

2020 Annual Action Plan

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State of Oregon

Oregon Housing & Community Services

Oregon Health Authority

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Executive Summary (AP-05)

Introduction:

Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) is the lead agency responsible for facilitating the development and implementation of Oregon's Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report.

The 2020 Annual Action Plan details the fifth and final year of implementation of the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan; approved in May of 2016. The Consolidated Plan was later amended to include Oregon's 2016 National Housing Trust Fund Allocation Plan. The 2020 Annual Action Plan seeks to advance the priorities set forth in the Consolidated Plan.

Oregon's 2020 Annual Action Plan is governed by 24 CFR 91.300, and was developed in accordance with those regulations, and the direction provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, Consolidated Annual Performance Reports are available at the following link:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/pages/consolidated-plan-five-year-plan.aspx>

Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The 2020 Annual Action Plan continues to prioritize Housing and Community Development utilizing the variety of tools offered through the Consolidated Plan. CDBG funds are used to create and sustain suitable living environments, economic opportunities, and decent housing through the prioritized funding allocation. The CDBG program plans to continue to look for opportunities to increase housing and economic opportunities in rural low moderate income communities.

Evaluation of past performance

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's primary goals for the use of these program funds is to provide decent housing, create suitable living environments and expand economic opportunities. The goals and outcomes table below shows Oregon's performance in meeting the goals outlined in the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plans' Strategic Plan over the last three years.

Goal	Category	Expected Strategic Plan	Actual Strategic Plan	Percent Complete
Administration	Affordable Housing Administration	3	3	100.00%
Affirmatively further fair housing	Fair Housing	1	1	100.00%
CDBG - Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	30	22	73.3%
CDBG - Microenterprise Assistance	Non-Housing Community Development	15	7	47%
CDBG - Public Works	Non-Housing Community Development	10	15	150%
CDBG - Public/Community Facilities (SL1 & SL3)	Non-Housing Community Development	3	9	120.00%
CDBG-Community Capacity/ Technical Asst (1%)	Non-Housing Community Development	15	16	107%
CHDO Operating Support Grant	Affordable Housing	4	3	75%
Fund affordable housing	Affordable Housing	300	228	76%
		200	223	111.50%
Prevent and divert people from becoming homeless	Homeless	2,000	3,292 TBRA	165%
		8,500	6,869 ESG	80.8%
Provide people with HIV/AIDS supportive housing	Supportive housing for people with HIV	133	285	134%
Reduce homelessness	Homeless	2,000	4,056 RRH	202.8%
		31,000	14,695	47.4%
	Other	3,800	7,371	263.25%

Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process:

The following section outlines the public participation process and consultation process for the 2020 AAP

- A public comment period was held May 1, 2020 through May 7, 2020 .
- Notice for the plan was published through the following Oregon media outlets: Bend Bulletin, Salem-News.com, Portland Oregonian, Pendleton East Oregonian, and the Medford Mail Tribune.
- Notice was sent electronically through Constant Contact to interested parties.

- The 2020 AAP was published on the OHCS website at the following address: <http://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/pages/consolidated-plan-five-year-plan.aspx>
- Business Oregon held a public comment period on their MOD from February 20, 2020 through March 21, 2020.
- [Business Oregon held a public hearing for the 2020 MOD on March 9, 2020.](#)

January 4, 2021 Amendment

An Amendment was advertised on January 4, 2021 to inform the public of proposed changes to utilization of the Housing Trust Fund program. Specifically, HTF funding is being proposed for resource alignment with the State of Oregon's Permanent Supportive Housing initiative.

- The following section outlines the public participation process and consultation process for the 2020 AAP Amendment: A public comment period was held January 4, 2021 through January 14, 2021.
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Summary of public comments

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The opportunity for Citizen Participation is a critically important aspect in development of an Annual Action Plan and OHCS received one public comment. The comment was as follows:

“Community Development Partners, a development company that develops only if and when they receive fed or state funding for subsidized housing.

CDP is attempting to purchase property at 506 NE Alberta and at 714 NE Alberta, both of these properties are adjacent to existing large low income housing projects which are already plagued with illegal activity, violence and noise resulting in dozens of call to Pdx Police every month. This comes from the existing low income housing facilities at 5020 NE 8th Ave (Avenue Plaza Apartments) , and 4942-56 NE 6th (King Dishman Court) – and there are many more converted single fam res to LI multi-unit houses surrounding these larger multi-unit buildings.

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Lead & Responsible Agencies (PR-05)

Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Annual Action Plan

Following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the 2020 Annual Action Plan, and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

The 2020 Annual Action Plan was developed and completed in a partnership between Business Oregon¹, Oregon Health Authority (OHA), and Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS).

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Consultation (AP-10)

Introduction:

Oregon endeavors to provide stable and affordable housing, address poverty, and provide opportunities for Oregonians. To this end, Oregon works with partners across the state; including, state and federal agencies, non-profits, developers, Community Action Agencies, Tribal Communities, community members, and many others. In the section below we've highlighted some of the collaborative work that will take place in 2020.

Provide a concise summary of the state's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies

Oregon Statewide Housing Plan:

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) is placing a greater emphasis on strategic planning and the way we invest our resources. In 2019 OHCS released *Breaking New Ground: Oregon's Statewide Housing Plan*. This plan marks a new way of doing business for OHCS. It lays the foundation for OHCS to be a data and research driven focused organization, and proposes a new way of collaborating and focusing resources and energy to address the most pressing housing issues facing Oregon today.

Breaking New Ground: Oregon's Statewide Housing Plan identifies six priority areas the agency will focus on through 2024. These six priorities include Equity and Racial Justice, Homelessness, Permanent Supportive Housing, Affordable Rental Housing, Homeownership, and Rural Communities. All six priorities require enhanced coordination efforts but the priorities of Homelessness, Permanent Supportive Housing and Rural Communities are particularly reliant on an elevated level of coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies.

Statewide Supportive Housing Strategic Workgroup:

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and OHCS collaborated to create the Statewide Supportive Housing Strategic Workgroup (SSHSW). This collaborative effort resulted in a list of recommendations mostly focused on the dramatic expansion of Permanent Supportive Housing in Oregon.

Though funding and outcomes will most likely not be directly associated with the Consolidated Plan program, Coordinated Care will play a vital role in identifying Chronically Homeless

individuals and families to access housing resources. Development, rental assistance and supportive services will be provided to eligible projects largely as a result of the collaborative efforts that began in this workgroup and as a result of strong Executive Support from Governor Brown. The SSHSW work builds upon the Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) that OHCS participated in along with Oregon Health Authority and Department of Human Services to looking at Long Term Support Services (LTSS) Housing Related Services and Partnerships track along with 7 other states. This effort was supported by HUD and administrated by Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). OHCS continues to work on a housing and health workplan with the Oregon Health Authority through a HRSA supported State Health and Housing Institute in which OHCS and OHA are participating with 4 others states.

Addictions and Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council (AHMPAC) & Housing and Olmstead Subcommittee:

The AHMPAC is essentially a required governing board for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) and also has oversight on state generated funds. Oregon Housing and Community Services' staff (OHCS Integrator) sit on this subcommittee. Duties include scoring housing development projects funded by OHA. The OHCS Integrator has provided housing 101 trainings to the subcommittee as well as education around Olmstead and the need for more housing case managers to help individuals with substance use disorder (SUD) and severe and persistent mental illnesses (SPMI) to access housing choice. OHCS also assists OHA in their obligations under the Olmstead Act and are currently working to increase the supply of Mainstream Vouchers for Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) individuals who are (a) transitioning out of institutional or other segregated settings, (b) at serious risk of institutionalization, (c) homeless, (d) at risk of becoming homeless.

Oregon Rural Permanent Supportive Housing Peer Network

OHCS developed a Permanent Supportive Housing initiative which the 2019 Legislature funded with \$50 million in development capital and funding for rent assistance and services for 500 households. OHCS partnered with the Oregon Health Authority to ensure appropriate services for households needing concentrated services was available. Ten teams of housing developers, management entities, and supportive services providers, met throughout 2019 to establish partnerships and identify training necessary for the groups to be successful. The final meeting of this group will be in Spring 2020. Eight of the original ten teams have been awarded development funding and will produce their permanent supportive housing projects this year.

Agriculture Workforce Housing Facilitation Team

The Agriculture Workforce Housing Facilitation Team (“AWHFT”) was formed in an effort to keep abreast of current issues around agricultural workforce housing, resources available for developing agricultural workforce housing, and to address the needs of agricultural workers in Oregon. By Oregon statute, OHCS’ role is to help facilitate, create a forum, and provide a place for the team to meet and discuss issues affecting farmworkers in Oregon.

Governor’s Children’s Cabinet and Early Learning

OHCS staff have participated in the Governor’s Children’s Cabinet, first convened in 2017 to create pathways toward prosperity for our children and families living in poverty. The Cabinet is made up of leading experts in health, housing, human services, early learning, and education from the public, private, and non-profit sectors. Working collaboratively, the Cabinet has identified the highest priority concerns and existing gaps in services for working families and their children. The Cabinet identified evidence-based solutions that provide the biggest return on investment toward helping families achieve success.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness

Continuum of Care (CoC):

Oregon Housing and Community Services continues to collaborate with the state’s Continua in development of shared data and protocols via periodic consultations and work groups. With the Statewide Housing Plan guiding OHCS to focus resources on the most pressing housing issues in Oregon, it will be important for OHCS to communicate our strategic direction and coordinate efforts with the Continua and their member agencies.

Through a grant agreement, Oregon Housing is assisting a rural Continuum to take stock of its HMIS capabilities and needs to maximize their Coordinated Entry process and better capture data for reporting purposes. Through the grant, consultant trainings and in-house workshops are being accessed to increase engagement in homeless initiatives, perform gaps analysis and improve data control infrastructure and understanding. OHCS anticipates this effort will show in the continuum’s members’ improved data reporting and more comprehensive CoC grant applications.

Participation with Oregon’s Nine Federally Recognized Tribes:

The 2001 Oregon’s Legislature enacted SB 770, formalizing the government-to-government relationship that exists between Oregon’s Indian tribes and the State of Oregon. The bill requires state agencies to develop and implement policies on tribal relations. Provisions of the statute also include annual meetings, require key contact designation, and a government –to-government report outlining engagement activities with tribes. Oregon Housing and Community Services participates in quarterly inter-agency Tribal Cluster meetings related to health and human service’s needs, and economic and community development needs to build open communication with tribal leaders and staff, and to gain an understanding of critical issues facing tribes. Outside of the SB 770 process, OHCS staff regularly meet individually with each tribe to understand needs and opportunities.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the State in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

All homeless funds awarded through OHCS, including ESG, are allocated based on formula. The formula data elements are regularly updated and reviewed by the Community Action network (CAAs) and its association. CAAs are legislatively mandated homeless grantees. These grantees are also actively involved in leadership roles for their respective Continuum of Care (CoC).

