

Requested by Senator JAMA

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 918**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “housing” insert “; creating new pro-  
2 visions; amending ORS 456.625”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part  
5 of ORS chapter 458.**

6 **“SECTION 2. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department  
7 shall establish a Oregon Housing Justice Program to provide:**

8 **“(a) Grants to culturally specific and culturally responsive organ-  
9 izations, to provide homelessness services and to support activities  
10 such as street outreach, shelter services and homelessness prevention  
11 to reduce disparities, especially racial disparities, among populations  
12 experiencing homelessness or housing instability across this state.**

13 **“(b) A grant to Oregon Worker Relief, a public benefit corporation,  
14 to provide housing stability support and housing-related services to  
15 Oregonians statewide who are excluded from traditional statewide in-  
16 vestments.**

17 **“(c) A grant to The Urban League of Portland, Inc., a public benefit  
18 corporation, to continue a network of culturally specific organizations  
19 statewide to provide assistance and services to households who are at  
20 risk of housing instability and homelessness including by providing  
21 case management, rent assistance, housing services, employment**

1 training, legal assistance, peer support and health and financial edu-  
2 cation.

3 “(d) A grant to The Immigrant and Refugee Community Organiza-  
4 tion, a public benefit corporation, to support housing stability for im-  
5 migrant and refugee populations and other eligible populations as  
6 determined by the department.

7 “(e) Grants to community action agencies for homelessness pre-  
8 vention and housing stability work throughout this state.

9 “(2) In awarding grants under subsection (1)(a) of this section, the  
10 department shall, to the extent feasible, extend current agreements  
11 with organizations that received moneys from the department during  
12 the biennium ending June 30, 2023.

13 **“SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2,  
14 2026.

15 **“SECTION 4.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-  
16 ation, there is appropriated to the Housing and Community Services  
17 Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the Gen-  
18 eral Fund, the amount of:

19 “(1) \$100,000 to provide grants under section 2 (1)(a) of this 2023 Act.

20 “(2) \$14,000,000 to provide a grant under section 2 (1)(b) of this 2023  
21 Act.

22 “(3) \$10,500,000 to provide a grant under section 2 (1)(c) of this 2023  
23 Act.

24 “(4) \$1,500,000 to provide a grant under section 2 (1)(d) of this 2023  
25 Act.

26 “(5) \$9,500,000 to provide grants under section 2 (1)(e) of this 2023  
27 Act.

28 **“SECTION 5.** ORS 456.625 is amended to read:

29 “456.625. The Housing and Community Services Department may:

30 “(1) Undertake and carry out studies and analyses of housing needs

1 within the state and ways of meeting such needs and make the results of  
2 such studies and analyses available to the public, qualified housing sponsors  
3 and the private housing sector.

4 “(2) Prepare proposals on measures it considers necessary to address ad-  
5 ministration, housing programs or community services programs.

6 “(3) With the approval of the Oregon Housing Stability Council, assess  
7 fees, charges or interest in connection with housing programs.

8 “(4) Encourage community organizations to assist in initiating housing  
9 projects for persons and families of lower income.

10 “(5) Encourage the salvage of usable housing scheduled for demolition or  
11 dislocation because of highway, school, urban renewal or other public  
12 projects by seeking authority for the public agencies involved in such pro-  
13 grams to use the funds provided for the demolition or relocation of such  
14 buildings to enable qualified housing sponsors to relocate and rehabilitate  
15 such buildings for use by persons and families of lower income.

16 “(6) Encourage research and demonstration projects to develop techniques  
17 and methods for increasing the supply of adequate, decent, safe and sanitary  
18 housing for persons and families of lower income.

19 “(7) Make or participate in the making of residential loans to qualified  
20 individuals or housing sponsors to provide for the acquisition, construction,  
21 improvement, rehabilitation or permanent financing of residential housing  
22 or housing development; undertake commitments to make residential loans;  
23 purchase and sell residential loans at public or private sale; modify or alter  
24 such mortgages or loans; foreclose on any such mortgage or security interest  
25 or commence any action to protect or enforce any right conferred upon the  
26 department by any law, mortgage, security, agreement, contract or other  
27 agreement and to bid for and purchase property that is subject to such  
28 mortgage or security interest at any foreclosure or other sale; acquire or  
29 take possession of any such property and complete, administer, conserve,  
30 improve and otherwise use the property to accomplish the department’s pur-

1 poses, pay the principal and interest on any obligations incurred in con-  
2 nection with such property and dispose of such property in such manner as  
3 the department determines necessary to protect its interests under ORS  
4 456.515 to 456.725 and ORS chapter 458.

