

# Statewide Housing Plan 2019-2023: Breaking New Ground

## PRIORITY: PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

**Invest in permanent supportive housing, a proven strategy to reduce chronic homelessness and reduce barriers to housing stability.**

### 2019–2023 GOAL

OHCS will increase our commitment to permanent supportive housing by funding the creation of 1,000 or more additional permanent supportive housing units to improve the future long-term housing stability for vulnerable Oregonians.\*

### IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

- » Expand the pool of resources for PSH by soliciting new funding and aligning funding for capital both with internal and external sources of funding for supportive services.
- » Explore development of a state-funded tenant and project-based rental assistance program.
- » Make housing development dollars from existing sources available for PSH by incorporating requirements or incentives into affordable housing funding opportunities.
- » Lead in identifying barriers to production and operation of PSH; provide education and technical assistance to support development and effective operation of homes.
- » Coordinate with the PSH strategies of partners in local government and continuums of care to make it easier to create PSH.
- » Support Oregon Health Authority and State of Oregon requests for policy changes and federal Medicaid waivers that create opportunities for funding tenancy support services tied to supportive housing.
- » Partner with providers of emergency health care, criminal justice, homeless and other crisis services to target interventions for the most frequent users of these services.
- » Encourage the use of the Homeless Management Information Systems to assist in client identification and placement in supportive housing.
- » Create opportunities for cross-system data sharing and identifying data sharing protocols and infrastructure to ensure the state can collaboratively measure outcomes.
- » Support implementation of the Statewide Supportive Housing Strategy Workgroup's recommendations to advance PSH.

\* The 1,000 unit goal includes developing new PSH units as well as converting existing units to PSH units by adding wraparound services, reducing rents to be affordable to those making less than 30% of the area median income, or both.