

INVESTMENTS NEEDED TO PREVENT EVICTION AND HOMELESSNESS

————— \$100 million in emergency rent assistance funding in the OHCS budget

Rent assistance has been an essential element to keep our homeless crisis from getting even worse. Since emergency rent assistance ended, evictions have skyrocketed and most evictions come because people have fallen behind on their rent. We've all seen the increases in the number of our neighbors who are living in tents, in cars and on our streets.

\$100 million in rent assistance and services is a smart investment in Oregon's communities. It will:



Prevent increased homelessness.

No one should lose their homes because they are temporarily short on their rent.



Help children stay stable in school. Oregon already has the highest rate of families living outside. We must keep every family who has a home in their home.



Prevent more housing disparities. Because of historic disparities in access to jobs and housing Black, Indigenous and Latinx Oregonians are more likely to be renters.

86% of eviction filings
are against people who have
fallen behind on their rent

Oregon has \$2 billion in reserves. Without investments in our communities, more people will face homelessness and housing instability.

Oregon renters can't wait.

\$100 million in rent assistance is a smart investment—combined with SB 611A to prevent extreme rent spikes. Too many Oregonians are one expensive medical bill or unexpected cut in work hours from facing eviction and homelessness. Rent assistance is a proven, effective tool for preventing the vast majority of evictions—making sure that landlords get paid and tenants stay housed. Prevention is far more cost-effective than response. Making this investment today will avoid higher human, financial, and societal costs tomorrow.



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