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## **People's Bank of Commerce Foundation Grants \$150,000 To Rogue Retreat** ***The Grant Will Be Used To Renovate Five Rooms At The Redwood Inn***

MEDFORD, OREGON, August 23rd— The People's Bank of Commerce Foundation has awarded a grant in the amount of \$150,000 to Rogue Retreat for the renovation of five rooms at the Redwood Inn. The five newly renovated studio apartments will be used with the first and primary goal of helping people displaced by the Almeda and other wildfires in Southern Oregon. When those displaced from the fires are permanently re-homed, the motel and its suites will then be integrated within Rogue Retreat's continuum of properties to house the general and unrestricted population of homeless individuals, couples, and families in Southern Oregon.

The current mission of the People's Bank of Commerce Foundation is to assist those who have been impacted by the Almeda Fire that swept through Southern Oregon on September 8th, 2020. The foundation has granted these funds to Rogue Retreat for use in the Redwood Inn renovation. The Redwood Inn was purchased through Project Turnkey, a state grant through the Oregon Community Foundation that purchased distressed hotels for use as fire and COVID-19 relief across the state. The funds from the grant were used to purchase the Redwood Inn which was awarded to Rogue Retreat and the City of Medford on a joint application.

The Redwood Inn is a 47 room motel that is currently undergoing renovations that will offer 47 studio apartments. When completed, 43 apartments will be dedicated to housing individuals, couples, and families displaced due to the Almeda Fire with four studio apartments provided for those who need skilled nursing care. Renovations are currently underway with 18 suites currently in use and another 14 suites under construction. Once all residents displaced by the fires are permanently housed, The Redwood Inn will operate as transitional housing for Rogue Retreat program participants who are moving forward toward sustainable housing of their own.

"We can't thank People's Bank of Commerce Foundation enough for their amazing generosity. Their desire to help the Rogue Valley rebuild from these fires shows what a business can do to help the greater community. We are honored to partner with People's Bank of Commerce Foundation to remodel five rooms which will serve our community for many years to come." states Chad McComas, Rogue Retreat Executive Director.

"People's Bank of Commerce Foundation is very pleased to partner with such an exceptional organization in providing relief for the fire survivors. These 43 apartments will make a significant impact in the ability of those future tenants to continue to recover from the fire and rebuild their lives, right here in the Rogue Valley," remarks Julia Beattie, Committee Chair of People's Bank of Commerce Foundation.



Photo description: Missy Hermant (Left) and Mandy Hurley (Right) from People's Bank award a \$150,000 check to Chad McComas (Center) Rogue Retreat's Executive Director.

Rogue Retreat meets homeless people as they are (many with addiction and/or mental health challenges) and provides creative and temporary housing for them: a place to call home. With community partners and Rogue Retreat's Community Support Specialists, Rogue Retreat collectively wraps itself around program participants delivering supportive services to help them achieve their highest potential.

Rogue Retreat is committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion. To Rogue Retreat, equity means creating conditions that enable everyone to reach their full potential. Rogue Retreat is a 501 (c) 3 charitable nonprofit, incorporated in Oregon.

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