

# Fair Housing Enforcement Statewide Investment

**House Housing Committee Information Session**

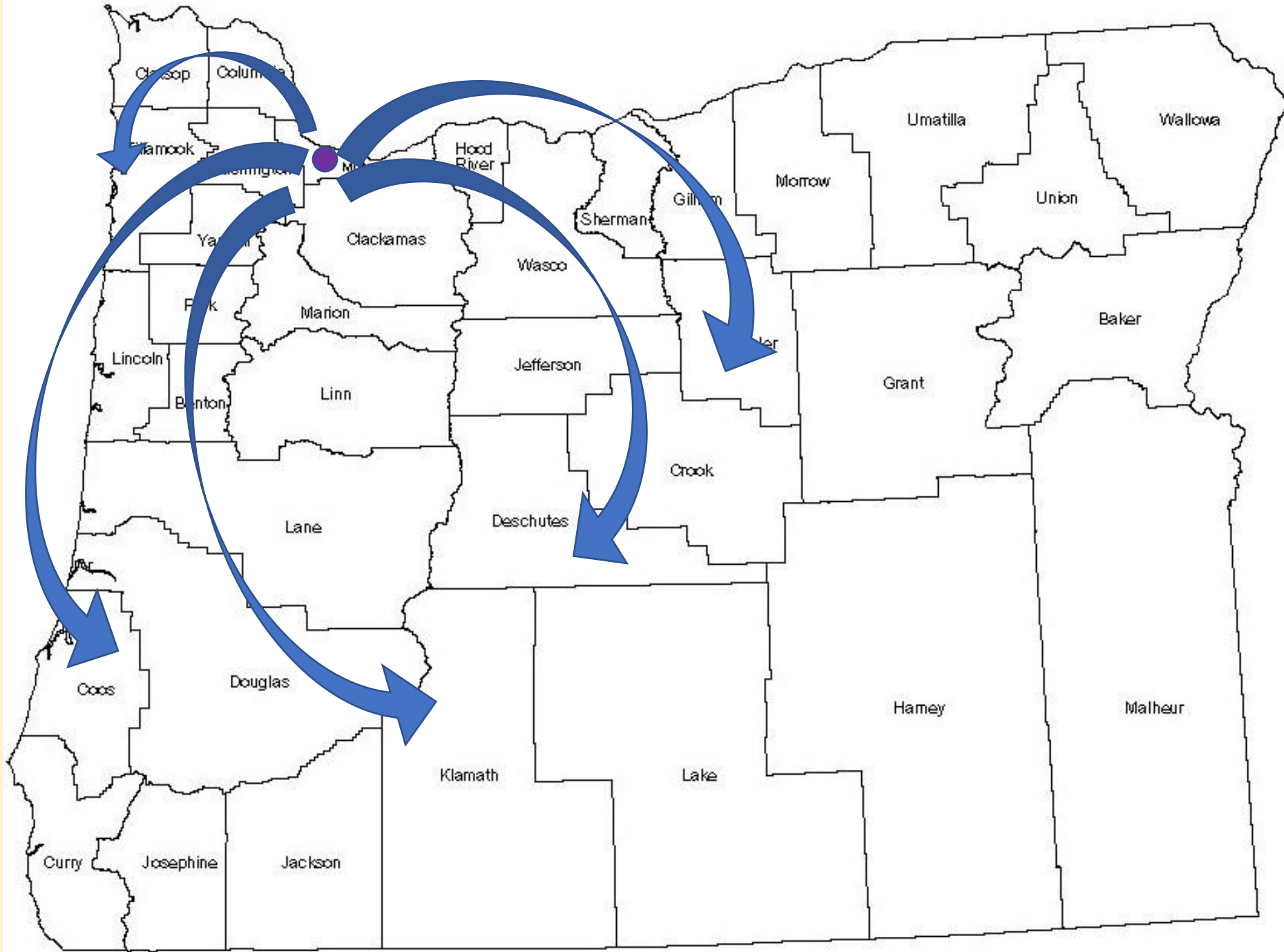
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