

**NOTICE OF SKAMANIA COUNTY'S PROPOSED 2024-2025 TITLE III PROJECTS  
SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000  
(PUBLIC LAW 106-393)**

Skamania County solicited Title III projects from the public and various agencies for 2024-2025. The projects listed below will be considered for funding by the Board of Commissioners. A public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in the Skamania County Courthouse, Commissioners Meeting Room 18, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue, Stevenson, WA to receive public comments regarding proposed Title III Projects for 2024-2025.

Written testimony/comments to be considered at the public hearing by the Board of Commissioners must be received by the Clerk of the Board by noon on the Monday preceding the date of the public hearing. Anyone interested may appear and be heard. Skamania County Courthouse is accessible for persons with disabilities. Please let us know if you will need any special accommodations to attend the meeting by calling (509) 427-3700.

Copies of the proposed 2024-2025 Title III Applications are available to the public in the Commissioners' Office, Room 15, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue, Stevenson, WA or may be viewed on our website at [www.skamaniacounty.org](http://www.skamaniacounty.org)

**Skamania County Sheriff's Emergency Services sponsored by Skamania County Sheriff's Department.**

**Continue to enhance** and improve necessary and appropriate emergency response capabilities of the Skamania County Sheriff to include search and rescue in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Will also continue to provide initial response to medical calls, reported wildfires and other public safety services. This project requests funding to maintain Road Deputy wages and overtime, including maintenance and replacement of supporting equipment and services utilized to provide response to emergencies including Search and Rescue missions upon National Forest lands in Skamania County.

**North Country EMS St. Helen's Project sponsored by North Country EMS.**

**Continue to provide** ambulance and rescue services staffed with trained emergency medical service personnel to areas of Skamania County as depicted in the provided service area map, with special emphasis on certain Mt. St. Helens recreational areas during the months of, July and August and early September and response from other stations as needed and available.

**Skamania County Firewise, sponsored by Underwood Conservation District.**

**Continue an ongoing program** designed to reduce wildfire hazards to the lives and property of county residents and carry out the Community Wildfire Protection Plan by planning and assisting with collaborative projects to reduce fire fuels in vulnerable locations.

**EMS and Rescue Response sponsored by Skamania County Public Hospital District dba Skamania County Emergency Medical Services.**

**Requesting renewed** funding of this project so that the provision of services and reimbursement of associated costs may continue uninterrupted. This project provides emergency medical services, rescue, and ambulance transport services to areas of the County owned by the federal government, including trail rescue, rope rescue, motor vehicle collisions, hazardous materials, and public assistance calls. Also, for project year 2024-2025, the request includes the purchase of a replacement vehicle which will help continue with providing response to remote areas on federal lands.

### **Skamania County Fire District #1**

**Requesting renewed funding** to address calls for service in federally managed lands in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area surrounding Fire District #1. Dispatching local resources is key in providing quality immediate response to emergencies for our county residents and visitors. In addition to providing fire suppression services for structural and wildland firefighting, Fire District #1 responds to many types of calls, including motor vehicle incidents, hazardous materials, public assistance calls and manpower assistance with rescue calls.

### **Skamania County Fire District #3**

**Requesting funding** to address the needs of residents and visitors to the area by using the funding for call reimbursements and equipment purchases directly related to operational readiness for the provision of fire suppression services for structural and wildland firefighting, motor vehicle collisions, hazardous materials, public assistance calls, and manpower assistance with rescue calls.

Dated this 4th day of June 2024.

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Lisa Sackos  
Clerk of the Board

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