

# News Release

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## **\$3 million in funding available for community projects supporting older adults, people with disabilities**

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SALEM, Ore. – The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS), in early 2022, will invite funding requests for community projects supporting older adults and people with disabilities. Of the \$3 million available, at least \$2 million will be designated for equity-related proposals serving Oregonians who have experienced barriers in accessing services and supports.

The ODHS Office of Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) provides the Innovation Fund to support projects that are not only unique in approach but have the potential to be long-lasting.

APD will be encouraging culturally specific organizations to submit proposals. Culturally specific organizations are defined as:

- Serving a particular cultural community and are primarily staffed and led by members of that community;
- Demonstrating personal knowledge of lived experience of the community including, but not limited to, the impact of structural and individual racism or discrimination on the community;
- Knowledgeable about specific barriers faced in the community and how those barriers influence the structure of their program or service; and
- Able to describe the community's cultural practices, health and safety beliefs/practices, positive cultural identity/pride/resilience, immigration dynamics, religious beliefs, or other traditions, and how their services have been adapted to honor those traditions.

The [Oregon Office of Contracts and Procurement](#) will oversee the competitive selection process for funding recipients which is expected to launch sometime in February 2022; information will be posted on [OregonBuys](#). For more information visit APD's webpage, [Funding Opportunities](#).