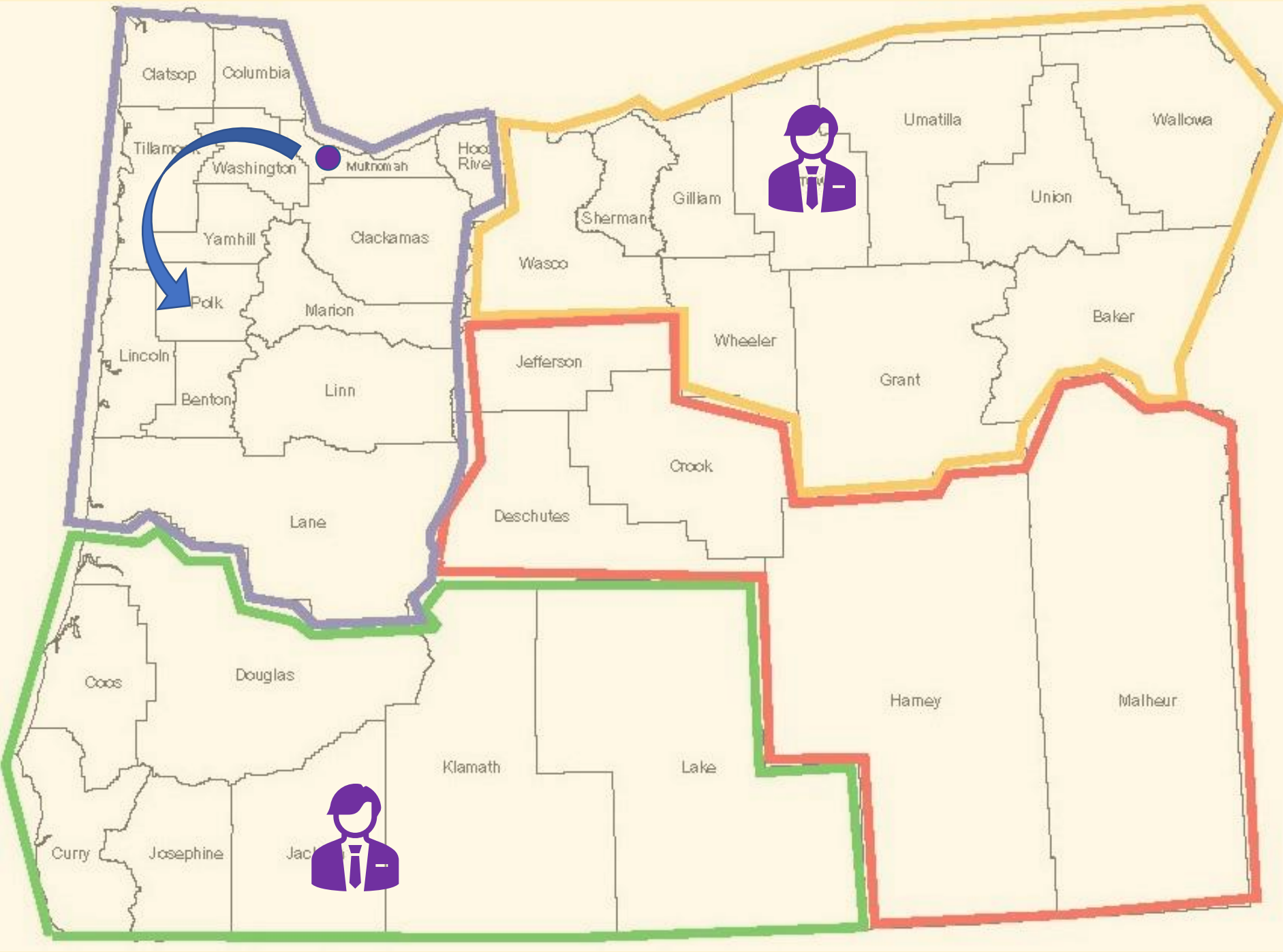
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# Statewide Need for Fair Housing Enforcement

