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Portland continues to lack sufficient, affordable housing for its residents. A recent report from the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University shows that 50% of residents in the Portland Metro area pay more than 30% of their income on housing and are considered "cost-burdened." Pairing affordable housing with services that connect people to resources like early learning programs and energy assistance that help them keep jobs, stay housed, and build wealth will have profound long-term impacts on both individual families and the Portland community as a whole. Organizations like NAYA and Self Enhancement, Inc have already shown success in implementing this model. Please support this funding to help meet the needs of Oregon residents and build a vibrant community and economy in our state.