

Capacity Building (General Housing Account)

<p>Program Overview</p>	<p>The 2009 Legislature created the General Housing Account Program (GHAP) to expand the state's supply of housing for low- and very low-income families and individuals. OHCS will make GHAP resources available to enhance the capacity of multifamily affordable housing providers to develop and maintain assets.</p> <p>Oregon Housing and Community Services will fund capacity-building activities that increase an organization's skills and ability to develop, preserve, and operate housing affordable to low- and very-low-income Oregonians.</p> <p>OHCS will fund the following activities to achieve the program objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity Building Activity Grants • Training and Technical Assistance
<p>Eligibility for Funding</p>	<p>Eligible entities include housing authorities and non-profit organizations with affordable housing as an objective in their by-laws or articles of incorporation, and a strong background in providing affordable housing.</p>

Award Criteria and Monitoring

<p>Capacity Building Activity Grants</p>	<p>Organizations will apply competitively for maximum annual grants of \$50,000. While multiple year grants are possible, the department does not intend for the grants to provide an ongoing subsidy for organizational operations.</p> <p>Application evaluation factors include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity of relationship between proposal and expected results of activity, • Need for activity relative to portfolio or pipeline, or unmet needs as defined by the department, • Ability to continue activity after the grant period, • Potential for retention of benefits if personnel or organization changes, • Potential to replicate results, • Nature and extent of similar affordable housing organizations in the service territory, • Organizational needs assessment methodology, • Overall specificity of the proposal, including goals, objectives, performance measures, and timeline, and • Other factors deemed relevant by the department. <p>Examples of ineligible activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • activities without clearly defined work plans and measureable results • general operating subsidies • activities not clearly connected to creation or preservation of affordable housing
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Training and Technical Assistance Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OHCS will award these funds through a request for proposal process.• Organizations can submit proposals to provide training or technical assistance programs, materials, seminars and other activities that meet the needs of individual organizations or Oregon’s affordable housing industry as a whole.• OHCS will review participant evaluations and require regular reports from awardees.
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