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding is utilized within a system of services funded by multiple state and federal funding sources. Several CoC funded projects utilize state funds to meet HUD ESG match requirements. The integration of funding requires OHCS to develop system performance measures that ideally align with HUD’s CoC required system performance measurements. Percentage of persons who exited to or retained permanent housing, and percentage of persons who exited to permanent housing and retained permanent housing at six month follow-ups, are two performance measures OHCS requires to be reported to determine appropriate performance benchmarks. Both of these measures are closely aligned, with [HUD's CoC System Performance Measures](#).

The director of OHCS’ Housing Stabilization Division has reached out to the state’s continua and will continue to do so to share information. Additionally, OHCS’s ESG program manager and policy analyst will make every effort to consult with each continuum throughout the year via presentations at continuum meetings or conference calls with continuum leadership.

OHCS’s Master Grant Agreement (MGA) application requires that our ESG subgrantees present their proposed ESG funded projects to their respective continuum leadership for review and comment.

Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Oregon took a broad approach to consultation for the 2020 AAP; providing notice in newspapers across the state, through e-mail, and making the plan available on the OHCS website.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

There were no agency types that were not provided an opportunity to actively be engaged, or be consulted, in the development of this plan.

Citizen Participation (AP-12)

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Expected Resources (AP-15)

Introduction:

In 2020 Oregon expects to make the following HUD funds available for the program year:

- CDBG \$ 13,632,859
- HOME \$ 9,523,699
- HTF \$ 4,399,904
- HOPWA \$ 586,236
- ESG \$ 1,957,063

HUD funds will be used in conjunction with other federal, state, and local funding to maximize investments in affordable housing, rental assistance and services to homeless persons, and community development activities.

Anticipated Resources

Table 1/2 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 5				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total:\$		

CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	13,623,873			13,632,859	0	See the narrative description in the Appendix, Attachment D.
HOME	public - federal	Multifamily Acquisition Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab TBRA, CHDO Operating Support Grants	9,520,455			9,523,699	0	OHCS focuses the HOME program on new construction, and acquisition and rehabilitation of multifamily rental units, TBRA, and CHDO Operating Support Grants
HTF	public - federal	Multifamily Acquisition Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab	4,399,904			4,399,904	0	HTF is an affordable housing production program that is leveraged with other federal and state funding. It is made available through OHCS annual LIHTC and HOME NOFA as an additional source of funding for multifamily rental housing projects with units affordable to extremely low income households.
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities Short-Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance Supportive services TBRA	586,236			586,236	0	OHA uses HOPWA funds to meet the permanent housing needs of people living with HIV.

ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab of emergency shelters Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Homeless Prevention Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	1,957,063			1,957,063	0	OHCS includes homelessness prevention programs in the ESG program.
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* Estimated amount based upon 2019 totals. The 2020 allotment has not been released as of this date.

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

The CDBG Administrative match requirement will be met by utilizing funds from the Special Public Works Funds which is a state-funded program. While there is no match requirement for projects seeking funding from the CDBG Program, points will be awarded in the competitive application round for projects that leverage funding from other resources. Additionally, for projects where the total cost of the project will exceed the CDBG funding request, applicants must show committed funds to ensure projects can be completed.

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME):

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) provides tax credits and various gap financing to affordable housing developers. This process encourages creativity in the use of federal, state, and local government resources with private resources to meet the needs of communities. Oregon Housing and Community Services administers the federal LIHTC program, a major funding source for development of affordable housing. Tax credits are leveraged with other state and federal funds through a competitive Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process, allowing one application for several resources that are available through OHCS. Oregon Housing and Community Services also administers the non-competitive 4% tax credits used in conjunction with tax-exempt bonds.

Matching funds for the HOME Program come from various state and local resources, including the Oregon Affordable Housing Tax Credit.

Housing Trust Fund (HTF):

There is no non-federal match requirement for the HTF.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG):

One hundred percent match is required by the ESG program. Matching contributions for the ESG program may come from many sources, including federal, state, local, and private sources. HOME TBRA can be used as match in very limited circumstances. The following requirements apply to matching contributions from a federal source of funds:

- Adherence to laws and or grant restrictions which govern use of funds for match, ensuring no prohibition to matching federal ESG funds; and
- If ESG funds are used to satisfy matching requirements of another federal program, funding from that program cannot be used to satisfy the match requirements for ESG.

Non-cash matching resources may include the value of the lease on a building, salary paid to staff carrying out the program (paid for with non-ESG dollars), and the value of the time and services contributed by volunteers to carry out the program. Oregon Housing and Community Services may consider exceptions on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the sub-grantee. Oregon Housing and Community Services ESG program does not generate program income.

Housing Opportunities for People with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA):

As the grantee, OHA works with community housing and social service partners and leverages additional program funding to provide a continuum of HIV services. Housing Opportunities for People with HIV/AIDS funding is leveraged through additional resources. Federal Ryan White Part B funds and general state funds provide households served with insurance assistance, case management services, and wrap around support services. Emergency utility assistance is provided through the state's Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The HOPWA program has no match requirement, does not generate any program income, and will not use land or property that is publicly-owned.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

In the 2015 legislative session HB 3524 was passed, which requires the state, when selling or disposing of appropriate real property, to provide notification to developers of affordable housing. However, most parcels that are disposed of are remnant lots and may not be suitable for housing development.

In 2018 OHCS was authorized to re-purpose funding to establish the Land Acquisition Program (LAP). LAP allows for OHCS to provide capital to local government, non-profits or Public Housing Authorities for the purchase of property to build affordable housing. The loan is repaid upon receipt of a construction loan with up to 8 years to secure and build affordable housing on the property. In 2019, OHS utilized its entire allotment of 2.5 million dollars and intends to request additional funding in 2021 for this very successful and highly demanded program.

Annual Goals and Objectives (AP-20)

Goals Summary Information

Table 3 – Goals Summary

Goal Number	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	CDBG - Public Works	2016	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	None	CDBG-Public Works	CDBG: \$ 6,955,653	5 Projects
2	CDBG - Public/Community Facilities (SL1/SL3)	2016	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	None	CDBG-Public/Community Facilities	CDBG: \$ 2,624,775	4 Project
3	CDBG - Microenterprise Assistance	2016	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	None	CDBG-Microenterprise Assistance	CDBG: \$ 262,477	2 projects, 50 Businesses Assisted
4	CDBG - Housing Rehabilitation	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	None	CDBG-Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$ 3,280,968	6 Projects, 100 Housing Units
5	CDBG - Community Capacity/ Technical Assistance	2016	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	None	CDBG-Community Capacity/Technical Assistance	CDBG: 136,329	3 Projects
6	CDBG – Emergency Projects	2016	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	None	CDBG – Emergency Projects		Department will ensure if a bona fide disaster occurs, projects will meet CDBG requirements and will be reported accordingly.
7	Prevent and divert people from becoming homeless	2016	2020	Homeless	None	Rapid Rehousing with Supportive Services Rental Assistance	HOME: \$2,284,909 ESG: \$743,684	Tenant-based rental/rapid rehousing assistance for 400 households.

								Homelessness Prevention for 1,700 persons
8	Reduce homelessness	2016	2020	Homeless	None	Rapid Rehousing with Supportive Services Rental Assistance Shelter Beds and Homeless Services Street Outreach	ESG: \$1,115,526	Tenant-based rental/rapid rehousing assistance for 1,000 persons; Shelter: 3,000 persons; Street Outreach: 1,500 persons
9	Fund affordable housing	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	None	Accessible Housing Affordable Housing Rehabilitation and Preservation of Units	HOME: \$ 6,136,420 HTF: \$3,959,914	Rental units constructed: 60 Housing Units Rental units rehabilitated: 30 Housing Units Accessible Units: Minimum of five percent of units built.
10	Affirmatively further fair housing	2016	2020	Other / Fair Housing	None	Fair access to housing and housing choice	Agency Wide Expense	OHCS has a Contract with FHCO to provide fair housing services throughout the state.
11	Provide people with HIV/AIDS supportive housing	2016	2020	Other / Supportive housing for people with HIV	None	Permanent Housing with Supportive Services Rental Assistance	HOPWA \$568,649	Tenant-based rental for 60 households
12	CHDO Operating Support Grant	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	None	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$150,000	To provide operating support grants to 4 certified CHDOs that are actively involved in development of a HOME assisted affordable housing project.
13	Administration	2016	2020	Affordable Housing Administration	None	Accessible Housing Affordable Housing CDGB	HOME: \$ 952,370 CDBG: \$ 372,657	A percentage of each program allocation is

							HTF: \$439,990 HOPWA: \$17,587 ESG: 97,853	generally allowed for administration costs.
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Goal Descriptions

Table 4 – Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	CDBG - Public Works
	Goal Description	Provide sustainable and suitable living environments through enhancements, improvements or construction of water and wastewater systems to provide availability and accessibility to clean, safe drinking water and safe sanitary sewer systems
2	Goal Name	CDBG - Public/Community Facilities (SL1)/(SL3)
	Goal Description	Rehabilitation or construction of community facilities such as food banks, family resource centers, community centers, senior centers, fire stations or libraries, many of which rarely produce a reliable or sufficient revenue stream to repay a loan. Rehabilitation or construction of drug and alcohol treatment centers, Head Start facilities, mental health clinics, and sheltered workshops for people with disabilities.
3	Goal Name	CDBG - Microenterprise Assistance
	Goal Description	Improve economic opportunities through training and classes aimed at improving the conditions and success for business owners the majority of whom will be low-to-moderate income persons.
4	Goal Name	CDBG - Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Preserve decent housing, improving the sustainability and affordability of existing housing stock, through rehabilitation projects of single-family, owner-occupied homes by providing grants or loans to complete needed repairs, many of which are health and safety related. One hundred percent of the funds in this goal will serve low-to moderate-income homeowners.
5	Goal Name	CDBG - Community Capacity/ Technical Assistance
	Goal Description	Oregon uses one percent of CDBG funds to train and provide technical assistance to several economic development organizations, infrastructure conferences, and other local capacity building events, grant administration workshops, applicant workshops, grant management training, and one-on-one technical assistance.

