

Housing Stabilization Program

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Overview:

The Housing Stabilization Program assists households with children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The program is a partnership between public service agencies, Oregon Department of Human Services' Children, Adults and Families Division, and Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS).

Type of Assistance Offered:

The program assists to low- and very-low-income homeless or at-risk households with children. The local public service agency determines eligibility based upon income, legal status and other criteria.

Eligible applicants may receive payment for one or more of the following services:

- shelter costs, such as:
 - rent, mortgage and utility costs;
 - costs for room and board at a domestic violence shelter, emergency shelter or “safe home;”
 - moving costs;
 - property taxes for up to one year, if necessary to avoid foreclosure;
 - transportation costs to another area or residence; and
 - cost of repairs necessary to make the applicant's housing habitable.
- food costs;
- medical care costs not covered by another source that are:
 - for a medical problem that appeared to be life-threatening at the time of occurrence;
 - necessary to prevent a medical problem from becoming life-threatening; or
 - deemed necessary by the community action agency.
- costs incurred for necessary support services including, but not limited to:
 - child care;
 - transportation;
 - counseling;
 - job training;
 - education;
 - life skills training.
- case management costs.

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Program Requirements for Lead Agencies:

OHCS distributes funds to designated local action agencies through a formula based upon the number of people who are homeless or at risk of being homeless in each geographic region. Local agencies coordinate and plan to provide the funds.

For More Information:

To talk with someone about resources and services in your local area or county, contact your **local community action agency** at <http://www.caporegon.org/members.htm>.

OHCS is the state housing finance agency, providing financial and program support to create and preserve opportunities for quality, affordable housing for lower income Oregonians. The agency also administers federal and state antipoverty, homeless and energy assistance community service programs.