

Director's Message



January 6, 2017

Dear OHCS Partners,

I'm excited to share that earlier today the Housing Stability Council approved funding recommendations for the Local Innovation and Fast Tract (LIFT) NOFA. As you may remember, this is the first set of awards under the new LIFT affordable housing program and the first use of Article XI Q bonding as a funding source. We funded [12 projects](#) providing 965 Oregon families with a place to call home.

We're funding parts of the state that have been historically underserved - for example, on the Coast and in La Pine - and communities where housing has been costly to develop. At the same time, our NOFA process gave primary funding consideration to projects requesting \$38,000 or less per unit, while projects requesting more than \$38,000 received secondary consideration.

I want to acknowledge the amazing work of OHCS staff in delivering these awards. We're providing family-sized units and workforce housing across the state. I'm also proud of our burgeoning partnership with DHS to serve families that have been left out in the cold.

In the coming weeks we will work closely with LIFT applicants and stakeholders to reflect on our application process and assist in implementation for the projects going forward. I look forward to working with you all as we consider future iterations of LIFT and I welcome your feedback.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MS", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Margaret Salazar, Director

