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City of Falls City Receives LOC's Excellence Award

NORTH BEND, Ore. – During its 2025 Local Government Spring Conference Friday, the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) presented its 2025 Award for Excellence to the city of Falls City for the Falls City Resource Center project. The award, which recognizes progressive and innovative city operations and services, was presented to co-recipients, with the cities of Scappoose and Oregon City also winning.

About the Falls City Resource Center Project

The center is the realization of a vision to bring medical and wellness resources to a rural community that lacked these services for years. For residents, one of the biggest ongoing barriers to healthcare had been the distance between Falls City and available medical facilities. An initial partner in the project was the Willamette Health Council, which pledged financial backing for a facility that would house regular service providers on site. Another partner, Polk County Family & Community Outreach, provided coordination staff to help with client scheduling and facility management. The city donated the land, and last September, the facility opened its doors. Since then, the Resource Center has serviced nearly 200 individuals per month. From the initial planning conversations in the spring of 2022, to the opening ceremony, this public/private partnership was fully executed in just over two years, proving that when there's a need in a community, partners will step up and rise to the challenge.

About the League of Oregon Cities

Founded in 1925, the LOC is a voluntary association representing all 241 of Oregon's incorporated cities. The League helps city governments serve their citizens by providing legislative services, policy setting, intergovernmental relations, conferences and training, technical assistance and publications.

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