

Moving Oregon Toward an Equitable Recovery: OHCS Legislative Agenda

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What We Do

OREGON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CONTINUUM

HOUSING STABILIZATION



AFFORDABLE HOUSING FINANCE



HOMEOWNERSHIP



EQUITY AND RACIAL JUSTICE

CORE PROGRAMS

Energy Bill Pay Assistance
Weatherization Programs
IDA (Asset Building)
Emergency Housing Assistance
Low-Income Rental Housing Fund (Rental Assistance)

CORE PROGRAMS

9% AND 4% LIHTC
Permanent Supportive Housing
LIFT Rental
Gap Funding
Oregon Multifamily Energy Program
Agriculture Worker Housing

CORE PROGRAMS

Home Ownership Assistance Program (HOAP)
Down Payment Assistance
Oregon Bonds Residential Loan Program
Oregon Homeownership Stabilization Initiative
LIFT Homeownership

Who We Are

VISION

All Oregonians have the opportunity to pursue prosperity and live free from poverty.

MISSION

We provide stable and affordable housing and engage leaders to develop integrated statewide policy that addresses poverty and provides opportunity for Oregonians.



Working together to serve individuals, families
and communities throughout Oregon

Oregon's Housing Stability Council



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COUNCIL MISSION

To provide leadership in, and review and set policy for, the development and financing of affordable housing throughout the state of Oregon.

The Council meets monthly to review OHCS policy and make recommendations



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Breaking New Ground

- Quantitative and qualitative data to illuminate areas of need across the state and within specific communities;
- Communicates six priorities to build support and inspire coordinated action;
- Describes how OHCS will lead, fund, and support our partners on priority issues over the next five years; and
- Provides a framework and direction for OHCS to prepare annual work plans, set goals, monitor progress and implement our priorities.

