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### **News Release**

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### **State Awards YMCA of Columbia-Willamette \$5.1 Million in Legislative Session**

*For Beaverton Hoop YMCA Property Purchase and Future Child Development Center*

Portland, OR, July 2, 2019—With the completion of the Oregon legislative session the Beaverton community comes out on top, with House Bill 5030 allocating \$5.1 million to the [YMCA of Columbia-Willamette](#).

Pending the governor's signature, this significant gift—which is funded by net proceeds from lottery bonds—will be used to purchase the property where the YMCA operates the Beaverton Hoop YMCA. Receiving these funds is great news for local families, because it will expand the Y's ongoing commitment to youth development through the addition of a YMCA Child Development Center on this property and will enable the Y to continue to operate The Hoop and provide youth sports programming at that facility.

The future early childhood development programming will help address a growing need for access to quality, affordable [child care](#) in Oregon. The new center will be part of a renovation of the smaller of the two buildings on the property, which is not currently in use by the YMCA.

The funding ensures the Y will continue to provide youth sports for generations to come at our unique, state-of-the-art sports facility [The Hoop](#), which is on the property we are purchasing and serves 10,000 kids each year inside and outside the YMCA walls.

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President and CEO Bob Hall said, “This is fantastic news for families in the Beaverton community and for the YMCA, and is a significant step forward in our \$10 million dollar capital expansion plan for this property. We are thankful to the Oregon State Legislature, and are especially grateful to Rep. Shari Schouten for her leadership in securing this \$5.1 million dollars to purchase the property. Our campaign will expand the Y footprint, so more families are able to access quality early childhood development and school enrichment programs as well as have continued access to youth sports at Beaverton Hoop YMCA.”

The property encompasses five acres and two buildings. The YMCA has operated the [Beaverton Hoop YMCA](#) for almost ten years, which is in the larger of the two buildings. With the \$5.1 million from the state, Hall said, “We have an additional \$1.4 million to raise to bring our full vision to reality, which includes a new Child Development Center. Our Y leaders are now focused on securing that funding, so there is more work to be done. We are actively engaged with local community and business leaders to get us to the finish line.”

### **More Info**

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### **About the YMCA**

The YMCA of Columbia-Willamette is a catalyst for transformation change, fostering relationships and building thriving, inclusive communities. We offer quality, affordable, life-enriching programs at more than 200 community locations in the Portland and Vancouver regional area. [ymcacw.org](http://ymcacw.org)