

My name is Scott Rohrer, and I am the CEO of Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity. We build affordable homes for ownership for families making under 80% of the Area Median Income. Prior to Covid, our construction costs were approximately \$100 per square foot. Today, that number has doubled to \$200 psf. At the same time, our median home price skyrocketed to \$590,000 and our median household income dropped by 1%. Tens of thousands of hard-working families in our area are severely rent burdened, paying over 50% of their gross income on rent. Even though they are employed, many of the families we serve are one step away from homelessness. The need for affordable housing is greater than ever before, but the insane building costs are restricting us from meeting those needs.

We are requesting \$9.5 million to complete the land development and construction on a total of 40 affordable homes for ownership. 20 of those homes will be in Redmond and 20 in Bend. The 40 homes comprise 3 separate projects. We own the land, but are cash strapped to complete the subdivision and construction. Rep. Kropf's office has specific details on these three projects. Thank you.