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**Evaluation of Public Comments by Oregon Housing and Community Services and Business Oregon**

Date: July 12, 2019

To: Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS)

From: Rick Ruzicka, Operations & Policy Analyst

Subject: Evaluation of Public Comments

**Summary of Comments:**

Four comments were received by e-mail in response to the 2019 Annual Action Plan. A summary of these comments and the agency response can be found below.

Date Received	Person / Organization	Summary of Comment	Agency Response
5/20/2019	Deborah Kamprath	Requesting prioritized funding for new POD Villages like the Kenton’s Village in Portland. Specifically, Catholic charities is looking for funding to provide infrastructure for another village at the grotto in Portland.	The State of Oregon congratulates Catholic Charities for their continued support of families in need of housing. Infrastructure assistance is an eligible expense for the CDBG program, however, Portland is not an eligible CDBG area for the State program. The City of Portland is an entitlement city and therefore receive their own allotment of CDBG funds. The State of Oregon encourages these



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			commenters to contact the City of Portland to inquire what their CDBG priorities and eligibility criteria is.
5/24/2019	Kathryn B. (Taffy) Everts	Requesting prioritized funding for new POD Villages like the Kenton’s Village in Portland. Specifically, Catholic charities is seeking funding for another village at a location in Portland known as the grotto. Additional money is needed to construct the infrastructure for utilities and a common area.	See above
6/6/2019	Susan Carley Oliver	Encourages the State to fund Pod Villages like the Kenton Women’s Village.	See above
6/6/2019	Scott Mooney	Asks that the State of Oregon make a funding priority for new Pod Villages like Kenton’s Women Village. Encourages the State to support Catholic Charities with funding to implement and improve upon this successful model at the Grotto in Portland.	See above

