sandy City Council, I write this letter in support of the City of Sandy's application for a Department of Land Conservation and Development 2025-2027 Technical Assistance (TA) grant to complete infrastructure mapping and constraints mapping for the Bell Street and 362nd Drive area. This emerging corridor is a prime location for economic development and job creation in our community. In our efforts to attract and facilitate new employers, advanced manufacturing, and local workforce expansion, this grant funding will be essential in identifying utility, transportation, and land-readiness needs, thereby providing certainty for prospective developers and clarity for our staff.

The City of Sandy has been experiencing rapid population growth for several decades, but employment growth has not kept pace with residential growth. The lack of adequate employment growth has pushed Sandy residents to travel outside of Sandy for employment, increasing commute times and transportation costs.

Awarding this grant to the City of Sandy would be a tremendous step forward in achieving the goals listed in the City of Sandy's Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP) and the Envision Sandy 2050 Comprehensive Plan. The City of Sandy is committed to addressing economic development needs in our community. Please accept this letter as official support for this grant application from our organization.

Kind regards,

Kathleen Walker  
Mayor of Sandy