CRESWELL CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION AGENDA

APRIL 27, 2026
Creswell City Hall - McCluskey Chambers
13 South 1st Street
6:00 P.M.

Mayor Nicholas Smith Presiding
City Councilors:
Alonzo Costilla, Alan Dukes, Staci Holt, Clark Kent
Mark Kremer, Joan Morris

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Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

1. **Committee Reports – 25 minutes**

   A. **Public Safety Committee (5 minutes)**
   B. **Parks and Tree Advisory Board (5 minutes)**
   C. **Airport Commission (5 minutes)**
   D. **LaneAct (Lane Area Commission on Transportation) (5 minutes)**
   E. **Administration and Finance Committee (5 minutes)**

2. **Discussion Items – 40 minutes**

   A. **Creswell First! – Joe Walters (10 minutes)**
   B. **South Lane County Fire and Rescue District Levy Presentation – Chief Wooten (10 minutes)**
   C. **Floodplain Update – Leni Crow (15 minutes)**
   D. **Family Oriented Everyone Village Check in – A brief discussion with Council on whether to proceed with the initiative – City Manager Vincent Martorello (5 minutes)**

3. **Adjournment**

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Committee Reports
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Discussion Items
Agenda Item No. 2

Creswell First!
our community foundation

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Connecting people who care to causes that matter for the betterment of Creswell

March 18, 2026

To: Mayor Smith and Councilors

The City Council has contracted with the Creswell First Foundation to review applications for city funding from non-profit organizations that benefit Creswell residents. The goal is to make funding decisions that most effectively enhance the well-being of our community. For 2025, the city allocated $22,000 for this purpose. Creswell First utilized all but $300 of these funds, and kept the remaining funds in reserve, in case of emergency. There was not a need for the emergency funds this year and they have been rolled over for use, if the need arises.

The Board of Creswell First reviewed applications and made funding decisions as follows

The following eight programs have been funded by city community service dollars and Creswell First in 2025.

Family Relief Nursery

The Creswell Relief Nursery supports families under stress through a therapeutic preschool program at Creslane and increased home-based services. Funding will support Family Engagement Specialists, including a bilingual specialist, whose work is critical to meeting the needs of both parents and children.

Funding to increase outreach was requested at **$3,000** and has been approved and funded.

Intergenerational Reading Collaboration

The IRC partners with Creslane Elementary to support low-income students by increasing access to books, which are essential for early literacy. Last year, they stocked a Book Vending Machine with about 700 books through grant funding and donations. Over the final 23 days of

school, each classroom visited the machine, and every student selected a free book to take home.

Funding for books has been approved and funded at **$2,000**.

Hope and Safety Alliance (formerly known as Womenspace)

Hope and Safety Alliance provides trauma-informed, survivor-centered services for those impacted by domestic and sexual violence. They work to protect, shelter, and empower survivors while promoting equity and lasting change. Last year, Creswell First funding supported 4 Creswell families, including 8 children. This request will help provide essentials such as food, rental assistance, supplies, transportation, and temporary safe housing for local survivors.

Funding has been approved and funded at **$3,000**.

Community Food for Creswell

Our local food pantry currently serves an average of 90 households per week. Their kitchen program distributes a weekly average of 240 prepared meals for their customers to take home to their family members. Last year's grant funds assisted in purchasing food packing supplies and food transport bags.

Funding has been approved and funded at **$3,000.**

Creswell Clubhouse

Creswell Clubhouse is a nonprofit youth program serving 173 K–12 students with supervised, educational activities, tutoring, and homework support. Fees are reduced for families on assistance, and 53% of participants receive scholarships. With a low-cost lease from the city and operational funding, the Clubhouse can keep childcare affordable while providing a strong, supportive program.

The program has been approved and funded at **$3,000**.

Family Resource Center

The Family Resource Center, staffed by the Creswell School District, supports families with school-age children by connecting them to essential resources. Recognizing that basic needs

like food, housing, utilities, and transportation are key to academic success, the Center links families to community services and uses its own funding to help fill gaps when needed.

Funding has been approved and funded at **$2,700**

Caring for Creswell Kids

Caring for Creswell Kids provides clothing and shoes to K–12 students in need. Through donated, high-quality items, they keep school “clothes rooms” stocked year-round. With support from Creswell First last year, they provided 67 students with new shoes, helping ensure kids have the essentials to succeed in school and beyond.

Funding for shoes has been approved and funded at **$2,000.**

Community Sharing

Founded in 1982 during a local economic crisis, Community Sharing now supports over 5,500 individuals in South Lane County. With Creswell First funding last year, they assisted 10 Creswell households with water bills—double the number helped the previous year without grant support.

Funding for water bill assistance has been approved and funded at **$3,000**

Creswell First sincerely appreciates the City’s continued support, which makes a meaningful difference for local individuals and families facing hardship. As needs continue to rise, we remain hopeful for the opportunity to grow this partnership through increased future funding.

On behalf of the Creswell First Board, thank you!
Jenni Donley
Board President
Creswell First

South Lane County Fire and Rescue District levy
Presentation :
No Materials were submitted

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Floodplain Update:
No Materials were submitted

Agenda Item No. 2 C

MEMO

To: **Mayor and Members of Council**
From: **Vincent Martorello, City Manager**
CC: **City Council File**
Re: **Creswell Family Village Update – Council Work Session**
Date: **April 27, 2026**

There is not a formal presentation planned for April 27, 2026. The purpose of this agenda item is to determine whether the Council would like staff to continue pursuing the Creswell Family Village (CFV) concept.

At the February 23, 2026, Council work session, the Council directed staff to explore the CFV concept at a high level, without undertaking any specific planning for a facility. Since that time, the for following has occurred:

- Explored potential City-owned properties; no suitable City land has been identified.
- Initiated discussions with a private property owner regarding a potential site; no follow-up has occurred beyond initial conversations, and the owner is still considering the concept.
- Identified a potential church site; representatives from Everyone Village are attempting to establish contact.
- Refined the scope of the concept to be scalable, with an initial model serving approximately six to seven families with children.
- Begun evaluating potential operating and staffing costs, with adjustments for a family-oriented model.
- Started identifying potential partnerships and grant opportunities, with the intent that the project would not rely on City funding for operations.

Staff can provide a formal presentation at the Council's June work session outlining a potential proposal framework, including additional detail on planning considerations, public engagement strategies, operating cost projections, and potential partnership opportunities.

However, given the concerns that have been expressed regarding the CFV concept, staff is seeking Council direction on whether to:

1. Continue the current exploratory effort and proceed toward a June work session presentation; or

2. Discontinue work on the CFV concept at this time.