*In a survey of 600 rural Oregonians:*

- *39% of residents overall in rural areas would “do nothing” if faced with housing discrimination*
- *53% of nonwhite residents in rural areas would “do nothing” if faced with housing discrimination*
- *only one said that they would contact a fair housing organization, and none said that they would contact HUD or BOLI if discriminated against*





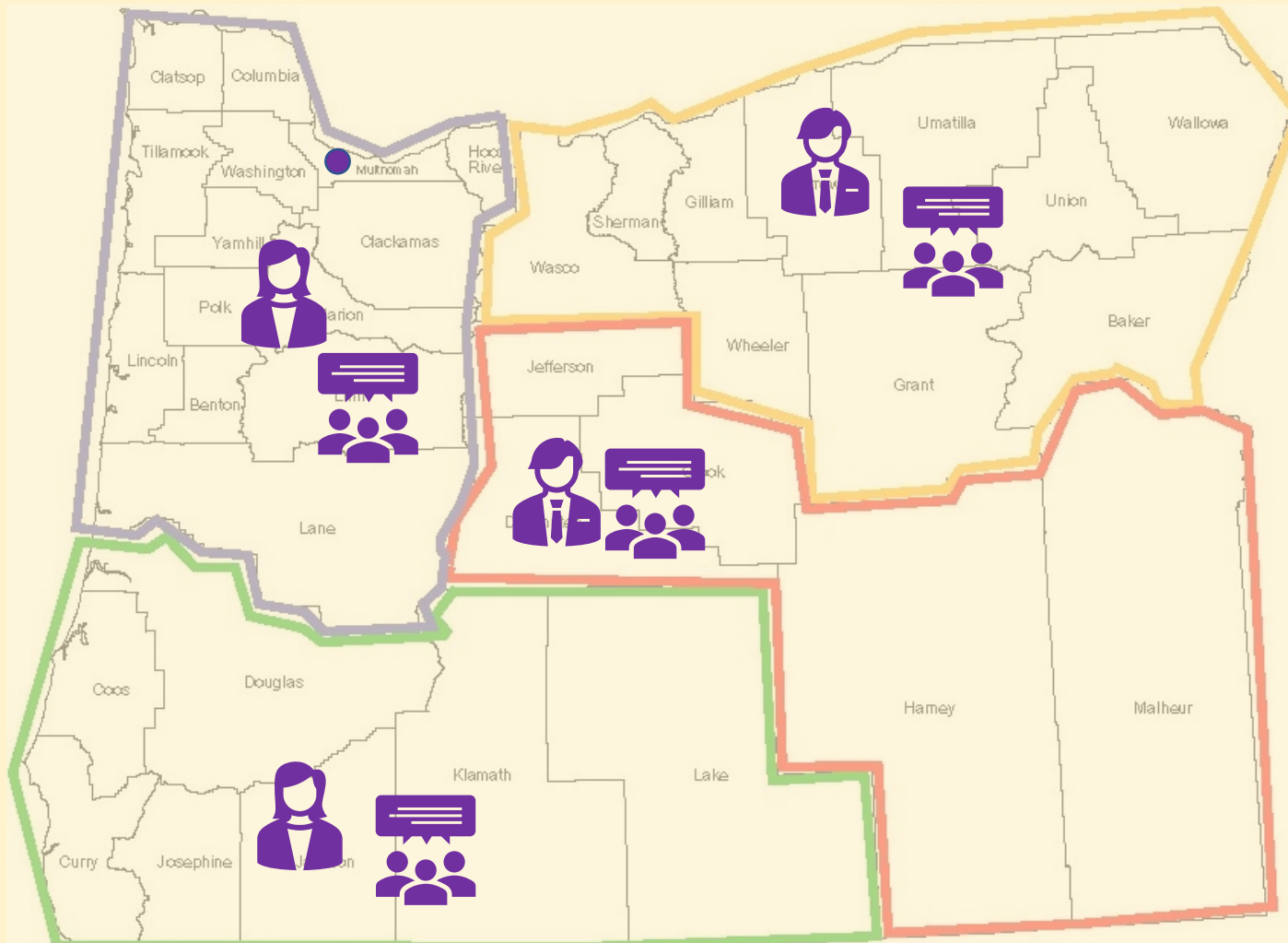




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# Fair Housing Investment Objectives

