

Washington County Gain Share Funding Overview

Gain Share is a portion of the state income tax revenue from jobs created through the Strategic Investment Program (SIP), returned to local jurisdictions to offset some of the risk and up front investments they make to attract major businesses and development in their communities.

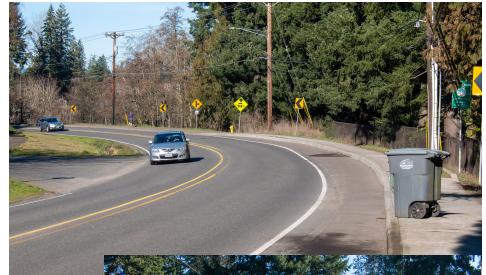
Washington County strategically invests Gain Share funds to support community focused projects addressing transportation safety, affordable housing, health care, education, and poverty.

Gain Share investments in Washington County have primarily been in community facility enhancements and transportation projects. In some cases, injections of Gain Share funds have made up funding gaps to make sure critical projects can be completed.

Improving Safety On Our Roads

Glencoe Road

- Local infrastructure improvements for pedestrians and bicycles.
- Encourage climate friendly modes of transportation.
- Added new ADA compliant sidewalk was built on both sides of the roadway with new drainage facilities.



Rosa Road

- Gain Share funds helped build new sidewalks creating a continuous pedestrian route, moving pedestrians out of the street preventing a dangerous situation.
- ADA curb ramps upgraded, along with stormwater pipes.
- A pedestrian crossing was installed at SW Rosa Road and SW 192nd Avenue.



Growing Tourism and Recreation

- Gain Share provided critical funding for the Westside Commons, home of the annual Washington County Fair.
- The event center plays a crucial part in driving the County's tourism and recreation economy.
- That facility also acts as multi-use campus dedicated to serving the entire community, hosting and producing national-class events on a local scale.
- The building was designed by an Oregon based architectural firm and features major cross laminated timber structural components.
- The center has also played a major role in the county's emergency response efforts during wildfires and COVID-19.



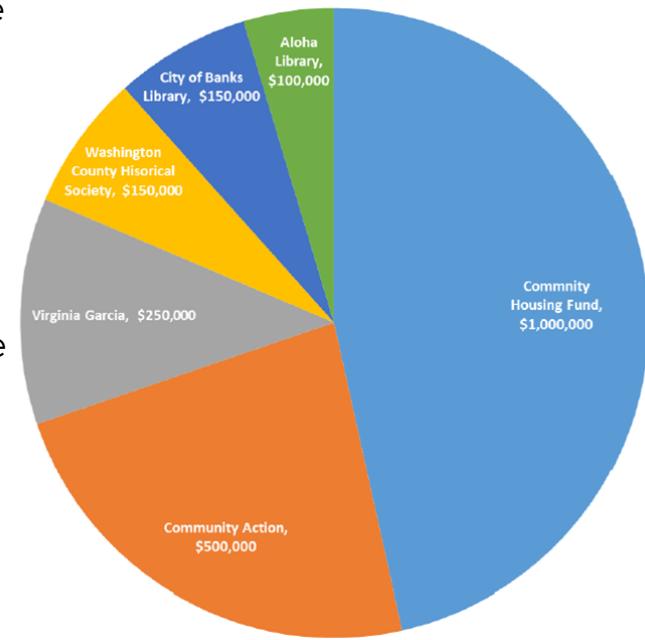
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Gain Share Funding in the Community

This chart shows the portions of investments in the community that the county has made with Gain Share funds that were not for transportation safety related projects. Gain Share investments have prioritized capital improvement projects, however extending the authorization of the program would give the County greater certainty to invest more funding in community programs. The following are just a few examples of the important programs Gain Share dollars are invested into to support our communities.



Developing Affordable Housing

- Gain Share funds have been invested in the Community Housing Fund, which provides extremely low interest loans to non-profit developers of affordable housing.
- One-time-only contributions are recycled as loans are repaid, thereby increasing the long-term benefit afforded by any single investment.
- Since the first grant in 2004, grants and loans have supported 23 projects across the County, representing the preservation and creation of over 1000 units.
- Another 130 units of new construction are in the current pipeline.



Addressing Housing Instability and Poverty

- Gain Share funds invested in Community Action support their mission to eliminate conditions of poverty and create opportunities for people and communities to thrive.
- Community Action provides utility assistance, early childhood development programs, workforce training, financial education, rental assistance, houseless services and energy efficiency services like weatherization.

