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The Right Track Resource Center (RTRC) is a day-use resource center and seasonal winter overnight shelter in Union County, Oregon. We support housing insecure and houseless individuals with direct services, community outreach, and stigma reduction.

OHA Public Health Equity Funding has allowed us to hire and sustain our Community Health Worker (CHW) staff and hire our first executive director. This has enhanced our capacity to work towards becoming our own nonprofit while strengthening our long-term CHW support to guests before and after securing sustainable housing. This invaluable support aids in medical navigation and connects individuals to primary care providers, serving over 300 rural community members experiencing housing insecurity. This year alone, through direct CHW services, we have successfully connected over 40 individuals to long-term housing or short-term recovery housing services.

The population we serve faces challenges such as inadequate shelter, food insecurity, lack of clean water, high-stress levels, and limited access to hygiene. We address these complex issues by providing comprehensive services beyond health and housing, including food, water, shelter, computer workstations, showers, laundry, nutritious meals, peer support, clothing, and daytime respite. These services offer stability, allowing individuals to move on to the next phase of their lives. With a sense of stability and cleanliness, our guests can secure stable employment, support themselves, and ultimately obtain housing, while also benefiting from life-saving shelter during the winter. This impact is a testament to the OHA Health Equity funding.

OHA Health Equity Funding has also led to the establishment of new partnerships with our local public health department, addressing issues such as wound infections, STI treatment and testing, and vaccination for those who typically do not access healthcare services. A recent example of this success is our coordination between public health and local law enforcement to ensure timely treatment for an individual who tested positive for an STI and became incarcerated. This coordination, which wouldn't have been possible without OHA Health Equity support, ensured that the individual received the necessary care even while being typically unreachable

We express our support for bill HB 5025 and urge the legislature to fund this bill at \$25 million. At this amount, it will ensure that programs and work like ours continue. The current proposed amount of \$2 million will not fully meet the needs of our communities across the state. Proper funding will ensure that Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) like ours have the resources they need to continue delivering essential support to our communities.

Sincerely,

Taylor Scroggins, Executive Director
Right Track Resource Center

To provide a safe, warm, welcoming environment where any member of our community can find shelter, support, and pathways to housing stability.