- **Create a collaborative partnership** between Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO), Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI), and Department of Justice (DOJ) and other housing community partners.
- **Partner with culturally-specific organizations**, and other local, and community partners to increase underreporting of discrimination.
- Build on existing model of **collaborative housing enforcement**.
- **Provide for scalability** of investment.

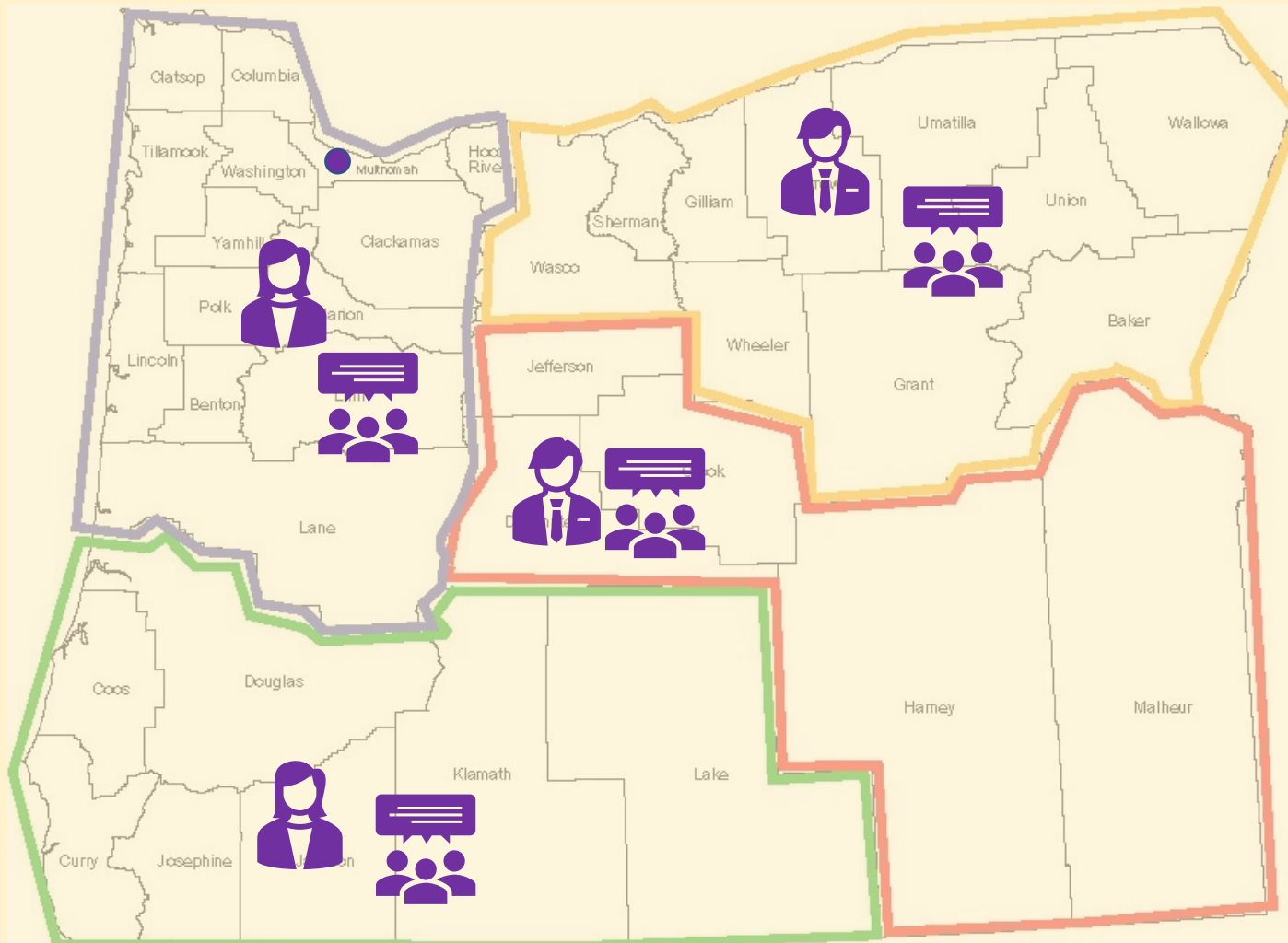




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- Local, Culturally or Community Specific Organizations