5 “(8) Unless specifically exempted by the State Treasurer, deposit with the  
6 State Treasurer any funds held in reserve or sinking funds under ORS 456.515  
7 to 456.725 and ORS chapter 458 and any other moneys not required for im-  
8 mediate use or disbursement by the department, subject to the provisions of  
9 any agreement with holders of bonds entered into prior to October 15, 1983.

10 “(9) Advise and assist in the creation of any nonprofit housing corpo-  
11 ration, consumer housing cooperative or limited dividend housing sponsor  
12 and give approval of the articles of incorporation and bylaws of any such  
13 organization in carrying out ORS 456.515 to 456.725.

14 “(10) Cooperate with and exchange services, personnel and information  
15 with any federal, state or local governmental agency.

16 “(11) With the approval of the State Treasurer, contract for the services  
17 of and consultation with trustees, investment and financial advisors, paying  
18 agents, remarketing agents and other professional persons or organizations  
19 in carrying out ORS 456.515 to 456.725 and ORS chapter 458.

20 “(12) Contract for, act on or perform any other duties that the department  
21 considers necessary or appropriate to carry out housing programs and com-  
22 munity services programs, including but not limited to contracting to provide  
23 compliance monitoring or other administrative functions with respect to  
24 housing developments and affordable housing, whether or not the housing  
25 developments or affordable housing receives department funding and whether  
26 or not the housing developments or affordable housing is located within this  
27 state. For purposes of this subsection, ‘affordable housing’ has the meaning  
28 given that term in ORS 456.055.

29 “(13) Purchase, service, sell and make commitments to purchase, service  
30 and sell residential loans to the extent permitted by ORS 456.635 and 456.640

1 (1) to (3).

2 “(14) Initiate or assist appropriate state agencies, governmental bodies  
3 and public or private housing sponsors in the development, construction,  
4 acquisition, ownership, leasing, rehabilitation or management of housing to  
5 carry out the purposes of ORS 456.515 to 456.725 and ORS chapter 458 where  
6 such housing is not otherwise affordable or available in the area.

7 “(15) Execute and record written instruments that contain terms, includ-  
8 ing but not limited to restrictive covenants or equitable servitudes, pertain-  
9 ing to the use and enjoyment of housing projects. Notwithstanding any other  
10 provision of law, the executed instruments shall constitute and create re-  
11 strictive covenants affecting and running with the property according to the  
12 terms of the instruments when recorded in the records of the county where  
13 the property is located. County clerks shall accept the instruments for re-  
14 cording when presented by or on behalf of the department.

15 “(16) Subject to the provisions of any agreement then existing with  
16 bondholders, make available funds by contract, grant, loan or otherwise, in-  
17 cluding loan guarantees, insurance or other financial leveraging techniques,  
18 from moneys made available by the department to carry out the purposes of  
19 ORS 456.515 to 456.725, if such moneys are not needed for the operations of  
20 the department or otherwise determined by the Director of the Housing and  
21 Community Services Department to be a necessary or prudent reserve.

22 “(17) With the approval of the Oregon Housing Stability Council, award  
23 grants to private or public entities to support or develop programs that build  
24 on successful strategies that help individuals obtain and retain housing, in-  
25 cluding through:

26 “(a) Tenant education services for low-income tenants, including Rent  
27 Guarantee Program training under ORS 456.608 (3);

28 “(b) Fair housing training for tenants and landlords;

29 “(c) Technological innovations that help low-income individuals find and  
30 access available rental housing; and

1 “(d) Other education, services or resources for low-income tenants and  
2 prospective tenants and for landlords who serve low-income tenants.

3 **“(18) With the approval of the council, develop a policy that pro-  
4 vides stipends to people with lived experience of homelessness and  
5 housing instability for providing solicited feedback in order to share  
6 decision making with, and to prioritize the experiences of, those who  
7 are most impacted by the programs and policies of the department.**

8 **The policy:**

9 **“(a) Must specify when participants are eligible for stipends, in-  
10 cluding by participation in formal advisory committees, focus groups,  
11 surveys, and by other means as further defined by the department;**

12 **“(b) May not allow for participants to otherwise be compensated for  
13 their attendance at meetings;**

14 **“(c) May provide that stipends take the form of cash, gift cards or  
15 other means as determined by the department;**

16 **“(d) May allow the department to contract with nonprofit organ-  
17 izations and other entities to facilitate the delivery of the stipends; and**

18 **“(e) Must limit the value of a stipend to the per diem paid to  
19 members of the Legislative Assembly under ORS 171.072 and the re-  
20 imbursement of actual and necessary travel or other expenses actually  
21 incurred in the performance of a participant’s duties under paragraph  
22 (a) of this subsection within the limits provided by law or by the  
23 Oregon Department of Administrative Services under ORS 292.210 to  
24 292.250.”.**

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