

## Press Release

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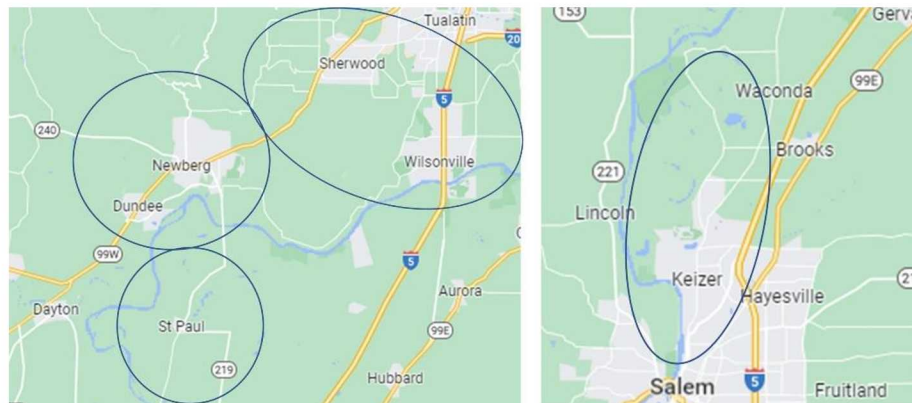


### For Immediate Release

Sherwood, Oregon – The Oregon Business Recovery Center will soon be distributing grants of up to \$10,000 to small businesses in the Sherwood zip code (97140).

The Oregon BRC is a regional program supporting small businesses in the communities of Sherwood, Wilsonville, Newberg, Dundee, St. Paul and Keizer. Grants will be available to qualifying businesses starting **January 31, 2023**. These funds will help owners recover some of the losses they experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Grants are first come, first served until all funds are expended.

To qualify, businesses must have 50 or fewer FTE employees and their primary place of business must be located in one of these zip codes: **97140, 97070, 97132, 97137, 97115, and 97303**. (See map below)



Interested business owners are encouraged to visit the BRC website <https://www.oregonbrc.org/> to learn more about the grants and sign up for the BRC E-news to receive updates.

Jessica Chanay, Program Manager: “We’re excited about this opportunity to serve small businesses. Even though we’re past the worst part of the pandemic, many businesses now face additional challenges, such as inflation and ongoing supply chain issues.”

The Oregon BRC assistance is open to all qualified small businesses. “We’re reaching out to all small business owners in our service area,” said Chanay, “with a particular emphasis on those who were impacted more heavily by the pandemic and may not have gotten previous Covid-related support, such as businesses owned by women, Latinos, people of color, and veterans.”

Funds are allocated from the US Treasury’s State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Wilsonville Area Chamber of Commerce is administering the SLFRF funds for the BRC program. There is no requirement for Chamber membership to get BRC assistance.

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