



Mass Timber Code-UP Project

Why Mass Timber Housing?

In January 2023, Governor Kotek declared a state of emergency on housing in response to the state's estimated shortage of 140,000 homes across Oregon. Our growing mass timber industry can be part of the solution to meet this housing demand.

Mass Timber is: Multiple layers of lumber or wood veneer joined to form solid timber panels or beams. It is a strong, low-carbon alternative to concrete and steel construction. Mass timber products can also be substituted for traditional “stick built” (wood framing) residential construction methods.



Image source: <https://www.masstimmercoalition.org/projects>

Through the Build Back Better Regional Challenge, the U.S. Economic Development Administration has awarded the [Mass Timber Coalition](#) \$41.4 million to develop and expand Oregon's emerging Mass Timber industry, with an emphasis on utilizing mass timber products in prefabricated/modular home construction.

The Code Up Project

As a part of the Mass Timber Coalition, the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) was awarded \$500,000 to “assist wildfire-impacted communities with land use permitting.” Phase 1 of this project was conducted in 2022, in which 5 cities undertook development code audits to evaluate local potential for mass timber housing development.

DLCD is currently taking applications for Phase 2 of the Code Up project.

In 2023-24, DLCD will provide technical assistance to local jurisdictions for updating planning and development codes to allow and encourage the development of mass timber modular housing in those communities.

The application can be found on the DLCD [Community Grants](#) website page.

Key Dates

Application due date: **August 18, 2023**

Informational Webinars:

July 12 and July 25, 2023 @ 1 PM

Click the links to register, registration is required.

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