

Cottage Grove, Oregon is known for its enterprising approach to getting things done. Its commitment to attracting businesses and residents shows in a fast-track permitting system, tax incentives and a public fiber optic network that offers WiFi access for 80% of the city. Cottage Grove is positioned to continue its growth in a wide range of sectors that benefit from this strategic location just south of the Eugene-Springfield metro area. Community highlights include:

- Transportation: Located on two major highways -- I-5 and Highway 99 -- and just 25 miles south of the Eugene-Springfield metro area. Direct access to Central Oregon & Pacific Rail. Just 32 miles to the Eugene Airport. Lane Transit District serves the area, connecting it to the broader region.
- Available space: All categories of space, from light industrial UGB to retail space in downtown. An industrial park in the UGB offers utilities, broadband and few restrictions.
- Top private employment sectors: Manufacturing; food and beverage; hospitality; agriculture.
- Incentives: Cottage Grove has an Enterprise Zone for businesses and a Multi-Unit Property Tax Exemption (MUPTE) program to support more housing development.
- Communication: Coverage by all major wireless carriers and multiple private internet service providers. Cottage Grove also has a community wifi system that covers 80% of the city and is expanding to serve more business and residential needs.
- Wages and housing: Wages are lower in the community, but housing prices are too, making Cottage Grove an affordable town to live and work in.

• Education: The South Lane School District offers quality K-12. Lane Community College has two locations nearby with a Cottage Grove campus and the main campus in Eugene. The University of Oregon is within 30 minutes.

Many organizations support businesses and economic development in Cottage Grove and Lane County:

- Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce
- Oregon Main Street
- Lane County Community and Economic Development
- · Lane Workforce Partnership
- Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
- Travel Lane County
- Business Oregon

To find the right resources for your business needs, please go to the SBDC's Lane Business Link website (lanesbdc.com/lane-business-link).







## **Lifestyle Matters!**

Cottage Grove matches its focus on business with quality of life, including a 'rails to trails' success story, two nearby lakes, two golf courses, museums, amphitheater, speedway, covered bridges and a downtown so picturesque it has served as a movie set. Services are robust, including PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Medical Center, a local paratransit service and great utility options.







## Cottage Grove residents can enjoy the following nearby amenities:

- Wide range of housing offerings
- · Parks and trails
- Row River trail for biking, walking and running
- Cottage Grove Speedway
- Covered Bridge Capital of the West
- Disc golf course
- Excellent K-12 schools
- Downtown district for coffee, drinks and shopping

- Annual events throughout year
- In the midst of wine country Willamette Valley to the north and Umpqua Valley to the south

To learn more about what makes Cottage Grove an amazing place to live, work, and play, please visit Travel Lane County's website (<u>eugenecascadescoast.org/regions-cities/cottage-grove/</u>).



