



Agenda/Notes
Office of Governor Kotek — Housing and Homelessness Committee (RJC)
6/21/2024 – Zoom
2:30-4:00 p.m.

CHAIR

	Governor Tina Kotek
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CO-CHAIRS

x	Kim McCarty
x	Maria “Meg” Guerra

MEMBERS

x	Marisa Zapata			
x	Chris Bonner			
x	Cameron Herrington			

OTHER ATTENDEES

x	Andre Bealer	x	Tamara Brickman		
	Javier Cervantes		Svetha Ambati		
x	Susana Sandoval	x	Natasha Detweiler		
x	Matthew Tschabold	x	Andrea Bell		

Topic/Lead	Notes/Main Points	Decisions/Action Items
Welcome	Welcome Introductions	
Brief membership update: Andre	Applicants and Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Five applicants have been sent over for recommendations. SSN Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none">There are concerns about requesting Social Security Numbers (SSNs).Some reasons include security breaches and the belief that SSNs shouldn't be necessary for harassment training.Additionally, there's support for individuals who don't have SSNs and choose not to provide them (like the decision not to obtain a Real ID due to profiling concerns). Appointment Management:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will write a letter. ○ The goal is to align this committee with other committees, despite the absence of an existing workaround. ○ Efforts will continue to find a solution that meets everyone halfway. <p>Equity Plan and Prioritization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It's important to understand where appointments stand in their equity plan and work portfolio. ○ Concrete information about prioritization and workplan alignment is desired. <p>Follow-Up and Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Director Bealer will handle follow-up. ○ The need for thoughtful language around alignment and equity is evident. <p>Orientation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Orientation will be provided and is open to current members as well. 	
<p>Budget process: Matthew, Tamara, Andre</p>	<p>Total Funds and Other Revenues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ These funds come from federal sources and support specific programs. ○ Examples include TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), supplemental assistance programs, PERS (Public Employees Retirement System), unemployment insurance, and Health and Human Services. ○ Health and Human Services receives the largest share of these funds. <p>General-Lottery Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This fund falls within the economic and community development area. ○ It includes housing-related expenditures. <p>Revenue Trends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revenues are currently increasing in the current biennium. ○ However, there's significant pressure for the next biennium due to service-level budget considerations. ○ Mandatory caseloads (such as those related to Medicare, child welfare, and schools) contribute to this pressure. <p>Revenue Growth for 2025-27:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expect 5-6% growth in revenue from the current budget for 2025-27. ○ Agencies are actively creating budgets for this period, with completion expected by the end of summer. ○ Prioritization and focus are crucial; POPs (Policy Option Packages) are limited to 1%, except for 	

governor's initiatives like housing and homelessness.

Caseload Increases:

- Current programs face rising caseloads in areas such as health, human services, employment-related daycare, and public safety/judicial programs.
- One-time funding is being phased out and won't contribute to ongoing service levels.

Interpreting the Situation:

- The current revenue represents stability.
- One-time funding may or may not be replaced, so the focus is on maintaining existing service level programming.
- Emphasis remains on sustaining ongoing investments in critical areas (housing, homelessness, behavioral health, and education).

Budget Timelines and Process:

- The budget request process is underway.
- "Essential budget level" refers to service level programming.
- Despite revenue growth, the upcoming budget year will be tight due to service level considerations.

Question: How do we get from one time to ongoing?

- The legislature determines whether funding is one-time or part of ongoing service levels during the appropriation process.
- The Ways and Means Committee plays a key role in this determination.

RJC Engagement Timeline:

- In May, the full RJC received an overview of the budget process.
- In June, they will delve into POPs (Policy Option Packages).
- July brings an update on the most recent budget forecast and its implications.
- In August, the committee will preview ARBs (Agency Request Budgets) and discuss how today's feedback was incorporated.
- Agencies are filling out an enhanced racial equity report during this process.
- September involves ARB updates, with all ARBs submitted.
- In October, a report on RJC feedback will be integrated into the Governor's Request Budget.
- Finally, in January, there will be a comprehensive overview of the GRB (Governor's Request Budget).

