

## **Past Legislative Success – City of Salem**

Our work with City of Salem focuses on strategic and tactical advice and counsel relative to governmental issues impacting the City, we participate in regulatory and legislative processes on the City's behalf. This includes but is not limited to bill tracking system management, relationship development with elected officials and governmental staff, communications, legislative advocacy, and coordination of meetings.

The following are examples of legislative accomplishments from the 2018 – 2025 Legislative Sessions:

### **2018 Legislative Session**

- 2018 / 2019 Interim & Legislative Session Priorities
  - Drinking Water Protections: Emergency preparedness and resiliency funding and additional funding support for OHA's drinking water program.
  - Municipal Broadband: Protecting City right to manage rights of way and preserving right to develop municipal broadband.
  - Funding for affordable housing.
  - Legislative fix following courts ruling regarding stolen vehicles.
  - Increasing revenue options for local government: 911 and property tax reform.
  - Preservation of urban renewal authority.
- HB 5201 – Legislative funding bill passed during the 2018 Legislative Session. \$250,000 funding to enable a local partnership supported by City of Salem to establish a 24/7 sobering center in Salem. (HB 5201)

### **2019 Legislative Session**

- 2018 / 2019 Interim & Legislative Session Priorities
  - Drinking Water Protections: Emergency preparedness and resiliency funding and additional funding support for OHA's drinking water program.
  - Municipal Broadband: Protecting City right to manage rights of way and preserving right to develop municipal broadband.
  - Funding for affordable housing.
  - Legislative fix following courts ruling regarding stolen vehicles.
  - Increasing revenue options for local government: 911 and property tax reform.
  - Preservation of urban renewal authority.
- HB 5030 – Legislative funding bill totaling \$273.2 million net lottery bond proceeds awarded to 37 projects including an allocation of \$20 million for City of Salem Drinking Water Improvements during the 2019 Legislative Session.
- HB 2944 / HB 3326 / HB 3340 – Items of legislation considered during the 2019 Legislative Session relating to harmful algal blooms (HABs). The legislation resulted in formation of a workgroup to address challenges associated with HABs, funding needs and tasked with exploring short-term and

long-term monitoring goals, emergency measures, and coordination and cooperation between key local and state stakeholders. City of Salem Public Works Department staff were appointed members of the workgroup.

- HB 5050 – Additional funding legislation from the 2019 Legislative Session approving various one-time General Fund appropriations, and allocating a total of nearly \$4 million in funding for projects and programs within the City of Salem, including:
  - Save the Salem Peace Mosaic – \$100,000
  - Liberty House of Salem – \$250,000
  - Gerry Frank / Salem Rotary Amphitheater – \$1 million
  - YMCA of Marion & Polk Counties for Veteran’s Housing – \$1 million
  - Aviation Facility Emergency Enhancement Project – \$348,000
- SB 10 – Bill relating to urban growth boundaries, opposed by City of Salem. Bill received a public hearing but did not move from Committee following effective lobbying efforts during the 2019 Legislative Session.

#### **2020 Legislative Session**

- 2020 Legislative Session Priorities
  - Drinking water infrastructure.
  - Additional funding for local governments to reduce hardships that lead to homelessness and chronic homelessness.
  - Yaquina Hall
  - CourtCare, Mobile Home Park Preservation
- The 2020 session ended with passage of only three bills following a partisan walkout.

#### **2021 Legislative Session**

- 2021 Legislative Session Priorities
  - Secure funding support for:
    - Navigation Center
    - Sobering Center
    - Yaquina Hall (affordable housing)
    - Community mental health impacts.
  - Protect Drinking Water Source
    - Canyon community wildfire clean up.
  - Secure COVID-19 Recovery Resources
- HB 5042 – Omnibus budget reconciliation bill introduced and passed during the 2021 Legislative Session. The bill addressed funding needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic, wildfire recovery, supplemental budget increases, rebalancing of agency budgets, realignment of funding between fund-types, a debt service savings adjustment, and technical adjustments. HB 5042 allocated \$5 million directly to the City of Salem for a navigation center.
- HB 5006 – HB 5006 related to state financial administration and included investments in housing, racial justice initiatives, wildfire and wildfire recovery, behavioral health, water quality, capacity, and

supply, broadband, public universities, the State School Fund, school district capital improvement, county courthouse construction, seismic rehabilitation grants, deferred maintenance on state properties, and information technology projects. The bill, passed during the 2021 Legislative Session, allocated funding directly to City of Salem, and supported projects within the community of Salem, including:

