



Replenish Funding for Proven Eviction Prevention Programs

\$173.2 Million in the OHCS Budget (In the GRB)

Sustain the baseline emergency rent assistance funding and support the essential organizations and programming working to prevent homelessness across the state.

Emergency rent assistance immediately stops the flow of families into homelessness- typically, households need help just once to regain stability. But as housing costs rise, more families are being pushed into crisis. We cannot afford to rebuild our tenant safety net as the crisis worsens. We can shut off the spigot of high-rent homelessness by ensuring the continuation of this safety-net.

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1. **Emergency rent assistance to prevent homelessness: \$109M** is the minimum amount of rent assistance necessary to prevent evictions over the next two years. These funds are distributed by community action agencies and community-based and trusted organizations across the state.
2. **Homelessness prevention services: \$63.2M** to support housing navigation services, landlord tenant education and outreach, legal services, tenant supports, eviction prevention, tenant advocacy, and rapid rehousing services.
3. **Partner with community organizations who understand local needs, including community action agencies and culturally specific service providers.**

Why do we need homelessness prevention programs?

- Oregon faces a **140,000-unit housing shortage**, which will take years to fill at current construction rates. New construction cannot be built fast enough to stop the emergency.
- Over **2,000 families face eviction proceedings monthly**, with evictions now **one-third higher than pre-pandemic levels**.
- Emergency rent assistance programs run out of funding every month, leaving families without a safety net.

The impacts of this crisis fall hardest on:

- Families with children facing impossible choices between rent and other basic needs.
- Black and Latine renters who encounter discriminatory barriers to securing and keeping housing.
- Elderly Oregonians, who are the fastest-growing group losing their homes.

We can't afford to wait. Every day we delay means more Oregon families losing their housing. Our lawmakers must act now to protect our communities, support our providers, and ensure every Oregonian has a stable framework to build their future.

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