

#### Staff Report

For City Council Meeting - 2/2/2022

Subject - Visitors - Sarah Lu Heath - Col-Pac Projects & Programs

**Synopsis:** Col-Pac (Columbia Pacific Economic Development District) went through changes in staff, including a new Executive Director. They are in the process of reintroducing their organization and the services they provide.

Col-Pac Programs Manager Sarah Lu Heath will be in attendance to take the Council through the attached slideshow presentation.

Recommended Motion: N/A

Legal Analysis: N/A

Financial Analysis: N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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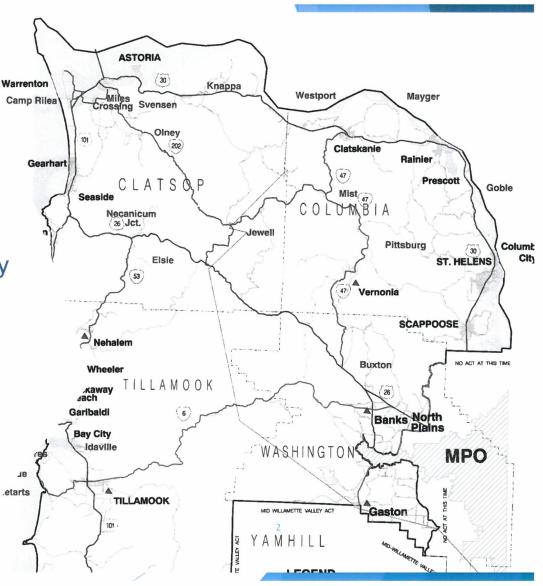
**Economic Development District** 

Where we work...
The District covers serves
Clatsop, Columbia, and Tillamook
counties and the western part of
Washington County.

**ColPac** was established in 1994 to assist in diversifying and strengthening the economy and livability of Northwest Oregon.

#### Our regional role

- Facilitate regional partnerships and collaboration
- Maintain strong federal relationships
- Provide tailored, on the ground services



How Col-Pac can help you...

**Grant Administration** 

**Funding Strategies** 

Research & Forecasting

Low Interest Business Loans

Strategic Planning



We make Community
Development Block
Grants easy

St Helens Food Bank Astoria COVID Relief Vernonia Sewer System Clatskanie Wastewater

St Helen's Food Bank Interior Construction



# USDA Regional Food System Partnership Grant

3-year \$552,500 Capacity Building Grant

Partners:
Astoria Food Hub
Food Roots
Nehalem River Ranch
North Coast Food Web
North Coast Industries
Oregon Coast Visitors Association
Port of Garibaldi
Rural Development Initiatives, Inc
Visit Tillamook



# Bringing Broadband to Rural Communities

Phase 1: GIS Analysis of Current Availability

- ► Current Broadband Gaps
- ► Current Aerials Infrastructure & Fiber Assets
- ► Create High Level Fiber Backbone Design

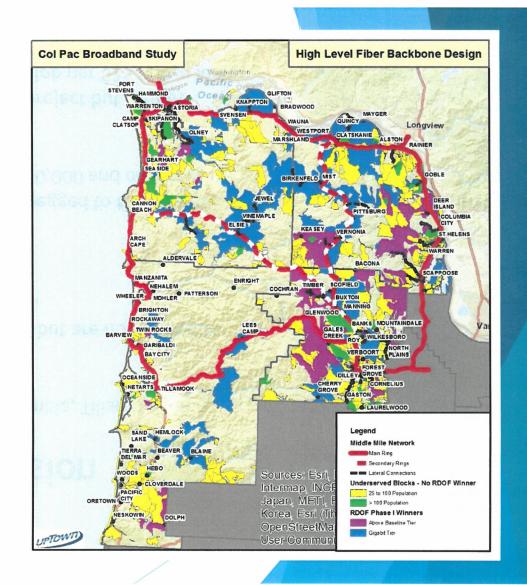
#### Phase 2: Evaluate Partnership Options



- ▶ Potential Operating Partners & Terms
- ▶ Identify Business Model Options

Phase 3: Financial Analysis

- ▶ Pro Forma Analysis (Middle & Last Mile)
- ► Evaluate Potential Starlink Impact
- ▶ Operating Plan & Grant Applications



# Loan Program for Business Start-up or Expansion

Who may borrow? Small businesses in Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, and western Washington counties (west of Hillsboro).

How may the funds be used? The basic uses include, but are not limited to:
Business and industrial acquisition and modernization
Purchase of equipment, machinery, and supplies
Supplying funds for working capital

Interest Rates and Fees? Loan rates will be typically pegged to the current market rate. Loan Fees range from 1.50% for loans \$50,000 and over to 1.75% for loans under \$50,000.

Loan Sizes? Loans may be used for up to 75% of the project but cannot exceed \$250,000. Col-Pac's goal is to create or save 1 job per \$25,000 in loan funding.

## **Upcoming Initiatives**

EPA Brownfield Clean-up RLF Application EDA Revolving Loan Fund Application

2022 - 2027 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Establishes regional priorities every 5 years Critical tool in securing Federal funds Community Listening sessions have begun

## Col-Pac's Impact

#### Port of Garibaldi Wharf Rehab

Connect Oregon Grant \$1 million

#### Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center

→ EDA Grant \$3 million

#### **USDA Small Business Loan Funds**

→ \$2.5 million

#### Regional Food Systems Partnership

→ \$500,000+

#### **Active CDBG projects**

→ \$2.8 million

#### Our Board of Directors

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