- City of Salem for Policy Body Cameras - \$816,000
- City of Salem for Housing Assistance voucher program \$1 million
- City of Salem for Shelters \$10.5 million
- Project Turnkey \$800,000
- Salem Y Veterans Housing Project \$6.1 million
- Center for Hope and Safety, Hope Plaza \$7.6 million
- Vietnam War Memorial on Oregon State Capitol Grounds \$400,000

## **2022 Legislative Session**

- 2022 Legislative Session Priorities
  - Complete Construction of Navigation Center - \$1.9 million
  - Yaquina Hall Gap Funding - \$1.5 million
  - Salem Civic Center Improvements - \$1.5 million
  - Housing / Homelessness Community Response - \$50 million
- SB 5202 – The measure provides expenditure limitation and General Fund adjustments during the 2022 Legislative Session related to the state’s receipt of federal funding under the American Rescue Plan Act and makes reconciling adjustments to Coronavirus Relief Fund monies received by the state. House Bill 5202 allocated funding to the City of Salem, and Salem area community projects, including:
  - Navigation Center Gap Funding \$1.9 million
  - Yaquina Hall Gap Funding \$1.5 million
  - Unsheltered Community Support Funding – City of Salem \$2.5 million
  - Trash and Sanitation Support Funding – City of Salem \$750,000
  - City of Salem Municipal Airport Upgrades \$540,388
  - Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency Shelter Services \$966,262

## **2023 Legislative Session**

- Senator Peter Courtney, the longest serving legislator and a champion for City of Salem, retired after serving 14 years in the House and 24 years in the Senate, and 20 years as Senate President.
- 2023 City of Salem Legislative Funding Priorities
  - \$9.35 million – \$7.5 million Sustain Sheltering Services & \$1.85 million ARHCES
  - \$2 million – Salem Navigation Center
  - \$2 million – Peace Plaza / Salem Civic Center Improvements
  - \$20 million – River Road Slide Mitigation
- SB 5506 – Salem area allocations
  - \$1.85 million - City of Salem for the renovations of ARHCES and Wallace Early Learning Center sheltering service

- 250,000 – Cherriots for feasibility study regarding development of a rail streetcar system in the City of Salem ([Governor exercised line-item veto authority for this appropriation](#))

## 2024 Legislative Session

- 2024 Legislative Priorities
  - State Street IGA Budget Note \$2million
- SB 5701 -
  - City of Salem Language related to State Street including in HB 5701 [Legislative Administration Budget Report Note](#) (page 59): A portion of \$7.9 million in carryforward earmarked to fund anticipated costs related to security improvements to the State Street side of the Capitol building. \$2 million earmarked for allocation to City of Salem.
- Community Supported Allocations included in SB 5701
  - \$3,000,000 to Willamette University for artificial turf and lights at Roy S. “Spec” Keene Stadium at Bush Park to support Salem youth baseball and softball.
  - \$1,000,000, for distribution to the Willamette Education Service District to fund regional career and technical education programs provided by the Willamette Career Academy.
  - \$3,046,891 to the Family YMCA of Marion and Polk Counties for the development of a centralized social service and resource center that includes affordable housing and workforce development in Salem.
  - \$750,000 to Center for Hope & Safety for the HOPE Plaza project.
  - \$150,000 to Salem Parks Foundation for restoration of the Eco-Earth Globe at Riverfront Park.

## 2025 Legislative Session

- 2025 Legislative Funding Priorities
  - Support for Capitol District Funding - \$7.25 million
  - Airport Terminal Area Plan - \$750,000
  - Airport Resiliency and Emergency Power - \$600,000
  - River Road Slide Mitigation - \$2million
  - Peace Plaza Beautification - \$2million
  - Fairview Park Master Plan – Interpretive Space - \$824,780 (submitted by Representative Andersen)
- HB 5006 - Allocations from HB 5006 supporting City of Salem and the Salem community included:
  - \$824,780 allocated to City of Salem: Fairview Park Masterplan - Interpretative Space Park planning and development.
  - \$175,000 allocated to Salem Art Association: Historic Bush House Museum Restoration and Accessibility.
  - \$3.4 million allocated to Mid-Willamette Family YMCA: Veterans Housing for the Albany Veterans Apartments Project.