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City of Medford Receives LOC's Excellence Award

PENDLETON, Ore. – During the second day of the Local Government Spring Conference, the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) presented its 2026 Award for Excellence to the city of Medford for its Outreach Court program. The award, which recognizes progressive and innovative city operations and services, was presented to co-recipients, with the cities of Yachats and Pendleton also winning.

About Medford's Outreach Court Program

Outreach Court is a progressive and collaborative transformation of Medford's municipal court. It brings the court directly into the community to serve individuals experiencing homelessness and housing instability. It also removes systemic barriers, while improving public safety, accountability, and long-term community livability. Participants gain immediate access to the court without fear of arrest, along with individual compliance plans, and connections to housing navigation, behavioral health services, employment resources and life skills support. Key partners include local law enforcement, housing and shelter providers, behavioral health organizations, and workforce development agencies. Operating successfully for more than two years, Outreach Court reflects the city's commitment to innovation, compassion, and measurable outcomes.

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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