

# GHAP Capacity Building Program

## Program Fact Sheet

### Program Summary

The GHAP Capacity Building program provides grants, training, and technical assistance opportunities to help build capacity in individuals, organizations, geographic regions, and systems toward the development and sustainable operation of affordable multifamily rental housing. Grant offerings are typically up to \$50,000-\$100,000 per year and should support the awardee in advancing its mission related to providing safe, healthy, and stable affordable housing.

OHCS is currently working on a variety of grant offerings to build capacity at three key levels: individual, organization, system/industry.

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## Background

Access to safe, affordable, stable housing is vital to improving the quality of life for Oregon's families and communities. Community-based nonprofit housing developers, local housing authorities, and Native nation (Tribal) housing entities are uniquely positioned within their communities to support placemaking and provide culturally specific and responsive housing and resident services. Local governments also play an important role in facilitating the development and long-term viability of affordable rental housing projects. Oregon Housing and Community Services recognize the important role these values and mission-driven housing development, preservation, and management organizations play in the long-term health and success of their communities.

The 2009 Legislature created the General Housing Account Program (GHAP) to expand the state's supply of housing for low and very low-income families and individuals. The GHAP General Capacity Building Program was created to support the growth and development of our key



partners and regional networks towards meeting Oregon's immediate and long-term needs for safe, stable housing.

**The GHAP Capacity Building offerings are guided by four strategic priorities:**

- **Build Knowledge and Collective Power for Housing Organizations**
- **Build Capacity for Organization Self-Determination**
- **Build Long-Term Stability**
- **Build Leadership Capacity**

GHAP Capacity Building funds also support a variety of training and technical assistance programs throughout the Affordable Rental Housing Division. For example, the Supportive Housing Institute offered through OHCS' Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program is funded by GHAP Capacity Building funds. OHCS also uses this resource to provide financial support for affordable housing developer and owner networking and knowledge-sharing, Housing Oregon's annual statewide housing conference is one example.

We are currently working on a number of capacity building offerings. Check the program webpage for updates and program reports.

(<https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/development/Pages/grants-tax-credit-programs.aspx>)

## **Eligibility**

Eligible entities for GHAP Capacity Building Grants include non-profit organizations, Housing Authorities, local governments, and Native nations. (\*For the purposes of this resource, Native nations refers to Federally recognized Tribal Nations in Oregon.) Although these entities are all eligible to receive GHAP Capacity Building Funds, individual grant offerings may be designed to focus on only one or two of the eligible entity types.

Eligible entities must experience in housing advocacy or housing justice and affordable housing as an objective in their bylaws or articles of incorporation, or formal documentation of the Board decision to develop or operate affordable rental housing.

At times, grant offerings may also ask applicants to meet additional criteria related to OHCS' statewide housing plan priorities, Affordable Rental Housing Division goals, or the specific focus of the grant offering.

## **More Information**

For more information about the GHAP Capacity Building program, you can visit the program's [webpage](#).

You are also welcome to contact Kimie Ueoka, Capacity Building Analyst ([Kimie.Ueoka@hcs.oregon.gov](mailto:Kimie.Ueoka@hcs.oregon.gov)) if you have any questions about this or other programs in the Affordable Rental Housing Division.