- BOLI regional civil rights investigator



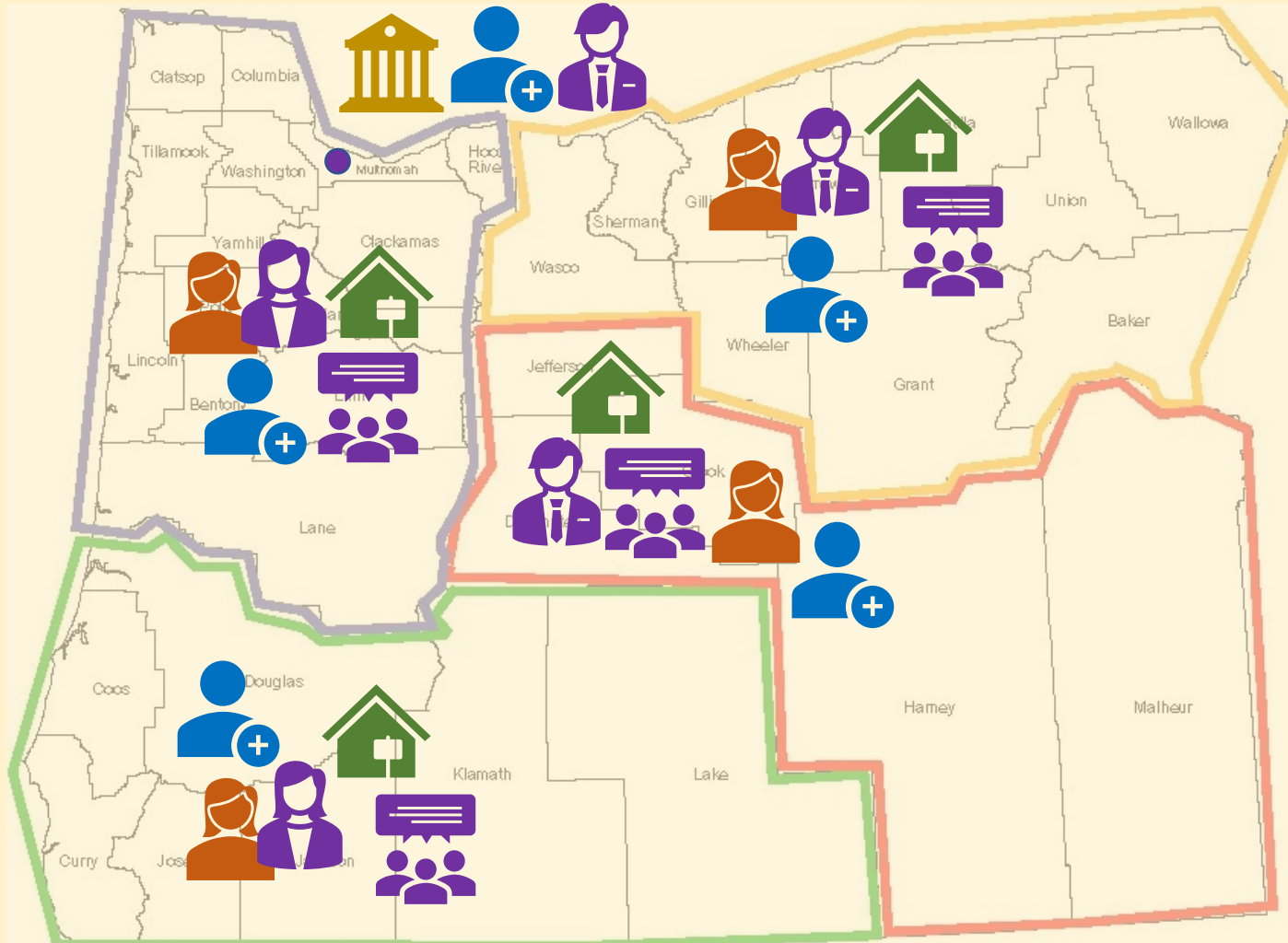
- FHCO Community Advisory Groups



- Landlord-Tenant Legal Resource



- DOJ Assistant Attorney General



# Fair Housing Enforcement Programming

<i>Tasks</i>	<i>FHCO</i>	<i>BOLI</i>	<i>DOJ</i>	<i>Other Partners</i>
<p><b>Strengthen BOLI / DOJ / FHCO public-private partnership through regional coordination</b></p> <p>Enforcement: Regular joint coordination meetings among enforcement partners            Education and Outreach: FHCO and BOLI partner on stakeholder training</p>	<p>Statewide enforcement and intake coordinator  <b>(1.0 fte)</b></p>	<p>Housing enforcement program manager:  <b>(1.0 fte)</b></p>	<p>Assistant Attorney General focused on housing: <b>(1.0 fte)</b></p>	<p>Participate in enforcement coordination meetings</p>
<p><b>Address housing discrimination underreporting through collaboration with culturally specific organizations (CSOs) and local partners</b></p> <p>Partner with culturally specific organizations as lead through housing navigators, as well as other legal resources, such as local Legal Aid and private civil rights attorneys</p>	<p>Four priority regions to collaborate with culturally specific organizations (CSOs), Legal Aid Services of Oregon (LASO), and BOLI to address housing discrimination</p> <p>Supported by operations manager in Portland.  <b>(0.375 fte)</b></p>	<p>Locate civil rights investigators in each of the four priority regional locations to collaborate on housing enforcement with FHCO, LASOs, and CSOs.  <b>(4 fte)</b></p> <p>Civil rights investigators in mid-valley. <b>(2 fte)</b></p>	<p>Assistant Attorney General would serve all regions</p>	<p>CSOs: Identify organization in each priority region and support housing navigator within organization  <b>(0.5-1.0 fte per region)</b></p> <p>Identify lead collaboration contact for landlord-tenant legal support in each region  <b>(0.5-1.0 fte per region)</b></p>

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<p><b>Increase private fair housing investigation and enforcement statewide</b></p> <p>Enforcement support for collaboration with CSOs Conduct testing statewide focused on key protections</p>	Engage full-time statewide testing coordinator <b>(1.0 fte)</b> and lead researcher <b>(1.0 fte)</b> to lead extensive investigations			
<p><b>Maintain needed fair housing education and outreach (E&amp;O) statewide through local presence in communities</b></p> <p>Raise general awareness statewide of fair housing rights and responsibilities among all stakeholders, including consumers and housing providers</p>	Local E&O specialists in four priority regions statewide <b>(4.0 ftes)</b> , supported by operations manager in Portland. <b>(0.375 fte)</b>	Training and Development Specialist to work with FHCO/CSOs in four priority regions. <b>(1.0 fte)</b>		
<p><b>Reestablishment of Partnership with HUD to enforce Fair Housing Laws</b></p>	-	Effective October 2021, BOLI will reestablish “substantial equivalency” for purposes of federal Fair Housing Act and BOLI’s enforcement of federal housing discrimination. (FY 2021-23 GRB includes 4 civil rights investigator positions.)	Assistant Attorney General will work w/ BOLI.	

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