6	CDBG - Emergency Projects	
		<p>The State of Oregon uses CDBG funds to assist in repair or mitigate damage that were a direct result of a qualifying disaster from bona fide emergencies. To be considered a bona fide emergency the situation must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Officially declared by the Governor as a "State of Emergency" needing immediate action; and, or ○ A presidential disaster declaration has been issued for the event <p>Funds for this program is limited to five percent cap of the annual allocation, this fund will be set aside at the time when we see the need.</p>
7	Goal Name	Prevent and divert people from becoming homeless
	Goal Description	<p>Promote services to support people at risk of homelessness and work to prevent homelessness through increased housing stability using services that include but are not limited to: security and utility deposit payment, rent subsidy, and case management and self-sufficiency opportunities. Acknowledge that preventing individuals and families from becoming homeless is critical to ending homelessness.</p>
8	Goal Name	Reduce homelessness
	Goal Description	<p>Promote programs that reduce homelessness including outreach and shelter activities, but emphasizing the Housing First model of moving households to permanent housing immediately. Both homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing services couple financial and/or rent assistance with case management and self-sufficiency opportunities. Clients may be provided referrals to agencies that can help address, mitigate and possibly alleviate other barriers causing housing instability.</p>
9	Goal Name	HOME and HTF- Fund affordable housing
	Goal Description	<p>Oregon HOME and HTF funds are used to finance the development of affordable housing for low income households, HTF funds are focused largely on extremely low income households. Funds can be used for new construction, acquisition and rehabilitation. The HOME and HTF programs meet the accessibility requirements of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.</p>
10	Goal Name	Affirmatively further fair housing
	Goal Description	<p>Work diligently to promote fair housing and access to housing choice for all Oregonians. Take meaningful action to overcome patterns of segregation and promote inclusive communities free of</p>

		barriers to opportunity. OHCS is committed to distributing resources and supporting programs to address housing inequities and disparities experienced by communities of color and other underserved communities.
11	Goal Name	Provide people with HIV/AIDS supportive housing
	Goal Description	HOPWA funds will meet the permanent housing needs of people living with HIV through provision of tenant based rental assistance and permanent housing placement, to include deposits. HOPWA funding will be leveraged through federal Ryan White Part B funds and general state funds to provide insurance assistance, case management services, and wrap around support services.
12	Goal Name	Provide support grants to certified CHDOs
	Goal Description	Five percent of the HOME allocation will be used to provide operating support grants to certified CHDOs that are actively involved in development of a HOME assisted affordable housing project.
13	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	State Administration of CDBG, HOME, HTF, HOPWA and ESG Programs

Allocation Priorities (AP-25)

The following section describes the reasons for program allocation priorities and how the distribution of funds will address the priority needs and goals of the Strategic Plan.

Funding Allocation Priorities

Table 5 – Funding Allocation Priorities

	CDBG*	HOME	HTF	HOPWA	ESG
CDBG – Public Works (%)	53	0	0	0	0
CDBG – Public/Community Facilities (SL1) (%)	10	0	0	0	0
CDBG – Public/Community Facilities (SL3) (%)	10	0	0	0	0
CDBG – Housing Rehabilitation (%)	25	0	0	0	0
CDBG – Micro-enterprise (%)	2	0	0	0	0
CDBG – Community Capacity/Technical Assistance (%)	1	0	0	0	0
Prevent and divert people from becoming homeless (%)	0	24	0	0	38
Reduce homelessness (SL1) (%)	0	0	0	0	57
Fund affordable housing (%)	0	64	90	0	0
Support Grants for CHDOs	0	2	0	0	0
Provide people with HIV/AIDS supportive housing (%)	0	0	0	97	0
Affirmatively further fair housing (%)	0	0	0	0	0
Administration	2	10	10	3	5
Total (%)	100	100	100	100	100

* The CDBG calculation is not reflecting the true priority allocation as the funding priority is set after the calculation of 2% state administration + 1% technical assistance is taken out of the overall grant amount. The true priority allocation can be found within Chapter 1 (page 2) of the 2020 CDBG Method of Distribution.

Reason for Allocation Priorities

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

Community Development Block Grant priorities were identified based on previous program demands, past experience, and Business Oregon's cost/benefit analysis. By allocating the funds in this manner it provides the state investment flexibility. Business Oregon is not obligated to award all the funds allocated to a particular priority or category. If a sufficient number of projects are not awarded in a particular category, applications in other categories may be funded. Each quarter the agency will conduct a target review to determine if funds should be moved from one category to another.

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME):

Oregon Housing and Community Services' funding priorities were established based on the depth of need for affordable rental housing resources in the community.

Sixty one percent of OHCS' HOME funding is used to finance the development of multifamily housing in the Balance of State where there is tremendous unmet need for affordable rental housing. Up to five percent of the HOME funds are used to support Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) in order to ensure performance, and to meet the HOME Program's required 15 percent of funding to CHDO sponsored housing projects. Twenty four percent of OHCS' HOME award is designated for tenant-based rental assistance and related costs.

The Statewide Housing Plan and OHCS' own strategic goals have confirmed the overwhelming need for affordable housing, permanent supportive housing, and rental assistance. Recent legislative action has awarded millions of state dollars to OHCS for shelter operation and permanent housing rent assistance. These funds allow OHCS to assist Oregon's very low income households, persons who are homeless, and persons who are at risk of becoming homeless. Funds are allocated to grantees by formula. HOME TBRA's formula considers four criteria: housing burden, severe housing burden, poverty, and income below 50 percent median.

Housing Trust Fund (HTF):

The funding priorities for HTF are consistent with those of the HOME program. The HTF funds are used to finance units affordable to those who are extremely low income (30 percent of median). HTF funds are available for investment statewide. In 2019, OHCS included HTF in the HOME and LIHTC NOFAs. Of 19 total applications received, 17 requested HTF funds, and 10 received reservations of HTF funding. All 10 of these projects are continuing pre-development to meet conditions of reservation to meet funding requirements.

OHCS forward allocated its 2020 HTF award in 2019 and does not plan to competitively award this program in 2020.

Emergency Service Grant (ESG):

OHCS allocates ESG funds to subgrantees using a formula to determine the percentages of funds designated to each agency. The formula is compiled from three criteria for each service area: severe housing burden, poverty, and homelessness.

Having adopted the recommendations of the Statewide Housing Plan, Oregon's priorities for funding in 2019-2021 are homeless families with children and homeless veterans. Oregon will encourage grantees to adopt the Housing First approach and incorporate persons with lived experience into the work place. Even though rapid re-housing and Housing First projects are the key to permanent solutions for ending homelessness, the state's severe shortage of affordable housing has forced subgrantees to spend towards prevention and shelter, which is reflected in the allocation priorities.

Housing Opportunities for People with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA):

Housing Opportunities for People with HIV/AIDS program funds are distributed in 31 counties outside of the Portland Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). Funds are provided through direct payments to property managers on behalf of participating clients. Housing Opportunities for People with HIV/AIDS program funded activities address program objectives by providing permanent supportive housing for people living with HIV/AIDS, and their families, through rental assistance and supportive services. These include housing placement services, case management in the form of benefits coordination, housing stability planning and housing information services. As the grantee, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) works with community housing and social service partners, and leverages additional program funding to provide a continuum of HIV services.

How will the proposed distribution of funds address the priority needs and specific objectives described in the Consolidated Plan?

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

Community Development Block Grant Section 106(d)(2)(C)(iii) of the Housing and Community Development Act (HCDA) prohibits a state from declaring certain statutorily eligible activities as ineligible for funding under the state's program, but does allow a state to establish funding priorities among the types of eligible activities. In accordance with the HCDA, Oregon will consider applications for funding consistent with the identified funding priorities within the CDBG Method of Distribution (MOD). A copy of the MOD may be found in the Appendix as an attachment.

The top priority needs to be addressed with CDBG funds are public works, community facilities, housing rehabilitation and microenterprise assistance (53%, 20%, and 25%, and 2%, respectively). Priority of need was based on responses and information received through public

outreach and consultation with advocacy groups, non-profit partners, and topical research. Details about CDBG allocation priorities can be found in the Appendix as an attachment.

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME):

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding priorities are designed to specifically address objectives of increasing and preserving the states affordable housing resources. HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds are used to provide rent assistance, develop multifamily housing, and to support Community Housing Development Organizations in order to best meet the established goals and objectives.

The funding allocation priority for HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance (HOME TBRA) is to provide rental assistance that will stabilize housing for homeless households and very low income households at risk of becoming homeless. The Statewide Housing Plan and OHCS' own strategic goals have called out for priority housing assistance the populations of homeless families with children, homeless veterans, and the chronically homeless. OHCS will prioritize services and housing for these populations. In addition, each subgrantee must complete a Tenant Selection Policy, which places in writing the populations that agency has determined most need priority service.

Housing Trust Fund (HTF):

Housing Trust Fund is a federal affordable housing production program that is leveraged with other federal and state funding. It was made available through through a forward allocation process in 2019 through OHCS' annual LIHTC and HOME NOFA. In 2021 it will be made available as a supplemental resource for Permanent Supportive Housing offerings with units affordable to extremely low income (ELI) households.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG):

The state's priorities for funding for 2019 – 21 are homeless families with children and homeless veterans. OHCS encourages subgrantees to adopt the Housing First approach to permanent housing with services. Even though rapid re-housing and Housing First projects are the key to permanent solutions for ending homelessness, the state's severe shortage of affordable housing has forced subgrantees to spend towards prevention and shelter in addition to permanent housing.

Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA):

Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS funded activities address program objectives by providing permanent supportive housing for people living with HIV/AIDS, and their families, through rental assistance and supportive services. Provision of HOPWA funds are based on client acuity, ensuring funds are prioritized for those with the greatest need.

Methods of Distribution (AP-30)

Introduction

The CDBG, ESG, HOME, HTF, and HOPWA programs included in the Consolidated Plan all distribute funds in a different way. The table below outlines details of each program’s method of distribution.

Distribution Methods Program

Table 6 - Distribution Methods by State Program

1	State Program Name:	CDBG
	Funding Sources:	CDBG
	Describe the state program addressed by the Method of Distribution.	CDBG funded activities include public works, public/ community facilities, housing rehabilitation, microenterprise assistance, community capacity/technical assistance and emergency projects.
	Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria	CDBG specifies the program requirements and application criteria in a detailed manner within chapters 1 through 7 of the 2020 CDBG MOD (Appendix, Attachment D).
	If only summary criteria were described, how can potential applicants access application manuals or other state publications describing the application criteria? (CDBG only)	The State's CDBG MOD is designed in such a way that it encompasses all aspects of program eligibility; federal requirements through application process. The 2020 CDBG MOD is included as Attachment D.
	Describe the process for awarding funds to state recipients and how the state will make its allocation available to units of general local government, and non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. (ESG only)	Not applicable to CDBG.
	Identify the method of selecting project sponsors (including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations). (HOPWA only)	Not applicable to CDBG.

	Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories.	CDBG-Targeted allocation of funds provides Business Oregon investment flexibility and is based on previous demand and the department's cost/benefit analyses. After each quarterly round, Business Oregon conducts a targeted review to determine if funds need to be transferred from one funding category to another to address community needs. Targeted funding does not obligate Business Oregon to award all the funds targeted to each category. If a sufficient number of projects are not awarded in a particular category, applications in other categories may be funded.
	Describe threshold factors and grant size limits.	CDBG- There are multiple threshold factors to be considered. Major considerations include the project being a CDBG eligible activity and the projects ability to meet a national objective. Grant size limits for 2020 are as follows: public works projects-\$2,500,000; community facilities-\$1,500,000; housing rehabilitation-\$400,000 with a \$100,000 incentive focused on repairs in manufactured parks; and microenterprise-\$100,000. While these are the maximum grants allowable, other determining factors such as need and availability of funds are taken into consideration during the award process. Detailed information can be found in the 2020 MOD (Appendix, Attachment D).
	What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution?	CDBG - The primary objective of Oregon's CDBG program is to continuously develop viable communities by providing decent housing (DH); suitable living environments (SL) and expanding economic opportunities (EO) for low and moderate income persons residing within the State's non-entitlement jurisdictions.
2	State Program Name:	Emergency Solutions Grant
	Funding Sources:	ESG
	Describe the state program addressed by the Method of Distribution.	Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds are used to assist individuals and families regain housing stability after experiencing a housing crisis, homelessness, or being at risk of homelessness. Support can include, but is not limited to, outreach, shelter, essential services, transitional housing, permanent housing, rental assistance, case management, and assistance with self-sufficiency opportunities.
	Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria.	Sixteen private nonprofits and local government entities are eligible for the state's ESG funds, and apply to OHCS biennially. Each applicant is awarded funds based on a formula which considers three data elements for each county served by the organization: severe housing burden, poverty, and homelessness. Data from the American Community Survey, Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income in The Past 12 Months report, the Census SAIPE Program Poverty and Median Household Income Estimates report, and the most recently available Point-In Time Count is used to calculate each county's percentage of the state's severe housing burden, poverty and homelessness. Further, the formula percentage for each

	county is weighted for severe housing burden at 30 percent, percentage in poverty at 45 percent, and number counted as homeless at 25 percent. Applicants may serve more than one county, and once county allocations are known, OHCS calculates the percentage of the State’s ESG allocation that will be awarded to each applicant.
If only summary criteria were described, how can potential applicants access application manuals or other state publications describing the application criteria? (CDBG only)	Not applicable to ESG.
Describe the process for awarding funds to state recipients and how the state will make its allocation available to units of general local government, and non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. (ESG only)	<p>Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) administers federal and state homeless program funds including Emergency Solutions Grants, Emergency Housing Assistance, State Homeless Assistance Program, Housing Stabilization Program, Elderly Rental Assistance, Veterans’ Assistance, and Home Tenant-Based Rental Assistance. The distribution of these program funds is done through a Master Grant Agreement funding application process between OHCS and its Community Action Agency subgrantees. In compliance with Oregon legislative mandate, Oregon Housing and Community Services is required to utilize the Community Action Agency network as its primary service delivery mechanism at the local level. The Master Grant Agreement is the legal, contractual agreement utilized for disbursement of OHCS administered anti-poverty grant funds.</p> <p>Subgrantees coordinate with multiple local and statewide partners to establish linkages that maximize housing stabilization efforts and address the diversity of needs of homeless persons while avoiding duplication of services. Reporting and tracking of the linkages is completed annually by each subgrantee and includes narrative descriptions of the linkages and numbers of clients served by type of linkage service. These linkages supplement the state’s federal and state homeless programs resulting in enhanced services including: utility and weatherization services, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Head Start, family support, medical care, assistance through homeless school liaisons, workforce and job assistance, emergency food and nutrition education, child welfare support, and volunteer time and in-kind donations.</p>
Identify the method of selecting project sponsors (including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations). (HOPWA only)	Not applicable to ESG.
Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories.	During the funding application process, the subgrantee applicants submit Implementation Reports and budgets to indicate the services they will provide with their ESG funding. The

		budgets are divided by funding category. If the categorical division of services is approved, funds are allocated in those categorical amounts. Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) staff ensures the division of funds to all ESG categories conforms to the limitations of 24 CFR 576.100.
	Describe threshold factors and grant size limits.	Upon approval of each subgrantee’s application and execution of the Master Grant Agreement (MGA), funds are distributed by formula through a notice of allocation to the subgrantee. The current funding formula utilizes three data elements: severe housing burden, poverty, and homelessness.
	What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution?	Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) subrecipients are required to report on two performance measures: 1) the percentage of total program participants served who reside in permanent housing at time of exit from program (goal of 30 percent) and 2) The percentage of program participants who at program exit reside in permanent housing and maintain permanent housing for six months from time of exit (goal of 80 percent).
3	State Program Name:	HOME
	Funding Sources:	HOME
	Describe the state program addressed by the Method of Distribution.	HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds for multifamily development are allocated through annual competitive Notices of Funding Availability. Oregon Housing and Community Service’s HOME funds may be invested in the HOME Balance of State, which is the geographic area of the State not covered by another Participating Jurisdiction. HOME Investment Partnerships Program Tenant Based Rental Assistance (HOME TBRA) provides funds for rental assistance and deposits for low income households. HOME TBRA is allocated to fifteen community action agencies and housing authorities across the state. The program provides medium-term rent assistance.
	Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria.	For the HOME program, in addition to meeting a variety of threshold measures, applicants are assessed against a series of competitive criteria. The overall structure of competitive criteria looks at State Priorities, Need and Opportunity, Partnerships, Federal Preferences, Funding Efficiency, Project Readiness, and Development Team Capacity. State Priorities target Permanent Supportive Housing, family units, and special needs populations. Need & Opportunity focuses on cost burden, location, and

		<p>access to opportunity. Partnerships include scoring for Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plans including cultural outreach. Federal Preferences provides scoring incentives for project that serve the lowest income families including incentives for project based subsidy. The Federal Preference criteria also encompasses program preferences. Funding Efficiency incentivizes utilization of the HOME Program and the HTF program though no HTF funding will be offered in 2020. This criteria also incentivizes cost effectiveness. Project Readiness includes criteria for financial viability, development and operating pro formas and readiness to proceed. Development Team Capacity scores MWESB capacity, development team capacity, compliance history and development history.</p> <p>The HOME TBRA funding formula is defined by four criteria: housing burden, severe housing burden, households below federal poverty level, and households at or below 50 percent median family income (MFI).</p>
	<p>If only summary criteria were described, how can potential applicants access application manuals or other state publications describing the application criteria? (CDBG only)</p>	<p>Not applicable to HOME.</p>
	<p>Describe the process for awarding funds to state recipients and how the state will make its allocation available to units of general local government, and non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. (ESG only)</p>	<p>Not applicable to HOME.</p>
	<p>Identify the method of selecting project sponsors (including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations). (HOPWA only)</p>	<p>Not applicable to HOME.</p>
	<p>Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories.</p>	<p>HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds will be allocated to eligible housing developers on a per project basis to increase and preserve multifamily rental housing, and through operating support grants to Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). The percentages associated with each of these activities have been determined based on overall need, as well as historic performance and future expectations.</p>

		HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance provides only deposit and rent assistance payments. It is allocated to only one funding category.
	Describe threshold factors and grant size limits.	<p>There are numerous threshold factors considered in the HOME Program. For multifamily housing development these are described in the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). Threshold measures include but are not limited to readiness to proceed, development team capacity, ownership integrity, adequacy of the project site checklist, and a program compliance review to ensure the project will meet established HOME program rules and regulations that apply to all OHCS programs, such as compliance with established rehabilitation standards. Eligible applicants for the state’s HOME program include local governments, non-profit organizations, and for-profit developers, including but not limited to cities, counties, housing authorities, service providers, community based organizations such as CHDOs, community development corporations, and Community Action agencies. Any specific funding restrictions are established in individual NOFAs as applicable.</p> <p>HOME Investment Partnerships Program Tenant Based Rental Assistance (HOME TBRA) funds are allocated to members of the Community Action Agency network for service delivery at the local level. Funds are allocated by formula, using four criteria: housing burden, severe housing burden, poverty, and income at or below 50 percent median family income (MFI).</p>
	What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution?	The program funds are expected to have outcomes that meet the objectives of providing decent affordable housing, and creating suitable living environments.
3	State Program Name:	Housing Trust Fund (HTF)
	Funding Sources:	National Housing Trust Fund
	Describe the state program addressed by the Method of Distribution.	Housing Trust Fund (HTF) funds for multifamily development are allocated through annual competitive Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA). The HTF is available statewide; however the limited number of dollars available will result in only a few projects being funded annually. 2020 funding was forward allocated in 2020 resulting in no competitive process for 2020.
	Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria.	HTF funding will not be offered in 2020 as it was forward allocated in 2019. The 2019 NOFA met a variety of threshold measures. Applicants were also assessed against a series of competitive criteria. The overall structure of competitive criteria looked at need (20%), impact (40%), preferences (10%), financial viability (15%), and capacity (15%). Need examined the need for the project, its target population, and the current supply of affordable housing in the target area. Impact identified ties to local and statewide planning efforts and initiatives as well as the services for residents and location efficiency. Preferences examined the extent to which a project serves those with the lowest incomes, and is located in areas that provide