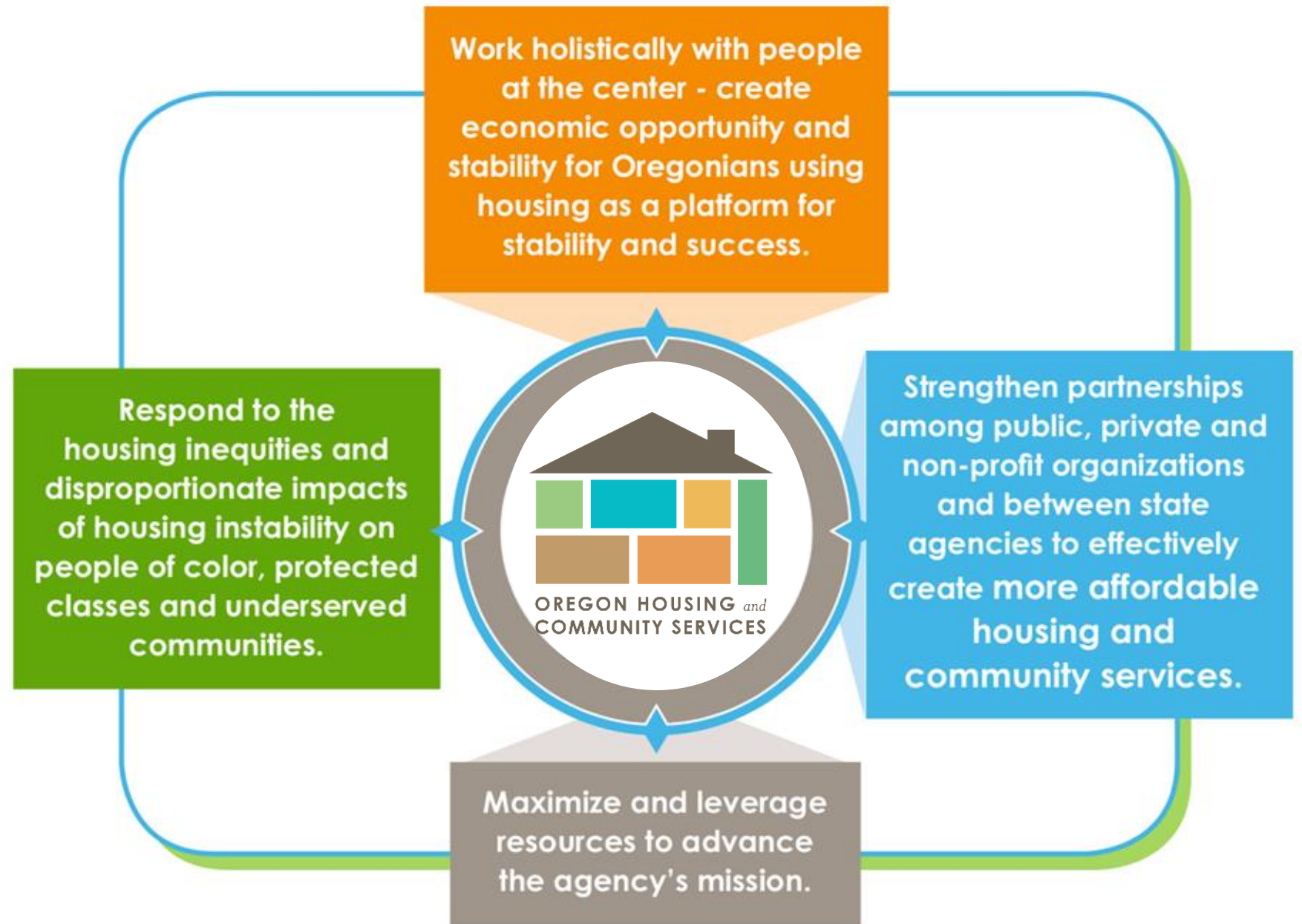
Breaking New Ground

OREGON'S STATEWIDE HOUSING PLAN

Outreach Conducted in Building the Plan



Guiding Principles for the Plan



STATEWIDE HOUSING PLAN PRIORITIES

[Read more about Oregon's Statewide Housing Plan](#)

Equity and Racial Justice – Advance equity and racial justice by identifying and addressing institutional and systemic barriers that have created and perpetuated patterns of disparity in housing and economic prosperity.

Homelessness – Build a coordinated and concerted statewide effort to prevent and end homelessness, with a focus on ending unsheltered homelessness of Oregon's children and veterans.

Permanent Supportive Housing – Invest in permanent supportive housing, a proven strategy to reduce chronic homelessness and reduce barriers to housing stability.

Affordable Rental Housing – Work to close the affordable rental housing gap and reduce housing cost burden for low-income Oregonians.

Homeownership – Expand homeownership for low- and moderate income Oregonians with the tools to successfully achieve and maintain homeownership, particularly in communities of color.

Rural Communities – Change the way OHCS does business in small towns and rural communities to be responsive to the unique housing and service needs and unlock the opportunities for housing development.



Responding to COVID and Wildfire



Crisis Response: Scaling Up Operations

- OHCS has received ~\$700 million in additional resources since March 2020. This includes estimates for the December Congressional relief package **and is more than double the state resources received in the 2019-21 Legislatively Approved Budget**
- OHCS created space to provide guidance and for partners to share lessons learned through partner calls and the [Statewide Oregon Unhoused Response & Recovery Network](#)

OHCS received [national recognition and an award](#) for the agency's innovation in response to COVID

COVID Response: Resources for Oregonians

- Rent assistance
 - Tenant-based rent assistance programs through [Community Action Agencies](#)
 - [Landlord Compensation Fund](#)
 - [Affordable Rental Housing COVID Response Fund](#)
- Utility assistance through [Community Action Agencies](#)
- Homeowner assistance, [Oregon Homeownership Stabilization Initiative](#)
- Shelter resources
 - Safe sheltering and out of the cold resources
 - [Emergency Solutions Grants](#)

