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Waste Management Awards \$75,000 in Economic Development Grants to Amity, Dayton, Newberg, Willamina and Yamhill

Funds will improve Amity's tourism appeal with new entrance signs, revitalize downtown Newberg, enhance Dayton Friday Nights, start a community kitchen for Willamina entrepreneurs, commission a mural for Yamhill City Hall, and more. Grants for Carlton, Dundee, Lafayette and Sheridan will soon be reviewed.

YAMHILL COUNTY, Ore. - March 30, 2015 - [Waste Management](#), the environmental services company that has operated for 15 years in Yamhill County and uses garbage to power 1.2 million homes, today announced \$75,000 in grants to stimulate economic development in five cities in Yamhill County.

The purpose of the Waste Management Green4GrowthSM grant program is to support economic development in Yamhill County through business, industry, education, recreation, culture, the arts, stewardship or innovation. This special program is funded by Waste Management and inspired by Yamhill County's commitment to economic development ([GROW Yamhill County](#)).

Paul Burns, Waste Management's director of collection operations for the Pacific Northwest, said his local leadership team has approved grants totaling \$75,000 for the cities of Amity, Dayton, Newberg, Willamina and Yamhill. Company managers expect to review grant applications from the cities of Carlton, Dundee, Lafayette and Sheridan in early April. A total of \$150,000 will be awarded across Yamhill County.

Funding for the grants originated with a charity golf tournament that Waste Management hosts each year in a different part of the country. The 2014 event was held in Oregon, with Waste Management donating proceeds in Oregon communities to support social services, environmental education and economic development.

"Waste Management's history as a partner for economic development in Yamhill County goes back to when we acquired Riverbend Landfill," Burns said. "For 15 years, we have helped make Yamhill County business-friendly because it costs businesses less when garbage travels down the road rather than to Corvallis or eastern Oregon.

"Now, with the Green4GrowthSM grants, we are doing even more to strengthen the economic vitality of cities across Yamhill County," Burns said. "For Waste Management, this is an opportunity to make investments that will enrich Yamhill County communities in important and lasting ways."

WASTE MANAGEMENT AWARDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

To date, Waste Management has approved the following Green4GrowthSM economic development grants:

The [City of Amity](#) will receive \$15,000 to improve the City's image and tourism appeal by installing new entrance signs.

The [City of Dayton](#) will receive \$15,000 to enhance promotion and programming for the popular Dayton Friday Nights, to enhance a local nature trail and to establish a "Friends of the Trail" organization to ensure trail maintenance.

The [City of Newberg](#) will receive \$15,000 to be used for either community revitalization or "wayfinding" services for its downtown transformation process. The City will use the grant to meet a matching funds requirement for a larger "America's Best Communities" grant. If the City does not win the larger grant, the Waste Management grant will be used for wayfinding consultation for downtown.

The [City of Willamina](#) will receive \$15,000 to use toward a new façade for the [Willamina City Library](#), planning for the addition of a community kitchen for entrepreneurial purposes at [West Valley Community Campus](#) and roof repairs for the future site of a cooperative business venture.

The [City of Yamhill](#) will receive \$15,000 to market downtown commercial properties, improve aesthetics and brand its downtown core, improve signage for and commission a local artist to paint a mural on City Hall, help restore Jane Heinrich Park in connection with the [Yamhelas Westsider Trail project](#), improve parking and sidewalks in the commercial district, and improve signs welcoming visitors to the City.

About Waste Management

Waste Management is the largest environmental solutions provider in North America, serving more than 21 million customers in the U.S. and Canada. We help communities and businesses achieve their green goals, including zero waste. For more information, visit us at:

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About Yamhill County

Whether you are thinking about starting a new business or expanding, Yamhill County has a lot to offer. With collaborative culture, a laid back lifestyle and a highly skilled and productive workforce, Yamhill County offers real opportunities for prosperity as well as very high quality of life. Learn more at [GROW Yamhill County](#).

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