

2019 LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

Under the leadership of Governor Kate Brown, OHCS entered the 2019 Legislative Session with a bold agenda to advance the Statewide Housing Plan and address needs across the housing spectrum from homelessness to stable rental housing to homeownership. The Legislature answered the call with a historic investment of over \$336.5 million that will advance a coordinated response. OHCS will bring together cross-sector partners to build a lasting housing infrastructure that serves all Oregonians in communities large and small.

HISTORIC INVESTMENTS: BUILDING SUPPORT FOR HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

ADDRESSING AND
PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS:
\$70.5M

INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING:
\$206.5M

ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT
IN GREATER OREGON:
\$5M+

INVESTING IN PERMANENT
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING:
\$54.5M

STATEWIDE HOUSING PLAN: Carefully crafted after coupling the input and personal experiences from Oregonians throughout the state with extensive analysis of community need data, the Plan is Oregon's roadmap to addressing the housing and homelessness crisis our state is experiencing. The Plan outlines OHCS priorities and guides the use of programs and resources for the next five years.

STATEWIDE HOUSING PLAN PRIORITIES ADDRESSED THIS SESSION:

 EQUITY & RACIAL JUSTICE

 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

 HOMEOWNERSHIP

 HOMELESSNESS

 AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING

 RURAL COMMUNITIES

ADDRESSING AND PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS

-  **\$45M** Funding the **Emergency Housing Account (EHA)** and the **State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP)** to provide assistance to Oregonians who are homeless or unstably housed and at risk of becoming homeless.   
-  **\$5M** dedicated to strengthening **shelter capacity**.   
-  **\$14.5M** of federal **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families** funds to help families avoid or escape homelessness through partnership with the Department of Human Services.   
-  **\$6M** Oregon's tight, dynamic housing market requires **rental market resources** so housing insecure families and individuals can access housing.   

ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT IN GREATER OREGON

-  **\$5M** The **Greater Oregon Housing Accelerator** will help local governments and employers bring new housing for workers so they can live in the communities where they work.    
-  **House Bill 2056** Modifies the **Housing Development Guarantee** to lessen the risk for housing developers in rural communities. The account has an existing coffer of \$15 million.   
-  **House Bill 2003** OHCS will create regional **housing needs analyses** with the Department of Land Conservation and Development and assist local governments in the development of a housing production strategy.    

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INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- ✓ **\$150M** The **Local Innovation and Fast Track (LIFT) Housing Program** provides housing to underserved populations, namely communities of color and rural communities. Critically, the LIFT program also includes homeownership opportunities that allow families to build intergenerational wealth and stability.    
- ✓ **\$25M** The first step in increasing supply is **preserving existing affordable housing**. Affordable rental homes are part of our community's infrastructure and these investments will ensure access for generations to come.   
- ✓ **\$15M Acquisition of attainable rental market housing** will ensure communities are not displaced by speculative market practices and will allow OHCS to quickly increase the supply of affordable housing.  
- ✓ **\$15M** House Bill 2896 and Senate Bill 586 provide additional protections and opportunities for residents of **manufactured housing**.    
- ✓ **\$1.5M** Funding to support the **Oregon Foreclosure Avoidance** program and other homeownership counseling.   

INVESTING IN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) provides housing stability to Oregon's most vulnerable residents through service-enriched affordable housing. A successful PSH program includes three distinct investments: development funding, rent subsidy, and supportive services.

- ✓ **\$50M** funding for development.     
- ✓ **\$4.5M** for operations and supportive services in partnership with the Oregon Health Authority.

MISSION

We provide stable and affordable housing and engage leaders to develop integrated statewide policy that addresses poverty and provides opportunity for Oregonians.

VISION

All Oregonians have the opportunity to pursue prosperity and live free from poverty.

Next Steps

Over the next biennium OHCS will put these resources to good use as we work towards implementing the six priorities outlined in the Statewide Housing Plan. While the investments made by the Legislature are historic, we are also facing an unprecedented housing crisis. No one person, entity, or agency can ensure that each and every Oregonian has a safe and stable home. We are in this together. If you are interested in being a part of the policy development process, please contact hcs_housing@oregon.gov.

"The housing crisis afflicting our friends and neighbors will require robust collaboration, consistent efforts, and resources. These legislative investments are imperative to creating opportunity for Oregonians. OHCS will work with our partners across sectors and throughout Oregon on delivering these resources and advancing the goals of the Statewide Housing Plan."

-Director Margaret Salazar



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