

# Sustainable Shelter Work Group

Matthew Tschabold, Housing and Homelessness Initiative Director December 2024 Legislative Days

## Charge: Build a sustainable shelter system

Co-convened by Representative Marsh and Governor Kotek

The state has significantly expanded its role in Oregon's shelter system over the past five years. This effort has maintained critical funding for local governments and services providers which has resulted in stabilizing and rehousing thousands of Oregonians. Now we need to take stock of how far we have come, examine services on the ground, and reflect on lessons learned, with the goal of defining and implementing a coherent, effective, and sustainable structure that will support the existing system over the long term. Policy findings will be incorporated into legislation to be introduced in the 2025 session, and budget related needs will inform budget principles to inform the state's budget writers.



### **Objectives**

- Shared understanding of state system today 1.
- Shared understanding of current shelter definitions, standards and requirements, 2. expectations, outcomes, and allowed and actual uses of funds
- Shared understanding of current statute, rule, and grant agreement framework 3.
- Appropriate shelter definitions, standards, expectations, and outcomes 4.
- 5. Appropriate role of regional coordination
- 6. Analysis of existing state funding criteria and approach
- 7. Predictable funding that is transparent, equitable, data driven and efficient
- 8. Confirmation of administrative requirements and assurance of timely payments
- 9. Discussion of current data collection and technical upgrades



### Membership

#### **Convenors and co-chairs**

Governor Tina Kotek (Matthew Tschabold as designee) Representative Pam Marsh

#### **Community Action Agencies Representatives**

Jimmy Jones, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency

Carrie Borgen, ACCESS (Jackson County)

#### League of Oregon Cities Representatives

Mayor Lucy Vinis, City of Eugene Amy Fraley, Houselessness Solutions, City of Bend Daphnee Legarza, City Manager, Lincoln City

#### Association of Oregon Counties Representatives

Commissioner Cindy Timmons, Umatilla County Jes Larson, Homeless Services Division, Washington County

#### **Project Turnkey Operator**

Andrea Myhre and Dan Easdale, Corvallis Housing First

#### **Navigation Center Operator**

Kenny La Point, Mid-Columbia Community Action Council

#### **Shelter Operators**

Jody Warnock, Community in Action *(Ontario)* Marci Cartagena, Our Just Future *(Portland)* 

### Youth Service Provider Matt Northrop, Maslow Project (Medford)

#### *DVSA Service Provider* Melissa Erlbaum, Clackamas Women's Services

### **Culturally Specific Organizations**

Evelyn McCoy-Harris, Seed of Faith Ministries (Salem) Kimberly Bacon, Urban League of Portland

#### Housing Authority

Matt Vorderstrasse, North Bend City/Coos-Curry Housing Authorities

#### Federally Recognized Tribe

Caroline Cruz, Health and Human Services, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

#### Health/Behavioral Health Service Providers, People Experiencing Homelessness

Amy Boivin, Klamath County Behavioral Health

#### **Regional Coordination Organizations**

Tammy Baney, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council

Kate Budd, Human Services Division, Lane County Yesenia Delgado, Metro

### Philanthropic Organization

Megan Loeb, Oregon Community Foundation



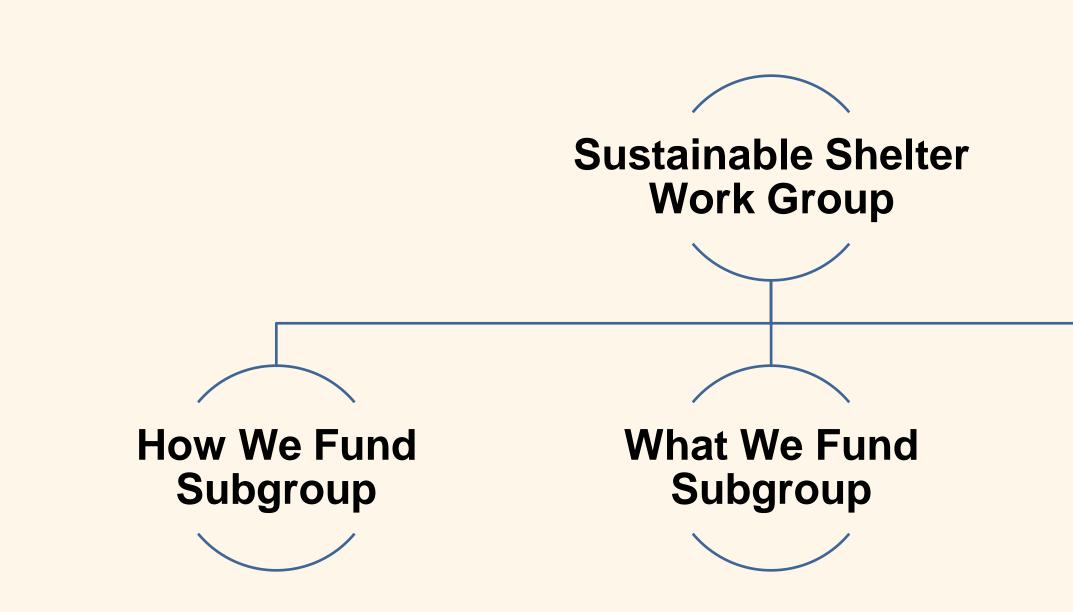
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### **How We Fund Subgroup Objectives**

