CITY OF GRESHAM, OREGON

Wastewater Treatment Nitrifications Project

FUNDING REQUEST | \$5M

USES

- Construct a nitrification (conversion) system at Gresham's Wastewater Treatment Plant to remove ammonia from semiconductor manufacturing waste streams.
- Fund Phase II construction, completing the project to meet industry and environmental standards.
- **Support semiconductor industry expansion** by providing critical wastewater treatment infrastructure.

CRITICAL INVESTMENT NEED

The City of Gresham is well positioned in Oregon and nationally for semiconductor industry development and expansion, with Microchip Corporation and ONSEMI located in the city. While already employing hundreds in the region, current and potential future expansions will bring a large number of additional family-wage jobs to the State and region and very large investments in construction activities and new equipment.

Costly improvements must be made to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant to allow for the removal of ammonia, a byproduct of semiconductor manufacturing. The City has already entered into an innovative and highly collaborative partnership with Microchip to provide \$8M in funding and \$8M in financing towards these improvements that total approximately \$34.1M, but additional investment is needed to fill the gap in project funding.

PROJECT FUNDING

Total Project Cost	\$34.1M
Requested Federal Funding (FY '26)	\$5M
EPA STAG Grant (FY 2024)	\$1M
City of Gresham	\$20.1M
Microchip Corporation	\$8M

PROJECT PHASING - FUNDING REQUEST FOR PHASE 1B

Phase 1A	Phase 1B	Phase 2
Design/Engineering for	Construction of	Construction of
ammonia treatment	ammonia treatment	secondary clarifier
system.	system to remove	tank to increase
(Completed)	ammonia from	capacity.
	waste stream.	

HOW THIS INVESTMENT SUPPORTS THE COMMUNITY

- Family-wage job creation incentivize the expansion of the semiconductor industry in Oregon.
- Water quality greatly reduces the discharge of thousands of pounds of ammonia per day to the Columbia River.
- Low-income affordability moderates the cost of wastewater utility rates for Gresham's population, one of the most diverse and economically challenged in the Portland-Metro region.
- Environmental protection by eliminating the creation, transport, and landfill disposal of large volumes of hazardous waste.
- Enhanced wildlife habitat through improved water quality for salmon and other aquatic species.
- Public-private partnership with the City of Gresham and Microchip Corp.

THE IMPACT

The project has significant environmental and economic development benefits, while demonstrating the value of publicprivate partnerships to solve difficult infrastructure issues. The alternatives are more costly for the public and private industry, disincentivizing of semiconductor expansion in Oregon, and less environmentally beneficial, as on-site ammonia treatment generates hazardous solid waste that must be disposed of in local landfills.

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