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City of Sisters Receives LOC's Good Governance Award

PENDLETON, Ore. – During the second day of its Local Government Spring Conference, the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) presented its 2026 Good Governance Award to the city of Sisters for its Civic Leadership Academy. The award, which recognizes progressive and innovative city operations and services, was presented to co-recipients, with the cities of Molalla and West Linn also winning.

About the Civic Leadership Academy

Now in its third year, the Civic Leadership Academy is a collaborative effort to cultivate a diverse and engaged pipeline of future community leaders. The program provides an introduction to local government and civic processes. Over 6 weeks, participants engage with city officials, practice leadership skills, and become experts in small-town government. This includes researching a local challenge, producing a report, and presenting findings to the city council. Graduates are now serving on the Sisters City Council, city advisory committees, the Vision Implementation Committee, and several nonprofit boards. By emphasizing mentorship and real-world application, the academy lowers barriers to civic participation, empowering individuals of all backgrounds and experience levels to take an active role in shaping the community's future.

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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