



MALHEUR COUNTY

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Seeking Candidate to Serve on Border Board

The Malheur County Court is considering candidates for appointment to the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Board (EOBEDB). Prospective candidates are to submit a letter of interest to the Court at kim.ross@malheurco.org no later than August 25, 2021. The County Court will review all submissions and submit a list of recommendations to the Governor, who will make the final selection and appointment.

Candidates should have general knowledge of the Border Region and, in particular, the challenges and opportunities in the Region related to its proximity to Idaho. General qualifications also include personal and professional integrity, strong independent business judgement, demonstrated commitment to the community, and relevant experience and skills which will enable the EOBEDB to carry out its mission of enhancing economic development.

The EOBEDB was created by legislation passed during the 2017 legislative session to implement investment strategies and practices in workforce and economic development in the region and to make loans or grants to eligible applicants for encouraging regional workforce and economic development. The Eastern Oregon Border Region runs along the Idaho border from Annex to Adrian and west to include Nyssa, Vale, Willowcreek, and Brogan. More information can be found at <https://oregoncf.org/grants-and-scholarships/grants-resources/eastern-oregon-border-board-resource-page/>.

Since its inception, the EOBEDB has developed several creative grant and loan programs targeted at improving the Region's economy. The Board has invested more than \$1 million dollars in the Region so far through these programs. The Board's work also includes advocacy at the state level, where it has seen marked success over the last two legislative sessions.

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