



## Metro Housing Centers

(Home Ownership Assistance Program)

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### Program Objective

OHCS helps metropolitan area housing centers provide homebuyer education. Classes may include pre-purchase counseling, credit repair/counseling, financial fitness and post-purchase counseling. The primary objective is to increase successful homeownership for the centers' clients.

### Funds available

\$180,000 is available for 2009-11.

OHCS will make biennial announcements, subject to funding available.

### Eligibility for funding

The following organizations within the Portland/Metro area will be eligible for funding:

- Non-profit organizations registered to do business in Oregon
- Housing Authorities
- Local governments

OHCS will consider the following when making funding decisions:

- The extent to which the housing center is a "one-stop shop" that provides clients with information about resources and services available within the community.
- The center's capacity to provide homebuyer education classes, including pre-purchase counseling, credit repair/counseling, financial fitness, and the use of Individual Development Accounts.

### Monitoring, compliance and reporting

Awardees must report on a quarterly basis. OHCS will conduct an onsite monitoring at least once a year. Reports will include the following, at a minimum:

- Populations served – race and ethnicity
- Number of clients served
- Types of services provided
- Number of services provided to clients
- Marketing activities – public outreach, forums, lenders/realtors
- Number of households obtained homeownership –breakdown by income, race and ethnicity
- Number of households working to obtain homeownership – credit repair classes, financial fitness classes, participating in Individual Development Accounts for the purpose of down payment, etc.
- Number and type of homeownership education-type classes offered