

News Release

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\$1.5 million in grant funding available to support host home programs that provide temporary housing for youth experiencing homelessness

(Salem) – The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS), Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program is inviting community partners to apply for grant funding to enhance host home programs that support youth experiencing homelessness in Oregon communities.

The deadline to apply is Feb. 28, and ODHS will award approximately \$1.5 million to support host home programs.

A host home is a safe environment offered by local community members in private homes that provide temporary housing for youth experiencing homelessness.

Host home programs are community organizations that support young people and work within communities to connect youth experiencing homelessness with host homes in their community.

ODHS is committed to supporting programs that provide culturally specific and responsive programming to Black, Oregon Tribal Nations, Youth of Color, and LGBTQIA2S+ youth. Host home programs with a focus on youth from these disproportionately affected populations will be prioritized.

Community organizations are eligible to submit proposals for the grant funding if the organization operated a host home project as of Jan. 1, 2021, and can demonstrate the ability to:

- Expand host home projects in communities in which the organization provides services
- Establish new long-term host home projects in communities that do not have long-term host home projects
- Establish new short-term host home projects

All eligible organizations are encouraged to apply, even if existing host home projects have been lacking in volunteers, opportunities or a significantly formalized structure.

Organizations must be able to clearly explain their roles and responsibilities within their community and how they intend to implement a long-term or short-term host home project.

More information and application for the Host Home Demonstration Program can be found online at <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/CHILDREN/Homeless-Youth/Pages/Provider-Resources.aspx>.

Learn more about the ODHS Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program at <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/CHILDREN/Homeless-Youth/Pages/index.aspx>.

About the Oregon Department of Human Services

The mission of the Oregon Department of Human Services is to help Oregonians in their own communities achieve wellbeing and independence through opportunities that protect, empower, respect choice and preserve dignity.

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