Agency POPs Organized by Category:

- The Housing and Homelessness initiative area is a priority.
- The Governor's office has collaborated with agencies for over a year to develop this agenda.
- Approximately a dozen agencies are actively working on housing development.

Governor's Guidance to Agencies (April):

- Initiative POPs (Policy Option Packages) were introduced in various areas.
- Key areas include:
 - **Don't Lose Ground:** Addressing housing challenges without losing progress in shelter, rehousing, prevention, affordable housing, and housing development.
 - **Operational Improvements:** Focusing on internal enhancements.
 - **Priority Program Improvements:** Ensuring effectiveness and efficiency in existing programs.
 - **Program Expansion:** Allocating additional resources based on housing needs analysis.
 - **New Programs:** Developing OHCS (Oregon Housing and Community Services)-administered programs to reduce homelessness and increase housing production, as well as DLCD (Department of Land Conservation and Development)-administered programs and ODVA (Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs)-administered programs for veterans.

Budget Considerations:

- Despite tight budget constraints, efforts have been made to transition one-time funds to ongoing support.
- Governor's budgets must be balanced by year-end.

Feedback and Questions:

- The Housing Alliance emphasizes housing preservation and maintaining current services.
- Curiosity about the culturally responsive property management program and challenges from tenant and housing provider perspectives.
- Response: It's a new program, and feedback can be submitted via email. Director Bell's team is working on it.
- Prioritization of nonprofits varies across housing development incentives.
- Emphasis on alternative ownership modes (tenant-owned/led housing) is not program-specific, but discussions continue.

	<p>Future Conversations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Culturally specific property management will be revisited. 	
<p>ORCA presentation</p> <p>Natasha/Andrea Bell</p>	<p>Challenges Since 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increased labor costs. ○ Rising insurance and infrastructure expenses. ○ Market volatility. ○ Communities hit hardest often have the fewest resources. <p>Reimagining NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NOFA inherently involves competition. ○ Focus areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Early Funding: Prioritizing timely support. ▪ Competition: Ensuring effective management. ▪ Customization: Tailoring solutions. <p>Project Readiness and Efficiency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Key steps: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intake: Initiating the process. 2. Concept Development: Shaping project ideas. 3. Impact Statement and Financial Eligibility: Assessing feasibility. <p>OHCS (Oregon Housing and Community Services):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commitment to assist more. ○ Dedicated team available for support. <p>Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improve access to affordable rental housing investments. ○ Expand the pipeline while minimizing funding gaps. ○ Enhance clarity and consistency in meeting policy objectives. <p>Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Production Needs: Prioritizing housing production. ○ Predictable and Available Resources: Ensuring reliable funding. ○ Tenant-Centered: Focusing on tenant well-being. ○ Serve the State: Contributing to broader community goals. <p>Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting BIPOC Tenant Needs: Addressing specific needs of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color tenants. ○ Ownership or Resourced Partnerships: Collaborating with partners for effective housing solutions. <p>Resource Set-Asides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Development Funding: Allocating funds for housing 	

	<p>development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity Funding: Supporting organizational capacity. ○ Predevelopment Funding: Establishing a minimum floor (not a cap). <p>Benefits of ORCA (Oregon Centralized Application):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deliberate process aligned with culturally specific and rural needs. ○ Uniform information access without the need to shop around. ○ Navigation and consultancy support. ○ Balancing collaboration and accountability for successful projects. ○ Technical advisors as relationship liaisons. <p>Shift from Competition to Standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All projects must meet standards to move forward. ○ Focus on racial equity. ○ No reason a project should exclude any standards. ○ Intake process: impact assessment, financial eligibility, commitment. <p>Community-Driven Concept:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ORCA emerged from community ideas and concepts. <p>Assessment of Readiness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ORCA aims to prevent stalled projects by assessing individual readiness. ○ Not just for newer organizations; cultural specificity matters. <p>Expectations and Accountability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Housing partnerships involve resource provision, not just sign-ups. ○ Clear expectations and requirements for all projects. ○ Accountability for meeting agreements. 	
Goals and Objectives	The topic will be moved to the next meeting.	
Adjourn Next Meeting August 16, 2:30 PM	Adjourned at 4:03pm	

Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racial Justice Council Committee Budget Engagement • ORCA slideshow 	
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