Welcome to the Statewide Housing Plan Road Show
What we heard:

- There is a profound need for affordable housing in every part of Oregon.
- Oregonians are facing significant barriers to securing safe, decent and affordable rental housing.
- The housing crisis is disproportionately impacting seniors and people with disabilities, single parent households, communities of color and youth.
What we heard:

• The quality of rental housing is poor overall and has a disproportionate impact on low-income households.

• Strong need and will for more permanent supportive housing and supports for those experiencing homelessness.

• Addressing homelessness takes a comprehensive and strategic approach.

What we heard:

• Housing, health, jobs and transportation are interconnected.

• The housing crisis cannot be solved without family wage jobs investment in economic/workforce development.

• Regulations and lack of community support are barriers to developing needed affordable housing.
What we heard:

- OHCS programs need to be more flexible and aligned with the work of partners and other state departments as well as work on the ground.

- Homeownership, foreclosure assistance and rehabilitation for low income homeowners needs to be part of Oregon’s housing strategy.

- Building networks and scaling up work through technical assistance, convenings, and peer-to-peer learning is needed.

Focus Groups with Low Income Oregonians
What we heard:

- Participants face extreme challenges to securing affordable housing
- Participants are living in poor and unsafe conditions
- Participants seek innovative housing solutions and are in need of support
- Supportive services including energy bill assistance, weatherization and homelessness matter
- Fear, hopelessness, exhaustion

Focus Groups with Low Income Oregonians

Resilient, strong and brave
Focus Groups with Agriculture Farmworkers

What we heard:

Farmworkers cited housing barriers unique to the Farmworker population:

- Lack of income history and credit history, lack of state-issued identification and language skills prevent Farmworkers from accessing the limited private housing options that exist.
- Most rental applications and rental documents are not translated to Spanish.
- Many Farmworkers were unable to identify housing resources available to help them with housing needs.
- Some Farmworkers cited racial bias and scapegoating by landlords.
- Some Farmworkers cited lack of transportation options to the private housing options that exist.
• Many Oregonians have limited or no choices when it comes to where to live.
• Too many Oregonians are living in poverty or can’t find a stable healthy place to call home.
• Rental housing has become more out of reach than ever before.
• Homeownership is becoming harder to achieve and maintain.
• Innovation is needed to address the housing crisis.

Statewide Housing Plan

- Problem
- Tools
- OHCS Priorities and Investment Strategies
- OHCS Implementation
The Plan Development Process

2017
- Winter: Develop Environmental Scan

2018
- Spring: Consider Investment Alternatives
- Summer: Consider Investment Recommendations
- Fall: Public Review of Draft Plan
- Winter: Final Plan

Next Steps

- Complete the Environmental Scan
- Develop Alternatives
- Engage key stakeholders in the consideration of investment alternatives
- Draft plan