

St. Helens Oregon Urban Renewal Agency

2019 Annual Report

This report fulfills the requirements, prescribed in ORS 457.460, for the filing of an annual report detailing the financial activity of the urban renewal area established in Oregon.

City of St. Helens Oregon
265 Strand Street
St. Helens, OR 97051



Ending June 30, 2019

Urban Renewal Area Background and Maximum Indebtedness

The City of St. Helens Urban Renewal Plan was adopted by the City of St. Helens in 2017. The maximum indebtedness established in 2017 for the City of St. Helens Plan is \$62,000,000 (sixty-two million dollars). This is the total amount of funds that can be spent on programs, projects and administration in the urban renewal area over the life of the agency. No maximum indebtedness has been used as of this point.

Urban Renewal Goals

Goal	Intention of Goal
1. Ensure the stakeholders are involved in plan implementation by providing accurate, timely information and encouraging public input and involvement	The Agency will comply with all statutory requirements in ORS 457.460.
2. Provide adequate infrastructure and public amenities to support new development	Invest in infrastructure in underserved areas to better support redevelopment or underutilized or vacant parcels. Improve existing parks and open spaces in the Riverfront District and Houlton Business District. Support the Riverfront District through investments in parking provision and transportation demand management.
3. Increase safety and capacity of existing transportation corridors	Improve intersections, streetscapes, and the road surfaces of commercial corridors throughout the area. Provide enhanced transportation facilities to pedestrians and cyclists.
4. Improve public access to the Columbia River through investments in waterfront open space and paths	Invest in a waterfront greenway trail and improvements to waterfront access, including the Tualatin Street Stairway that integrates with redevelopment on the site. Improve connections to other open spaces in the area to create a network, including the Nob Hill Nature Park.
5. Invest in the revitalization of Houlton and Riverfront business districts	Support economic development by providing funding to support the rehabilitation and improvement of storefronts within the area. Invest in improvements to gateways and wayfinding infrastructure within the area to attract visitors.

The entire Urban Renewal Agency plan and information can be found on the City’s website located at <https://www.ci.st-helens.or.us/urban>

Financial Reporting

Pursuant to ORS 457.460, a detailed accounting of the financial activity related to urban renewal areas is required to be reported on an annual basis. The following financial information responds to the requirements of this statute.

Money Received

In Fiscal Year 2018/2019, \$51,594.88 were received by the Agency.

Money Expended

In Fiscal Year 2018/2019, no funds were expended by the Agency.

Estimated Revenues

Estimated revenues for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 were \$110,000. Estimated revenues were not received mainly due to an unexpected loss of industrial investment. The potential investment and business closed in 2019. A review of the Agency’s funding strategies and goals is planned to be reviewed in the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year to update estimated revenues and project timelines.

Proposed Budget for Current Fiscal Year 2019/2020

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 has estimated revenues at \$55,000 with no planned expenses. All expenses are appropriated as contingency in Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

Impact on Taxing Districts Fiscal Year 2019/2020

Taxing District Name	Agency Lost due to URA
Columbia County	19.27
Columbia 4H & Extension	0.79
COL 9-1-1 Comm District	3.53
Columbia Vector	1.77
Port of Columbia County	1.22
Columbia SWCD	1.38
Columbia River Fire	41.06
NW Regional ESD	2.12
TOTAL	\$71.14