



CITY OF BEND

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

June 27, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Recess – No Meeting	July 2		
Council Meeting	July 16	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Stewardship Subcommittee Meeting	July 31	1 – 3 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual

[VIEW THE FULL COUNCIL SCHEDULE](#)

PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

[Read the most recent LOC Bulletin here.](#) Of note,

- The Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) has posted its [Annual Shared Revenue City Certification Survey](#) online, and cities must complete it by July 31 to receive state shared revenue distributions in fiscal year 2025.
- OCCMA Board nominations will open from July 1 - July 30. The OCCMA will be soliciting nominations for three director positions as well as the president-elect position. The application will be available on the [OCCMA website](#) on July 1.



City of Bend Child Care Sustainability Grant

The City of Bend received an initial program report from an amended contract agreement with Central Oregon Community College to administer the Child Care Sustainability Grant Fund, which is a \$100,000 investment to address the shortage of licensed child care providers in Bend. Funds were separated into infrastructure grants for child care centers and leadership development for child care administrators. Below is a breakdown of the grant allocations that were awarded:

Center Sustainability Grant Outcomes (\$90,000)

Number of Recipients: 9 certified child care centers within the City of Bend

Award Amount per Center: \$10,000

Funding Use Categories:

- Renovation and infrastructure improvements (plumbing, ADA modifications, diapering and sleep areas)
- Infant/toddler classroom equipment (cribs, furnishings, feeding supplies)
- Licensing compliance upgrades
- Staff training in infant/toddler care best practices

Highlights:

- All 9 applicants were awarded funding due to the urgent need for infrastructure investment expressed across the board.
- Projects included HVAC upgrades, heating and insulation repair, furniture and equipment replacements, outdoor fall padding maintenance, indoor and outdoor safety upgrades, classroom reconfigurations, and plumbing and toilet renovations.
- At least 6 centers reported expanded infant/toddler capacity, and all are now better positioned to meet licensing requirements.
- The total \$90,000 investment represents a significant step toward expanding care access for working families in Bend.

This quote comes from the program manager at the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Central Oregon Community College:

“The 2023–2025 Child Care Sustainability Grant Fund successfully addressed immediate infrastructure and workforce challenges facing local providers. Through this dual investment in physical space and professional development, the City of Bend has helped ensure that more families can access high-quality, infant and toddler care. The Central Oregon SBDC deeply appreciates the City's partnership and



looks forward to providing a comprehensive impact report this December. The stories emerging from this initiative demonstrate how local investment can make a meaningful, measurable difference.”

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Overturf Butte Outreach

The City of Bend recently heard concerns about the potential fire threat to properties adjacent to the City's Overturf Butte property where the Water Services Department maintains water reservoirs. A Fire Inspector with Bend Fire & Rescue has assessed the area's fire risk and developed a plan to reduce wildfire fuel. Starting in early July, following the recommendations of Bend Fire & Rescue and the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Defensible Space and Best Practices Guide, a contractor will remove fire fuels on City land abutting neighboring properties. We will be distributing [letters](#) and [flyers](#) next week to around 50 homes around the perimeter of the property to alert them of the work ahead.

Air Traffic Control Tower Construction Progress

Check out photos of the ATCT construction progress taken over the past month [here!](#)

June Bend Buzz

This month Bend Fire & Rescue Chief Todd Riley shares important tips on preparing for fire season and staying safe. We're also highlighting a new Cybersecurity Program Grant and upcoming DEIA training opportunities, and reminding COB employees about the upcoming Department Employee Engagement Survey. You can also listen to the latest episode of the “Let's Talk Bend” podcast to learn about what it takes to make our transportation system safer. Finally, in our People of Bend spotlight, we're celebrating the outstanding accomplishments of our Public Works team over the past year. You can read about all of these and more in the [June Bend Buzz!](#)

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