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**State awards funds for housing rehabilitation**

Salem – Non-metropolitan areas across Oregon are in store for federal housing rehabilitation funds distributed by the state.

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) recently awarded more than \$2.7 million in federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds under the “non-entitlement” Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to fix low-income, owner-occupied homes. Separately, metropolitan areas, dubbed “entitled,” receive rehabilitation funds directly from HUD.

Each year OHCS awards federal CDBG funds to rural cities and counties to implement home repair programs. Generally, cities and counties that receive funds hire local nonprofit agencies to manage the programs. The nonprofit agencies work with low-income households to determine their eligibility, develop a scope of work, select a qualified contractor and assist through the completion of home repairs.

Eligible home repairs must address health and safety concerns such as weatherization, electrical and plumbing upgrades. Deferred home maintenance is also eligible. This may include roofing, siding, insulation, dry rot repairs, heating systems, light fixtures and the installation of built-in appliances.

OHCS received 14 applications this year. Given the limited availability of funds, OHCS has made the following awards:

<b>City/County</b>	<b>Non-profit Agency</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Astoria</b>	Community Action Team, Inc.	\$325,000
<b>Wallowa County</b>	Community Connection of NE Oregon, Inc.	\$400,000
<b>Hermiston</b>	Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation	\$400,000
<b>Sutherlin</b>	Umpqua Community Development Corporation	\$350,000
<b>Sheridan</b>	Yamhill County Affordable Housing Corporation	\$400,000
<b>Benton County</b>	Community Housing Services	\$259,264
<b>Gilliam County</b>	Pioneer Community Development Corporation	\$300,000
<b>Junction City</b>	St. Vincent De Paul	\$300,000

In addition to this CDBG funding for non-entitlement areas, “entitled” counties of Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah as well as the cities of Ashland, Bend, Corvallis, Eugene, Portland, Salem and Springfield receive federal CDBG funding directly from HUD. The communities have the discretion to use this money for home repairs. Visit the HUD Web site to find the local contacts for the areas where OHCS does not have funding to offer a home repair program:

<http://www.hud.gov/local/or/community/cdbg/index.cfm>.

More information on the rural CDBG housing rehabilitation program is available through Ernie Kirchner: (503) 986-2136 or [ernest.kirchner@hcs.state.or.us](mailto:ernest.kirchner@hcs.state.or.us).

OHCS is the state’s housing finance agency and community services program administrator. The department provides financial and program support to create and preserve opportunities for quality, affordable housing serving Oregonians of lower and moderate income, and administers federal and state antipoverty, homeless, energy assistance and community service programs. For more information, visit [www.ohcs.oregon.gov](http://www.ohcs.oregon.gov).