

## City of Molalla – City Council

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Gordon Howard
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Re: Letter of Support for the City of Molalla's HB 2003 Planning Assistance Grant Application

Dear Gordon Howard,

The Molalla City Council supports the City's application for an HB 2003 Planning Assistance grant. City Staff has worked diligently to identify informational and regulatory gaps resulting from the combination of these two bills being signed into law, and the population of Molalla growing to over 10,000 residents.

The Housing Needs Analysis, Buildable Lands Inventory, and Housing Production Strategy development proposed in this grant application will not only bring the City of Molalla into compliance with state law by updating the mentioned studies but will also provide a precursor to addressing a significantly outdated and under supplied Urban Growth Boundary.

To illustrate support for this activity, the City Budget Committee and City Council specifically budgeted for this grant funding with match funds included. We respectfully request that DLCD award the grant funds requested for this project.

On Behalf of the Molalla City Council,

Scott Keyser

Mayor, City of Molalla