The How We Fund Subgroup was directed to address the following objectives:

- Review and assessment of the advantages and disadvantages of the current OHCS funding models for shelter (regional funding, service provider block grants, direct contracts, etc.).
- Develop recommendations and considerations on the best funding model(s) for the state shelter program beginning in the 2025-2027 biennium.



### What We Fund Subgroup Objectives

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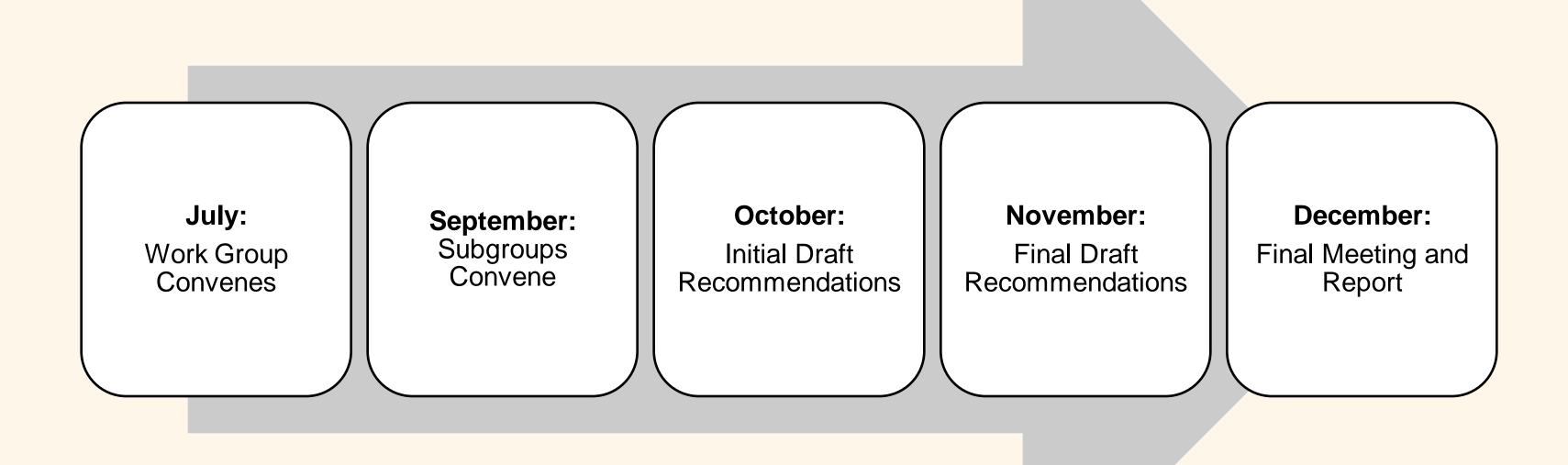
- Review and assessment of eligible shelter types, services, and operational costs based on current federal and state guidelines, and the advantages and disadvantages of the current framework.
- Consider and recommend changes to the state guidelines for eligible shelter types, services, and operational costs for the state shelter program beginning in the 2025-2027 biennium.



## **Data and Technical Assistance Subgroup Objectives**

- The Data and Technical Assistance Subgroup was directed to address the following objectives: • Review existing data collection practices and propose standardized methodologies • Identify gaps in current data and recommend strategies for improving data collection and
- accuracy across the state
- Provide technical assistance and support for service providers, as well as guidance and resources to other subgroups on data-related issues









# Questions?

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