

League of Oregon Cities

2021 Housing and Development Priorities

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Who We Are

The LOC is the trusted, go-to resource that helps Oregon city staff and elected leaders serve their cities well and speak with one voice.

We provide Oregon's 241 cities what they need to build thriving communities, through advocacy, training and information. Created in 1925 through an intergovernmental agreement of incorporated cities, the LOC is essentially an extended department of all 241 Oregon cities.

Our Mission

The LOC supports city leaders and state legislators in building a strong Oregon by connecting with all Oregon cities, sharing vital information and advocating on their behalf.

Our Vision

All Oregon cities effectively govern, provide municipal services, and freely exercise their home rule authority to build vibrant, resilient communities that Oregonians are proud to call home.



LOC 2021 Legislative Priorities

- Mental Health Service Delivery
- COVID-19 Economic Recovery Investments
- Comprehensive Infrastructure Package
- Property Tax Reform
- **Housing and Services Investment**
- Water Utility and Rate Assistance
- Disaster Relief Recovery

<https://www.orcities.org/advocacy/legislative-advocacy/priorities>

Housing and Services

Funders

- Federal
- State
- **Local Government**

Service Providers

- Continuums of Care
- Community Action Agencies
- Housing Authorities
- Homeownership Centers
- Community Based Organizations
- Department of Human Services (DHS)
- **Local Government**

Developers

- Affordable (rental/homeownership)
- Market (rental/homeownership)

Local Government Resources

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**
- **HOME Investment Partnerships Program**
- **CARES Act**
 - **Local Government Allocation**
 - **CARES CDBG**
- **COVID Relief Bill**
 - **Rental Assistance**
 - **Water Utility Assistance**

Community Development

Planning

- Comprehensive Plan
 - Housing Needs Analysis
 - Buildable Lands Inventory

Development

- Siting and Design, Building Code

Infrastructure

- Water/Wastewater
- Roads
- Parks

Economic Development

Public Engagement

Local Government Resources

- Permit Fees
- Urban Renewal
- System Development Charges
- Special Public Works
- CDBG
- DLCD Technical Assistance
 - Planning grants
- Local Revenues (property tax)

Recent Housing Planning and Development Legislation

- SB 8 (2019) – Attorney fees for affordable housing land use appeals
- SB 1051 (2017)
 - Expedite approval of affordable housing
 - Requires cities to allow one ADU on single family lots
 - Local jurisdiction required to approve application if the development meets clear and objective standards.
 - Local jurisdiction required to make decision on affordable housing application within 100 days of receiving complete application
 - Allows affordable housing as an allowable use of religiously owned land
- HB 2001 (2019) – Middle Housing
- HB 2003 (2019) – Housing production Strategy
 - Regional Housing Needs Analysis
- HB 4006 (2018) – Development Reporting
- HB 4001/4212 (2020) – Expedited Shelter Siting