	<p>opportunity. Financial viability examined the pro forma and capacity, and looked at the sponsor and management agent's portfolio performance. The goal was to fund new, or preserve existing affordable housing resources that were sustainable, address the housing needs, and have a positive impact on the residents. Information about the affordability requirements and the criteria can be found in Attachment Z of the Appendix of the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan Amendment at the following link: http://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/pages/consolidated-plan-five-year-plan.aspx.</p>
<p>If only summary criteria were described, how can potential applicants access application manuals or other state publications describing the application criteria? (CDBG only)</p>	<p>Not applicable to HTF.</p>
<p>Describe the process for awarding funds to state recipients and how the state will make its allocation available to units of general local government, and non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. (ESG only)</p>	<p>Not applicable to HTF.</p>
<p>Identify the method of selecting project sponsors (including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations). (HOPWA only)</p>	<p>Not applicable to HTF.</p>
<p>Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories.</p>	<p>Housing Trust Fund funding was forward allocated in 2019 for specific eligible projects, on a statewide basis, through the established competitive NOFA process currently utilized by OHCS to allocate LIHTC and HOME funds.</p>
<p>Describe threshold factors and grant size limits.</p>	<p>There are numerous threshold factors that were considered in the 2019 allocation of HTF Program dollars. For multifamily housing development these are described in the 2019 NOFA. Threshold measures included readiness to proceed, development team capacity, ownership integrity, total development cost per unit, and a program compliance review to ensure the project will meet established HTF program rules and regulations that apply to all OHCS programs, such as compliance with established rehabilitation standards.</p> <p>OHCS utilized per-unit subsidy limits that are “reasonable” based on the actual costs of developing affordable housing in Oregon and are adjusted for the number of bedrooms in the units and the geographic location of the project. OHCS utilized the same per unit limits for HTF as are used for LIHTC and HOME programs during the forward allocation of 2020 funding.</p>

	What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution?	The program funds are expected to have outcomes that meet the objectives of providing decent affordable housing, and creating suitable living environments.
5	State Program Name:	Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS
	Funding Sources:	HOPWA
	Describe the state program addressed by the Method of Distribution.	Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is the grantee for HOPWA formula funding and directly carries out program implementation.
	Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria.	Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is the grantee for HOPWA formula funding and directly carries out program implementation.
	If only summary criteria were described, how can potential applicants access application manuals or other state publications describing the application criteria? (CDBG only)	Not applicable to HOPWA.
	Describe the process for awarding funds to state recipients and how the state will make its allocation available to units of general local government, and non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. (ESG only)	Not applicable to HOPWA.
	Identify the method of selecting project sponsors (including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations). (HOPWA only)	Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is the grantee for HOPWA formula funding and directly carries out program implementation. Oregon Health Authority does not administer the program through project sponsors.
	Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories.	Oregon Health Authority allocates HOPWA Formula awards based on historical need, taking into consideration the number of clients served in the prior budget period, projected changes to the number of clients served, average costs per client, and projected changes to those average costs. Utilizing current year funding, in conjunction with carry-over from the preceding budget year, OHA maximizes utilization of funds under the program's capacity. After allocating across all funded service types based on future year projections, OHA allocates any remaining funds from the formula award to TBRA as the program sees the most variation in the projections and it is the highest utilized service.
Describe threshold factors and grant size limits.	Oregon Health Authority does not utilize a request for proposal process	

	What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution?	Oregon Health Authority utilizes the standard outcome measures provided by the HOPWA program: the number of clients with a housing plan, number with case management contact in accordance with the standards of service, number who had contact with a primary health care provider, number who accessed and maintained medical insurance, and number who accessed or maintained a source of income.
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Projects (AP-35)

No projects have been identified for plan year 2020 as of the drafting of this plan. The 2020 AAP will be amended, and resubmitted, if projects are identified and input into HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS).

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs.

HOME and HTF allocation priorities are set up with a number of factors being considered. Among them are Consolidated Plan goals, AI barriers, Federal and State priorities, partner and user input, capacity and need. OHCS has particularly focused on serving underserved populations focusing on equity and racial justice and ways to improve capacity in rural communities. OHCS has developed program set asides for different regions of the State to better address the specific needs and obstacles faced by like sized communities. Approval of these priorities is done publically through the OHCS Housing Stability Council. OHCS HOPWA will discuss obstacles to addressing underserved needs in the 2020 CAPER. For CDBG, the program priorities are outlined in the 2020 Method of Distribution (MOD), which is attached to this plan. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) is allocated by formula.

Section 108 Loan Guarantee (AP-40)

Will the state help non-entitlement units of general local government to apply for Section 108 loan funds?

No.

Available Grant Amounts

Not Applicable.

Acceptance process of applications

Oregon's Community Development Block Grant program Section 108 Loan Guarantees are not currently identified as a priority of funding, however, Business Oregon is considering exploring the possibility of using its CDBG funds in this manner in the future.

Community Revitalization Strategies (AP-45)

Will the state allow units of general local government to carry out community revitalization strategies?

No.

State's Process and Criteria for approving local government revitalization strategies

Under the state's CDBG program, Community Revitalization Strategies are not a priority; however, units of general local government (UGLG) can develop revitalization strategies with non-CDBG funds. Further, if a component of the strategy fits within the CDBG funding priorities, as outlined in the CDBG MOD, and is eligible for funding under the CDBG program (e.g., upgrade city wastewater system, rehabilitate a community facility, etc.), the UGLG could apply for assistance under the CDBG for that component of the identified revitalization plan.

Geographic Distribution (AP-50)

Description of the geographic areas of the state (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

OHCS's ESG and HOME TBRA program funds are allocated to community action agencies. This network of service agencies covers every county in the state. No other geographical considerations are used when determining allocation of these funds. ESG is not allocated to Clackamas County and in some instances, HOME TBRA can be used for residents of a county but not a particular city in the county, as the city receives its own HOME funds.

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The funds for the CDBG, HOME, HTF, ESG, and HOPWA programs are not allocated using geographic priorities. Oregon is committed to ensuring public resources are invested in a way that is responsive to the diversity of low-income housing needs, public infrastructure, community facilities and microenterprise needs around the state.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

CDBG funds are awarded on an annual basis to eligible units of general local government in the non-entitlement areas of the state. If sufficient funds remain from an application round, another application round *may* be opened. If an additional competitive application round will be held, notice will be provided to all known eligible applicants via website postings, e-newsletters, and listserv distributions. Allocations are made through a competitive application process. Details of this process can be found in Chapter 7 of the CDBG Method of Distribution (MOD), Attached to this document.

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME):

HOME funds for multi-family projects are distributed on a competitive basis through the NOFA application process to any qualified project located in a jurisdiction that does not directly receive HOME program funds from HUD (the Balance of State).

Up to 24 percent of HOME funds are allocated to Tenant Based Rental Assistance (HOME TBRA) to serve households at or below 50 percent median family income (MFI). HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance allocations are determined using a formula established by a strategic need analysis which factors in the percentage of cost-burdened, severely cost burdened poverty level households, and households with 50 percent or less median income. HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance is allocated to subrecipients in the non-entitlement areas of the state. Each subrecipient may coordinate with local entitlement areas to permit participating households to use the assistance outside the subrecipient's boundaries if the jurisdictions involved so choose.

Housing Trust Fund (HTF):

HTF funds are also distributed on a competitive basis through the NOFA application process to any qualified project in the state. Geographic measures of needs are based on the percentage of the state's severe rent burdened and low-income renter households in each city or county (need distribution), the sum of the city and county funded affordable housing units (affordable housing inventory), and a comparison of the actual distribution of the affordable housing units to how the affordable housing units would be distributed using the need distribution calculation (underserved geography calculation).

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG):

Distribution of ESG funds follow an allocation formula based on the percentage of the state's severely rent-burdened households in each county, the homeless count, and economically disadvantaged households. Economically disadvantaged households are defined as a percent of total households based on the number of persons living below the federal poverty line reported in the Census Bureau's Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates report.

Housing Opportunities for People with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA):

Housing Opportunities for People with HIV/AIDS funds are distributed based on client acuity, and made through direct payment to property managers on behalf of participating clients. Clients are prioritized for assistance based on their assessed need, without consideration for geographic location. The distribution of resources closely aligns with the HIV prevalence in the Balance of State.

Affordable Housing (AP-55)

This section specifies goals for the number of homeless, non-homeless, and special needs households to be provided affordable housing within the program year. It indicates the number of affordable housing units that will be provided by program type, including rental assistance, production of new units, rehabilitation of existing units, or acquisition of existing units.

Table 8- One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	1000
Non-Homeless	560
Special-Needs	60
Total	1550

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	1460
The Production of New Units	60
Rehab of Existing Units	100
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	1550

Discussion:

The CDBG one year goals for the number of households supported through rehab of existing units is 100, and is based on past years’ activities. The CDBG program funding of housing-related activities is limited to low-and moderate income, single-family owner-occupied homes; a minimal amount of the overall CDBG program. Rehabilitation of existing single-family, owner-occupied, units will be funded primarily through CDBG resources within the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation program administered by Business Oregon.

Oregon Housing and Community Services, through the HOME program, expects to produce 60 new units, and acquire and rehabilitate 30 existing units. The HTF is expected to produce 60 units that will serve extremely low income households (HTF money forward allocated in 2019).

Oregon’s HOPWA program helps create a continuum of stable, sustainable housing for people living with HIV/AIDS. The objective of HOPWA is to assist households in establishing and maintaining a stable living environment that is safe, decent and sanitary, reducing the risks of homelessness, and improving access to HIV treatment and other health care and support.

Housing Opportunities for People with HIV/AIDS promotes client housing stability and acts as a bridge to long-term assistance programs such as Section 8, or to self-sufficiency. In 2020, OHA will support 60 households with tenant based rental assistance through HOPWA formula funds.

Public Housing (AP-60)

Introduction:

OHCS is a state housing finance agency and does not manage public housing.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

Actions to address the needs for public housing are performed by Oregon's Public Housing Authorities; however, Oregon, through OHCS, contributes financial or community resources to Public Housing projects through LIHTC, tax-exempt conduit bond loans, Oregon Affordable Housing Tax Credit (OAHTC), and through other state funding opportunities, generally on a competitive basis.

OHCS has engaged with PHA's and is providing set aside preservation and 4% LIHTC dollars for PHA's participating in the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. OHCS is working closely with these PHA's to help them leverage the resources they need to preserve assisted rental housing in Oregon. This process has involved outreach, education and financial planning at both the Housing Authority and state level.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management, and participate in homeownership, are primarily performed by Oregon's Public Housing Authorities. However, Oregon's Individual Development Account (IDA) program is available to residents of public housing and provides state sponsored financial incentives to achieve self-sufficiency goals including homeownership.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

Public housing authorities (PHAs) located in Oregon that are designated as troubled by HUD work directly with HUD to resolve any issues. OHCS is currently exploring potential opportunities to utilize state funding such as the General Housing Account Program to provide technical assistance to troubled PHA's in Oregon. No formal program has materialized as of this date.

Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities (AP-65)

Introduction:

OHCS, through its Community Action Agency (CAA) network, uses ESG funds to provide street outreach, emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention, and data collection and reporting. Emergency Solutions Grant funds are used in conjunction with other state and federal homeless funds to provide a continuum of services with an emphasis upon rapid re-housing and housing stabilization. Oregon's housing crisis has forced grantees to shift priorities to homeless prevention as affordable permanent housing for those transitioning out of homelessness is increasingly difficult to obtain.

To meet the unmet housing need for people with extremely low incomes, Oregon would need to build 102,500 new units (2019 estimate), and preserve all existing subsidized units. In a time when vacancy rates are exceptionally low, people and families face significant housing instability. Flat wages, in conjunction with rapidly increasing housing and transportation costs, mean fewer resources are available for people to meet their basic needs of food, clothing, and medicine. The state's priority populations for the 2019-21 biennium will be homeless families with children and homeless veterans.

Oregon communities identified bringing water and public infrastructure into compliance with local and federal regulations as their highest priority for non-housing and community development needs funded by the CDBG program. Oregon communities also identified the need to address homelessness and efforts to reduce the causes of homelessness as significant. To that end, within the CDBG program, housing rehabilitation, domestic violence shelters, Head Start and food bank projects are considered to be a higher priority for the program. Housing Rehabilitation repairs help to maintain existing housing stock for low- to moderate- income persons thereby reducing the potential likelihood of homelessness or home insecurity. Similarly, the Community Facility type projects identified above, provide safe shelter and assistance to reduce food insecurity and potential homelessness.

The 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan is designed to help jurisdictions develop a strategic plan to address their housing and non-housing community development needs. The strategic plan builds on the findings of the Needs Assessment and Market Analysis by requiring that the State develop goals to meet the needs of the communities HUD serves. The strategies and goals of the plan were developed in partnership with the community, and with an eye toward social equity. This work is built on the foundation of the 2016-2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and will inform the Statewide Housing Plan (ORS 456.572), the planning work of the Oregon Health Authority, and that of Business Oregon.

The Annual Action Plans (AAP) describes the goals associated with the federal funding received through Consolidated Plan programs and the companion Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPER/PER) details the extent to which the state of Oregon was able to achieve those stated goals.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including:

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS), together with the Community Action Agencies (CAAs) across the state, use Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) funds to assist individuals and families regain housing stability after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness. These groups work together to meet the needs of the homeless population.

Even though the priority is to use ESG funding to quickly re-house homeless families with children and homeless veterans through either rapid re-housing or Housing First activities, Oregon faces a homelessness crisis. Outreach by CAAs to unsheltered persons is crucial and is an approved use of ESG funds. Outreach includes making homeless people aware of resources available to them, and connecting them to those resources. The types of outreach a service provider will use depends on the community, demographics, and special needs of the populations being served. It's imperative that service agencies understand the demographics of the people living in their service areas. Oregon Housing and Community Services requires all ESG subrecipients to submit an Affirmative Outreach Plan (24 CFR 576.407(b)), as well as a written statement or plan for assisting applicants and clients with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requirements. In conjunction with annual Point in Time counts, many OHCS ESG subrecipients conduct a Project Connect-type event as an outreach tool to provide services for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Project Connect, and similar one-or two-day events, offer a one-stop location where people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness can receive specialized services such as medical and dental care, hot meals, food boxes, clothing, camping supplies, eye exams, veterinary exams for pets, and legal services. These gatherings are an excellent tool to connect with hard to reach populations, and start developing relationships.

Continuums of Care and service agencies across Oregon use a Coordinated Entry process to maximize and control applicant intake. Coordinated Entry systems allow the provider to assess a person's needs using a centralized database, ensuring that each person receives a thorough, expedited assessment along with a coordinated approach to services. Use of standard assessment tools can help to align appropriate services with resources to fit personal needs. Through a network of case management, community based support systems, financial and rent assistance and self-sufficiency opportunities, homeless and at-risk households are linked to services designed to help them obtain or retain housing stability.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

OHCS has funded two comprehensive studies regarding the state's housing needs and shelter inventory. Both studies state Oregon has an immediate need for additional shelters and increased capacity of communities to respond to the needs of their households experiencing homelessness. In the winter of 2019, OHCS granted state funds to agencies who would maximize winter shelter opportunities in their communities. OHCS made more funds available as winter rolled over into 2020. OHCS will continue to commit state and federal funds to fill gaps in shelter, transitional housing, permanent affordable housing, and other resources needed to answer the state's homelessness crisis.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again.

Oregon's Community Action Agencies (CAAs) provide comprehensive services and support for households transitioning from homelessness to being housed. The Emergency Solution Grant Program (ESG), in combination with other resources, provides assistance to extremely low income households so they may secure, maintain, and retain housing.

Coordinated Entry systems optimize CAA efforts to coordinate with area nonprofit providers, and State and local governments, promoting effective use, and access, to mainstream programs and self-sufficiency services aimed at ending homelessness. Through a network of services that include case management, community based support systems, financial assistance, and personal budgeting, people experiencing or at risk of homelessness are linked to services designed to assist households reach and maintain housing stability. When entering shelter, an individual is assessed and provided essential services based on their needs and the services available. Services may include referral for mental health care, life skills supports, personal budgeting and finance, conflict resolution, and other needed skills that help reduce barriers and retain housing stability. Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) promotes the use of a Housing First approach and will encourage subgrantees to use this model instead of shelter whenever possible. The approach is designed to serve the basic needs of the person before addressing or working to resolve identified barriers to housing. Shelter and housing providers can inadvertently institute barriers that keep homeless or extremely low income households from being eligible for assistance. OHCS continues to work with subgrantees through workshops and other communication so subgrantees have the tools to identify and remove barriers in shelters and housing.

Multiple efforts are being made to encourage landlords to rent to those who are homeless. Oregon Housing and Community Services manages two landlord guarantee programs for reimbursement of unit damage and loss of rent. One program is designed to encourage

landlords to rent to tenants in HUD's Housing Choice Voucher Program. The other program provides landlords with assurances for recourse if they rent to a high-risk tenant.

Many subrecipients have hired a dedicated staff position to concentrate on identifying and securing housing units for their program participants. These housing navigators market rent-assistance programs to landlords, keep abreast of housing opportunities in their service communities, and assist their agency's clients in their housing search.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

OHCS delivers rental assistance services through a statewide network of Community Action Agencies (CAAs), which is also the statewide system for delivery of anti-poverty services, including the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). Community Action Agencies are able to align their poverty and homelessness resources to prevent homelessness and provide connections to supportive mainstream and community resources (i.e. employment services, child welfare assistance, TANF programs, etc.). OHCS encourages CAAs to work closely with community coordinated care organizations, governmental entities, nonprofits, mental and physical health providers, schools, public safety providers and others to design, implement, and deliver programs and services as partners in service to the most vulnerable Oregonians.

HOPWA Goals (AP-70)

AAP Table 10 - One Year HOPWA Goals

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	
Tenant-based rental assistance	60
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	
Total	60

Barriers to affordable housing (AP-75)

Introduction:

Market forces put severe pressure on the number of affordable units available for low income families and individuals. In addition, many local policies, such as land use decisions, fees, and growth restrictions further limit where and how affordable units can be built. Barriers to affordable housing are also created by legislative decisions including limitations placed on how state and federal money can be used.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

Oregon's 2016-2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) identified various impediments and barriers experienced to fair housing choice, and suggested actions to address those impediments. Based on the AI, Oregon developed a 2016-2020 Fair Housing Action Plan (FHAP); prioritizing strategies to remove barriers to fair housing choice. Included in the plan are the following actions that specifically address public policies, land use controls, zoning ordinances, and policies affecting the return on residential investment.

- Fund a pilot program to review Comprehensive Plans submitted to the Department of Land and Conservation Development (DLCD) to identify land use proposals with a potentially discriminatory impact.
- Conduct on-going education and outreach communication with non-entitlement area land use jurisdiction policy-making bodies focusing on best practices, model codes and plans, recent legal decisions and tools available for aiding in creating inclusive communities.
- Fund pilot program, along with OHCS, to review Post Acknowledgement Plan Amendments submitted to Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to identify land use proposals with potentially discriminatory impact.
- Work with DLCD to examine Oregon's land use laws and planning and zoning systems and seeks ways to help local jurisdictions meet statutory housing obligations.

The 2016-2020 FHAP is included as Section VIII of the AI, and may be accessed at the following link: <https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/docs/Consolidated-Plan/FINAL-2016-2020-Oregon-Analysis-of-Impediments-Fair-Housing-Choice-Report-v2.pdf>

In 2018, HB 4010 created a Task Force to look at racial disparities in home ownership. In Oregon 67% of non-hispanic white households own their homes while 37% Latino and 34% of black households are homeowners. OHCS is a participant of this Task Force which will convene

through 2019 with the hope of providing recommendations on how these disparities can be bridged.

Breaking New Ground: Oregon's Statewide Housing Plan, released in early 2019 lists Affordable Rental Housing and Homeownership as two of the six priorities established by OHCS within the 5 year plan. Barrier reduction to achieve the goals established within these priorities will be of significant importance in the accomplishment of these goals and priorities.

Other Actions (AP-85)

Introduction

This section describes the actions, and strategies, Oregon plans to take in 2020 to foster and maintain affordable housing, evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty-level families, develop institutional structure, and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Describe actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.

The research performed for the Statewide Housing Plan and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) has shown housing inequities and disparities most often are experienced by people of color and people with disabilities. Households of color are more likely than white households to have lower incomes, and are disproportionately represented in the number of low income households with housing instability. Additionally, Oregon's population is quickly aging, and the population of people with disabilities continues to grow. More accessible units are needed to allow seniors and people with disabilities to live independently.

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) will work to promote fair housing and access to housing choice for all Oregonians, and take meaningful action to overcome patterns of segregation and promote inclusive communities free of barriers to opportunity. OHCS, in partnership with OHA and Business Oregon developed a Fair Housing Action Plan (FHAP), which is targeted to improve and address these barriers.

Describe actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing.

In addition to the program funding associated with the Consolidated Plan, the State of Oregon has made affordable housing a priority by making historic investment in OHCS housing programs during the 2019-2021 biennium. \$206.5 million dollars were invested in increasing the supply of affordable housing, \$70.5 million dollars were invested in addressing and preventing homelessness and 54.5 million dollars were invested in Permanent Supportive Housing.

In 2017, the Oregon Legislature passed HB 2002, which supports the agency's work to prioritize preservation and better monitor the inventory of public supported housing. The 2019 Legislature revisited this bill and strengthened the impact and reach of preservation activities covered under the law.