OHCS Role in Wildfire Recovery

- State Recovery Function (SRF) 5: Disaster Housing
 - Smooth transition from Emergency Support Function (ESF) 6, Mass Care (social services and housing) lead by ODHS
 - Prepare a Disaster Housing Recovery Action Plan
 - Aid local and tribal partners in providing temporary, short-term, and long-term disaster housing for individuals and families with a goal of long-term housing solutions
- [Oregon Housing Disaster Task Force](#)
- Wildfire Economic Recovery Council
- \$10 M for [Wildfire Damage Housing Relief Program](#)
- \$500,000 for a housing disaster consultant



[See recent presentation for more information](#)

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Agencywide Investments and Bill

- Increased staffing to bolster OHCS' crisis response and scale up to better serve Oregonians
- New Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Office to advance goals in the Statewide Housing Plan
- Veterans Definition ***HB 2094**
 - Expand who is a Veteran for OHCS programs to include those with other than honorable discharges (Don't Ask, Don't Tell; pregnancy)
 - Bond signature and other technical fixes

Housing Stabilization Division

- \$7 M, IDA – Tax credit will sunset and funding will be replaced with general fund ***SB 82**
- \$1.2 M, Homeless Management Investment System (HMIS)
- \$5 M, Energy assistance
- \$4.5 M, Long term rental assistance for at risk youth, including youth aging out of foster care
- Modernizing Oregon's homeless system ***HB 2100**
- Increase access to landlord guarantee programs ***HB 2101**
- Technical fixes for OHCS Energy Services program
 - State Home Oil Weatherization ***SB 80**
 - Naming conventions for federal programs ***SB 81**



Homeownership Division

- \$6 M, manufactured housing programs ***HB 2099 & Rep. Marsh bill**
 - Homeowner support (decommissioning grants and replacement loans), \$2.5 M
 - Park acquisition loans, \$3.5 M
- \$2 M, addressing racial disparities in homeownership ***SB 79 & Rep. Ruiz bill**
- \$10 M, down payment assistance tied to OHCS lending to increase homeownership, particularly for BIPOC families
- \$30 M, homeownership development resources
 - LIFT Homeownership, \$20 M (part of a \$250 M XI-Q Bond request)
 - Pilot development programs, Racial Justice Council initiative, \$10 M



Affordable Rental Housing Division

- \$250 M, Article XI-Q Bonds for Development
 - Local Innovation Fast Track (LIFT) – Rental
 - LIFT – Homeownership
 - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- \$15 M for PSH rental assistance
- \$20 M, Lottery Bonds for Land Acquisition Program
- \$10 M, Lottery Bonds for Preservation of Affordable Housing
- \$6.4 M, Broadband assistance for low-income Oregonians
- \$9.5 M, increase in Agricultural Worker Housing Tax Credits to a total of \$24 M/ biennium ***HB 2096**
- Publicly Supported Housing (PuSH) Preservation Program technical fix ***HB 2095**



Governor's Recommended Budget - OHCS Investments

HOUSING STABILIZATION		HOMEOWNERSHIP		AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING	
Individual Development Account <i>Converts IDAs to General Fund in Fiscal Year 2022</i>	\$7 million	Down Payment Assistance tied to OHCS lending	\$10 million	Bond Funding for LIFT (Rental and Homeownership) & Permanent Supportive Housing	\$250 million
		Addressing Racial Disparities in Homeownership	\$2 million	PSH Rental Assistance & Services	\$15 million
Improving HMIS	\$1.2 million	Homeownership Development Resources	\$10 million	Affordable Housing Preservation & Land Acquisition	\$30 million
Long-Term Rental Assistance for Youth	\$4.5 million	Manufactured Housing Program – Homeowner support	\$2.5 million	Increase in Agricultural Worker Housing Tax Credits	\$9.5 million
COVID-19 Energy Assistance	\$5 million	Manufactured Housing Program – Park Preservation	\$3.5 million	Broadband Assistance for Low Income Oregonians	\$6.4 million
		LIFT Homeownership	<i>See Bond Funding</i>		

Thank you

Questions?

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