

HB 2100 – Amendment 2/16/2021

Section by Section Summary

Section 1: Definitions

Establishes legislative direction around culturally responsive services and organizations that provide those services.

- Defines “Culturally Responsive Organization”
- Defines “Culturally Specific Organization”
- Defines “Culturally Responsive Services”

Section 2: CAPO

Clarifies Oregon's antipoverty system, confirming CAPO's role and clarifying OHCS role

- Clarifies which federal programs are part of CAPO's antipoverty system
- Corrects federal naming conventions for energy programs
- Removes ambiguity around which programs are “federal antipoverty” programs - Clarifies OHCS role in antipoverty services:
 - o Removes ambiguity around “state antipoverty programs”
 - o Removes requirement that OHCS apply for antipoverty programs (OHCS receives the named federal antipoverty programs by formula)
 - o Provides the Housing Stability Council and service providers develop a collaborative role in advocating for and addressing the needs of low-income Oregonians
 - o Removes poverty report from statute (Oregon's Statewide Housing Plan can accomplish this purpose)
 - o Removes requirement that OHCS report on expenditures to grantees (this reporting is provided to the Oregon Legislature and is publicly available)
 - o Expands access to technical assistance and training to all service providers, not just CAAs
 - o Confirms the Oregon Human Development Corporation is part of the federal antipoverty delivery system
 - o Requires OHCS to limit our administrative budget to maximum program funds for service providers

Section 3: Emergency Housing Assistance and State Homelessness Assistance Program

Establishes EHA/SHAP in statute and codifies local planning efforts and outcome-oriented contracting. Adds focus on homelessness, unsheltered homelessness, and rural homelessness. Provides flexibility for the Department to fund local innovation grants with up to 20% of program funds, with remaining funds allocated to CAAs through a needs-based formula.

- Establishes EHA and SHAP as programs of the Emergency Housing Account
- Expands stakeholders that advise OHCS and the Housing Stability Council beyond CAPO to include Oregonians with lived experiences, tribes, public housing authorities, continuums of care, local governments, nonprofits, homeless service providers, culturally specific organizations, housing providers, Veteran organizations, and other entities identified by rule
- Changes term 'farmworker' to 'agricultural worker' to expand definition
- Requires EHA/SHAP grantees use culturally responsive service and best practices in ending homelessness, including best practices unique to rural communities
- Requires grantees engage with culturally specific organizations and support local homelessness system planning efforts.
- Provides the Housing Stability Council approve funding frameworks for EHA/SHAP, which includes ongoing funding for CAAs that meet stated outcomes
- Clarifies admin funds can support statewide homelessness policies that ensure use of best practices, service equity, and local planning
- Provides funds will be allocated using a needs-based formula and CAA regions, if a region has more than one grantee OHCS will appoint a lead grantee to coordinate regional planning
- Requires OHCS to used outcome-oriented contracting and best practices, including best practices for serving rural communities
- Establishes local innovation initiatives funded with up to 20% of EHA/SHAP funds, which could include funding for culturally specific organizations, meeting federal match requirements, addressing youth and family homelessness, addressing racial disparities in homelessness, and other priorities identified by the Housing Stability Council. These funds are tied to CAA regions.
- Requires SHAP served people experiencing homelessness, especially unsheltered homelessness. Confirms SHAP does not have income documentation requirements.

Section 4: Other federal programs

Confirms Housing Stability Council advisory role and expands stakeholders that advise OHCS

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- Clarifies Housing Stability Council's role in advising OHCS in administering federal programs, requires funds to have statewide geographical coverage

Section 5: Operative date

Provides time for OHCS and the Housing Stability Council to implement changes to homeless services program, allowing for increased stakeholder engagement

- Changes to the EHA/SHAP are operative June 30, 2022