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RE: Interim OHCS Affordable Rental Housing Guidance on COVID-19

Affordable Rental Housing Development Partners, Owners, and Agents,

We realize that COVID-19 is raising a multitude of concerns for our housing partners as well as the low-income and vulnerable communities we serve. OHCS is working to identify potential resources at the local, state and federal level that will help ensure Oregonians are protected during this difficult time.

In immediate response to these concerns OHCS is implementing a series of interim policies impacting our fund solicitations, inspections and monitoring. These policy changes have been adopted to address needed attention toward setting up structures that are responsive to this health crisis as well as to do what we can to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health of tenants, owners / operators, management agents, and OHCS staff.

We will update and track our policy response to COVID-19 in the below policy documents:

- GENERAL INTERIM GUIDANCE ON COVID-19
- INTERIM OHCS INSPECTION AND MONITORING POLICIES
- INTERIM OHCS FUND SOLICITATION POLICIES

Any comments, or concerns, about these or other Affordable Rental Housing policies impacted by the Coronavirus, beginning on 3/17/2020 you can send inquiries directly to ARH.HCS@oregon.gov

Thank you,

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