

Oregon Housing and Community Services

2023 Legislative Session



OHCS Rehousing Investments

To address homelessness, we must get Oregonians experiencing homelessness into stable housing and keep them there, also known as rehousing. By connecting people with a home, they are in a better position to address other challenges that may have contributed to, or been exacerbated by, their experience of homelessness, such as obtaining employment or addressing substance abuse issues. Once an individual is rehoused, it is critical they receive the support they need to stay stably housed— this often includes access to services and supports and/or long-term rental assistance.

Early Session Housing Package: Rehousing Investments

Answering Governor Tina Kotek’s call, the Oregon Legislature made a necessary *down payment* via [HB 5019](#) to address Oregon’s homelessness emergency by rehousing 1,650 households and create 700 new shelter beds statewide by investing:

- **\$23.8 million** to add 600 low-barrier shelter beds in Executive Order-designated regions and hire more housing navigators to support unsheltered Oregonians.
- **\$54.4 million** to rehouse at least 1,200 unsheltered households, support wrap-around services provided by culturally specific agencies, and support local communities for sanitation services
- **\$26.1 million** to support homelessness response in communities in the Rural Oregon CoC, or Balance of State, by creating 100 additional shelter beds and rehousing 450 unsheltered households.

End of Session Housing Package: Rehousing Investments

Maintaining Emergency Response Efforts through 2023-25

OHCS and our partners across the state will remain committed to maintaining the progress made through emergency response efforts and keeping those who have been rehoused in stable housing in the 2023-25 biennium. This will require:

- **\$39.7 million** investment in long-term rent assistance for those households rehoused through the Early Session Housing Package
- **\$17.5 million** to maintain unit access for people rehoused through the Early Session Housing Package (e.g., services and block leasing)

Building on Emergency Response Efforts into 2023-25

We must also continue to make progress in ending unsheltered homelessness across Oregon. Additional investments will allow OHCS and partners statewide to build on the work funded by the Early Session Housing Package.

- **\$48.9 million** for re-housing an additional 950 households statewide, with 25% of resources set aside for culturally responsive organizations

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