

# House Bill 3847

Sponsored by Representative BOSHART DAVIS

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: This Act makes DLCD give grants for denser housing. (Flesch Readability Score: 94.3).  
Requires the Department of Land Conservation and Development to provide grants to local governments to support middle housing infrastructure. Exempts local governments from requirements to allow middle housing while grants are pending.  
Sunsets January 2, 2028.  
Appropriates moneys to the department for the grants.  
Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to middle housing; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 197A.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Land Conservation and Development shall award**  
6 **grants to local governments for the purposes of infrastructure improvements, including for**  
7 **transportation or water or sewer infrastructure, that are necessary to support the develop-**  
8 **ment of middle housing that the recipient local government must allow under ORS 197A.420**  
9 **(2) or (3).**

10 **(2) A local government is not required to allow middle housing under ORS 197A.420 (2)**  
11 **or (3) for lands for which a grant has been sought under this section from the date that the**  
12 **local government submits a grant application until the earlier of:**

13 **(a) The award of a grant to the local government under this section; or**

14 **(b) The repeal date of this section.**

15 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.**

16 **SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
17 **ated to the Department of Land Conservation and Development, for the biennium beginning**  
18 **July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$50 million, to award grants under**  
19 **section 2 of this 2025 Act.**

20 **SECTION 5. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
21 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**  
22 **July 1, 2025.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.