2019 was a remarkable year for affordable housing legislative action as a number of bills relating to the protection of affordable housing were passed. Among these are the following:

- [HB 2003](#) directs OHCS, in consultation with the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) and the Department of Administrative Services, to develop

- a Regional Housing Needs Analysis (RHNA) methodology, complete an initial analysis and submit a legislative report with findings and recommendations. Cities with populations over 10,000 are directed to develop and adopt a housing production strategy, subject to approval by DLCDC. DLCDC, in consultation with OHCS, is directed to develop criteria to evaluate the housing production strategies. DLCDC will provide technical assistance to cities.
- [HB 3272](#) limits extension that Land Use Board of Appeals may provide petitioner whose objection to record is denied to 14 days from later of original deadline or date of denial. The Board is authorized to award attorney fees for motions filed without merit.
 - [SB 8](#) requires Land Use Board of Appeals to award local governments and applicants their expenses and attorney fees against petitioners if affirming local government's approval of publicly supporting housing.
 - [SB 534](#) requires local governments to allow single-family dwellings within urban growth boundary of city with population greater than 25,000 in residential lots platted and zoned for such uses.
 - [HB 2949](#) authorizes governing body of county with population of more than 570,000 to set maximum dollar amount of \$25,000 or more, or dollar amount adopted by county, for total assessed value of all of taxpayer's manufactured structures taxable as personal property, below which such manufactured structures are not subject to ad valorem property taxation for assessment year.
 - SB608 limits landlord lease termination to just cause for leases of 12 months. The bill requires rent increase notice requirements of 90 days and caps rental increase amounts and limits increases to one time per year amongst other provisions.
 - [SB 970](#) limits applicable screening criteria for residential landlords. The bill requires facility landlords to provide tenant handbook regarding rights in selling tenant's manufactured dwelling or floating home. The bill also requires landlord to allow tenant marketing manufactured dwelling or floating home for sale to sublease dwelling if landlord rents landlord's own units.

A task force to address racial disparities in homeownership was established 2018 to determine why this disparity exists and how it may be mitigated. This task force is completing its work and OHCS is anxious to integrate any findings into its work.

Oregon Housing & Community Services will continue to utilize a third party, currently the *Fair Housing Council of Oregon*, to provide a number of services associated with encouraging fair housing. Services include partner training, fair housing testing and a review of Post Acknowledgement Plan Amendments which is essentially a review of potential changes in local zoning ordinances to determine potential negative effects affordable housing users.

Oregon Housing and Community Services' (OHCS) Home Ownership Assistance Program (HOAP) includes a First-time Homebuyer Program, and provides education and down payment assistance, a lender toolkit and resources, foreclosure prevention counselors and resources, and energy bill payment and weatherization assistance.

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) administers the HOME program for the balance of state, and the HTF program for the State of Oregon. HOME funds used for multifamily development are generally allocated through an annual competitive Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA) in conjunction with other available federal and state resources, and are also allocated for rental assistance administered by Community Action Agencies. 2018 was the third year that OHCS received an HTF allocation. OHCS administers the HTF program similarly to the HOME program. The goal is to create new, or preserve existing affordable housing resources that are sustainable, address the needs, and have an impact on the residents. Oregon 2019 HTF funding is used specifically for families at or below 30% of the area median income of the federal poverty line (whichever is greater). Funding is often paired with the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program or other federal or state resources.

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) provides federal and state tax credits and other available gap financing to affordable housing developers, administering the federal LIHTC program, a major funding source for development of affordable housing. Tax credit equity is leveraged with other state and federal funds through the competitive NOFA process, allowing one application for all resources available through the NOFA. The 9% LIHTC NOFA includes other state resources such as the Oregon Affordable Housing Tax Credit, Low Income Weatherization funds, HTF and a portion of the HOME funds in the balance of state.

Oregon Housing and Community Services also administers the non-competitive 4% tax credits used in conjunction with tax-exempt bonds. 4% tax credits are being used in conjunction with federal preservation dollars to fund PHA RAD and/or Section 18 conversions amongst other affordable housing construction and preservation uses.

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) will work with the **Agricultural Workforce Housing Facilitation Team (AWHFT) Emergency Housing Assistance program (EHA) Workgroup** to utilize the EHA Discretionary Set Aside fund to develop an Oregon Agriculture Workforce Housing Study. The Housing Stability Council previously raised awareness of the need for a study that includes updated statewide information on current agriculture workforce housing. This study will serve as the framework for future funding and program decisions and could include basic population data, best practices, system changes/alignment, equitable access and new innovations.

Describe actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards.

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) strategies to address lead based paint (LBP) hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards include:

- Inspection of OHCS funded properties for LBP hazards,

- Implementation of monitoring, or informing property owners of monitoring requirements; and
- LBP education and training for staff and partners

Oregon Housing and Community Services' (OHCS) portfolio does not currently include any projects with hazards of lead poisoning; however, properties constructed prior to 1978 may be subject to requirements for assessment, evaluation, and mitigation of LBP per federal regulation 24 CFR Part 35. OHCS compliance officers determine if monitoring for LBP is required and, if necessary, implement or advise property owners of monitoring requirements.

The ESG and HOME TBRA programs require an assessment for LBP hazards per Subpart M of 24 CFR part 35 as part of the housing standards inspection prior to rental of units built prior to 1978 if the household includes a child under age six.

Business Oregon developed procedures to eliminate the hazards of lead poisoning due to the presence of LBP in housing assisted with Community Development Block Grant funds. In accordance with the Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X) the State established a certification program for inspectors and contractors and accrediting programs for trainers.

All purchasers and tenants of CDBG assisted emergency homeless shelters, transitional housing and domestic violence shelters constructed prior to 1978 receive a notice about the potential hazards of LBP. Grant recipients must keep documentation of the notifications in their local project file.

In addition, department staff have opportunities to continue LBP education by attending HUD sponsored trainings on healthy homes, LBP rules, repairs, and technical assistance.

Describe actions planned to reduce the number of poverty level families.

Poverty Report

Legislators, public and private partners, and community members need access to comprehensive and contextualized data on poverty in order to understand and address the needs of the state. With this in mind, over the past year OHCS has been in collaboration with other state agencies, non-profit organizations, and community partners to reimagine the state's report. The new Oregon Poverty Report will respectfully represent diverse communities subjected to poverty and its affects and will include a special focus on equity and racial justice. The report will also raise awareness of what self-sufficiency looks like for individuals and families in today's economy and will more closely examine a range of socioeconomic indicators used to evaluate poverty as a condition and explore the impacts of poverty on vulnerable populations. Finally, the report format has changed and will include an interactive dashboard to allow online public access to multiple data sources, county profiles, and other resources

provided by poverty report contributors. OHCS anticipates the new Oregon Poverty Report will be published in late summer-early fall 2020.

IDA Initiative

The [Oregon Individual Development Account \(IDA\) Initiative](#) helps build hope for Oregonians with low incomes by providing matched savings opportunities, information about financial systems, and coaching that meets savers where they are at and supports their financial goals. IDA savers bring their own motivation and hard-earned resources, and the Initiative multiplies their dollars. For twenty years, this has been one of Oregon's best tools to improve financial prospects for individuals and families living on low incomes. The data continues to show that [IDAs work](#), by helping individuals meet immediate goals of homeownership, business creation, and education, among others, and by building and reinforcing lasting habits of budgeting, detailed planning, and growing savings. Program "completers" represent 74% of all account closures in the 2018-2019 program year. In that year, the Oregon IDA Initiative provided \$5.8 million in matching funds to 993 participants who saved approximately \$2.4 million. These numbers stand for real life impacts for Oregonians with the most need for better access to opportunity – those living in rural areas and communities of color, and those with very low incomes. The most recent data demonstrates that the IDA Initiative enrolls participants from communities of color at percentages that are representative of or exceed their rates among all Oregonians with low incomes. The outcomes reflect the expertise and heartfelt efforts of the staff at providers statewide, supporting participants to make life-changing inroads to financial stability.

TANF Program for Children

Oregon Housing and Community Services in partnership with local Community Action Agencies collaborate with the Department of Human Services to use Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds to assist families with children that are homeless or at risk of homelessness with crisis and short-term needs. A direct referral process is developed to fit within each community's unique needs, providing these TANF households with shared family assessments while working together to assist families in obtaining and retaining permanent housing. Efforts continue to strengthen and expand this program by developing housing navigation capacity and providing wrap-around case management and services for families in need.

Greater Oregon Housing Accelerator

OHCS is expanding upon a PILOT program called the *Greater Oregon Housing Accelerator Program* which will help local governments and employers bring new housing to the community for business growth. Business throughout Oregon have identified housing as a major barrier for business expansion as businesses struggle to attract employees due to rising housing costs in

Oregon communities. The Greater Oregon Housing Accelerator hopes to engage this partnership to expand housing opportunities for low and moderate income families.

Describe actions planned to develop institutional structure.

Oregon's institutional delivery structure system's strengths are through collaboration and coordination with our partners. Following are some of the ways Oregon will work to enhance coordination and implementation in 2020:

OHCS is coordinating with Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Human Services Department to provide Permanent Supportive Housing support across Oregon. In addition to utilizing existing resources, OHCS has recently received 50 million dollars for exclusive use towards Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). To support these new development resources, OHCS is developing a technical assistance workshop that will train teams across the state to put together a comprehensive PSH package that will include services and rent assistance.

OHCS is also working with communities who have passed local initiatives to develop affordable housing including Permanent Supportive Housing.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) uses TANF funds to address crisis and short-term needs that put low-income families with children at risk of becoming homeless. Oregon Housing and Community Services partners with DHS in this effort. OHCS contracts with local CAAs to deliver services to TANF recipients and TANF-eligible recipients. CAAs develop collaboration plans with their local DHS district offices to develop a referral process, provide services and develop case management plans designed to assist these recipients in achieving housing stability. Collaborative efforts include weekly, bi-weekly and monthly joint meetings in which recipient cases are reviewed and action plans are developed. Through these partnerships, low-income families with children homeless or at risk of homelessness are able to obtain rental assistance, services and referral to other community resources that help them achieve housing stability and support their efforts to become self-sufficient.

Describe actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Oregon Housing and Community Services delivers rental assistance services through a statewide network of CAAs, which is also the statewide system for delivery of anti-poverty services, including the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). Community Action Agencies work extensively with governmental entities, nonprofits, mental and physical health providers, schools, public safety providers, and others to design, implement, and deliver programs and services to low-income individuals and families.

To enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies, in 2015, the Oregon Legislature approved an expansion of the Housing Council to become the Oregon Housing Stability Council and include additional members. The Housing Stability Council and the Community Action Partnership of Oregon are key networks that work to ensure a

statewide continuum of housing and services for low income households, people experiencing homelessness, and special needs populations. The Homeless Services Section (HHS) of OHCS presents to both entities monthly updates of funding available, new programs, performance outcomes, and policies initiated by the section.

Program Specific Requirements (AP-90)

The following section addresses program-specific requirements for the programs included in the Annual Action Plan.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the 2020 program year are identified in the Projects Table below. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

There is no program income expected for the CDBG program before the start of the program year, nor the remaining items identified under point 2-5 in the table "Use of CDBG Funds".

The estimated percentage for number 2, "Other CDBG requirements" is calculated for a consecutive period of three years (2018-2020).

Urgent need amount is currently unknown as CDBG funds, and at any time during the program year may be utilized to provide grants to eligible applicants for projects arising from bona fide emergencies.

Table 11- Use of CDBG Funds

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70 percent of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	90% 2018-2020

Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

Oregon Housing and Community Services does not offer any other form of investment beyond those identified in 24 CFR 92.205 for the HOME program.

The State does not plan in advance to limit or give preference to special needs populations in HOME funded projects, but will consider proposals made by developers when applications are received in response to the annual NOFAs. Projects serving special needs populations may receive HOME funding if it is determined that there is a great need for affordable housing for that specific population in the community where the proposed project will be located, OR if other funding in the proposed project requires a specific special needs population be given a preference. For example, if the project receives funding to serve Veterans, OHCS will allow Veterans to be given a preference, but we don't know this in advance of the NOFA.

A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254 is as follows:

Oregon Housing and Community Services does not operate a HOME funded homebuyer program.

A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

Oregon Housing and Community Services does not operate a HOME funded homebuyer program.

Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

Oregon Housing and Community Services does not use HOME funding to refinance existing debt.

Housing Trust Fund (HTF)

Additional information about the criteria related to the HTF program may be found in the HOME Investment Partnership Program NOFA, the Housing Trust Manual, and the OHCS Project Development Manuals (PDM) located on the [OHCS website](#) under Related Links.

1. How will the grantee distribute its HTF funds?

Housing Trust Fund funds for multifamily rental housing development will be distributed annually to eligible recipients that submit applications in response to the OHCS Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). Projects are selected based on criteria published in the NOFA. OHCS has forward allocated 2020 HTF funds in 2019 and will not be distributing HTF funds in 2020. The OHCS NOFA announcing the availability of 2021 HTF resources will utilize language in 2020 Annual Action Plan in advance of HUD approval of the Oregon 2021 Annual Action Plan.

2. If distributing HTF funds through grants to subgrantees, describe the method for distributing HTF funds through grants to subgrantees and how those funds will be made available to state agencies and/or units of general local government.

N/A

3. If distributing HTF funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients,

a. Describe the eligibility requirements for recipients of HTF funds (as defined in 24 CFR § 93.2).

Eligible recipients are project sponsors, developers, for-profit entities, non-profit entities, and housing authorities. Faith-based organizations are eligible to participate in the HTF program. Recipients are required to certify that housing assisted with HTF funding will comply with HTF requirements by signing and recording legal documents with restrictive covenants.

A HTF Recipient Must:

- Make acceptable assurances to OHCS that it will comply with the requirements of the HTF program during the entire period that begins upon selection of the recipient to receive HTF funds, and ending upon the conclusion of all HTF-funded activities;
- Demonstrate the ability and financial capacity to undertake, comply, and manage the eligible activity;
- Demonstrate its familiarity with the requirements of other Federal, State, or local housing programs that may be used in conjunction with HTF funds to ensure compliance with all applicable requirements and regulations of such programs; and

- Have demonstrated experience and capacity to conduct an eligible HTF activity as evidenced by its ability to own, construct, or rehabilitate, and manage and operate an affordable multifamily rental housing development.

b. Describe the grantee’s application requirements for eligible recipients to apply for HTF funds.

Housing Trust Fund funding is allocated through a competitive NOFA. Oregon Housing and Community Services may employ, but is not limited to, the following criteria upon which to base its funding decisions:

- Each Application will be reviewed for timeliness and completeness of the NOFA requirements.
- After passing Administrative Review, these Minimum Threshold Requirements must be met:
 - Program Compliance
 - Relocation Plan
 - Ways and/or targets that they will utilize to contract with MWESB contractors/subcontractors in the construction and operation of the proposed Project.
 - Application must demonstrate the Project’s readiness to proceed.

2020 HTF funds were forward allocated in 2019. No allocation will be provided in 2020. Language in this Annual Action Plan will be used to guide issuance of a NOFA for 2021 HTF resources.

c. Describe the selection criteria that the grantee will use to select applications submitted by eligible recipients.

Housing Trust Fund funding will be allocated to eligible multifamily rental projects on a statewide basis through the established competitive NOFA process currently used by OHCS to allocate LIHTC and HOME funds. A total of 100 maximum points is possible, weighted twenty for need, forty for impact, ten for preferences, fifteen for financial viability, and fifteen for capacity. In the competitive NOFA process, OHCS awards additional points for applications that include the use of HUD 811 Rental Assistance. In addition, OHCS awards points for serving the lowest income population, which includes points for projects with Project Based Rental Assistance.

Project units that receive HTF funding must rent to tenants at or below 30% of the Area Median Income. 2020 HTF funds were forward allocated in 2019. No allocation will be provided in 2020.

d. Describe the grantee’s required priority for funding based on geographic diversity (as defined by the grantee in the consolidated plan).

Oregon Housing and Community Services is committed to ensuring public resources are invested in a way that is responsive to the diversity of low-income housing needs and the need for economic development around the state. Therefore, HTF funding will be allocated to eligible multifamily rental projects, on a statewide basis, through the established competitive NOFA process currently used by OHCS to allocate LIHTC and HOME funds.

e. Describe the grantee’s required priority for funding based on the applicant's ability to obligate HTF funds and undertake eligible activities in a timely manner.

Readiness to Proceed

- Certification of zoning
- All Applications must include a zoning certification form, even if the Project is solely acquisition or rehabilitation. The Department will not accept application for Projects that require zone changes or annexations.
- The original of the Certificate must be placed in the original application.
- Verification of site control
 - Complete the table and attach evidence of site control. The General Policy and Guideline Manual contains a discussion of acceptable site control verification. If you do not yet own the property, be sure to submit all extension documents, amendments and/or addendums to your original documents.

Federal project resources status

- The Applicant should provide a copy of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development (RD), or Veteran’s Administration (VA) application (not all the attached materials) along with a brief statement on the application status.

Proposed development schedule

- The Project schedule should be accurate and the timelines should be consistent with the requirements of the Project’s components, such as providing adequate time to complete acquisition or satisfaction of funding conditions.

Project Site Review checklist

- You must complete the Project Site Review Checklist. If an Application involves more than one (1) land parcel, complete a Review Checklist for each parcel.
- OHCS completes its competitive NOFA Process with a Reservation of Funding for those projects selected to proceed in the development process. Applicants are required to demonstrate the ability and financial capacity to undertake, comply, and manage the eligible activity;
- The following is an excerpt for the NOFA Reservation Letter stating the 240 day deadline to begin construction:

- “The resources detailed above contain pre-funding conditions to be met prior to any grant or loan funding disbursements.
- The conditions are a result of statutory requirements, federal regulations and/or OHCS criteria. Generally, the conditions are to be met 30 days prior to any resource funding. If there is concern that any of the conditions will not be met within this timeline, contact me to discuss a later agreed upon time.
- Applicant will execute any and all documents required by OHCS Policy and Program Requirements in form and content satisfactory to the Department in its sole discretion.
- Applicant is aware that the Department may enact a re-evaluation of the Reservation under the following circumstances: failure to reach construction closing within 240 days of the date of this letter; and material change that causes the project to not meet minimum qualifications.”

2020 HTF funds were forward allocated in 2019. No allocation will be provided in 2020.

f. Describe the grantee’s required priority for funding based on the extent to which the rental project has Federal, State, or local project-based rental assistance so that rents are affordable to extremely low-income families.

In the competitive NOFA process, OHCS awards additional points (one to five) for applications that include the use of HUD 811 Rental Assistance. In addition, OHCS awards seven points for serving the lowest income population, which includes two points for projects with Project Based Rental Assistance.

g. Describe the grantee’s required priority for funding based on the financial feasibility of the project beyond the required 30-year period.

The 2019 HTF Allocation Plan discusses the Program Specific Requirements of the Housing Trust Fund as discussed below. Note: 2020 HTF funds were forward allocated in 2019. No HTF allocation will be provided in the 2020 NOFA.

Project Specific Requirements

OHCS generally requires a 60 year affordability period for multifamily rental housing projects. However, due to the extremely low-income requirement for HTF, tenants must be at or below 30 percent of area MFI, OHCS’ Housing Stability Council approved a 30-year affordability period for HTF projects. OHCS will seek to incentivize project sponsors to pledge an increased affordability period through the scoring criteria for the HTF NOFA.

Additionally, the following excerpt from the OHCS NOFA describes the requirements for financial feasibility of project seeking funding through OHCS, including HTF:

- (D) Financial Viability: 15 points

1. Development pro forma review
 - a. Pro forma includes only realistic and available resources on the Sources of Funding. Capital fundraising campaigns are not considered realistic and available resources. Any inclusion of resources that are unrealistic or unavailable will result in a score of minus fifteen (-15) points in this category.
 - b. Explanation of how the development budget will still be valid at the start of construction.
 - c. Relocation Plan completed if warranted and aligns to development budget.
 - d. Developer Fee is within the OHCS maximum allowable.
 - e. If Uniform Relocation Act (URA), the budget line item accurately reflects the Project cost based on the sufficient Relocation Plan.
 - f. If Commercial Real Estate is included in the Project, Sources and Uses are provided on a separate pro forma page.
2. Operating pro forma review
 - a. Affordable rents at least ten percent (10%) below estimated market rents.
 - b. Debt coverage ratio is a minimum of 1.15:1 for hard amortizing debt. When utilizing OAHTC funds, the minimum debt coverage ratio is required to be met after the OAHTC pass through is applied.
 - c. Cash flow within OHCS guidelines or adequately explained (1.30 or below, unless adequately explained or declining cash flows require a higher debt coverage).
 - d. Vacancy rate at seven percent (7%) or adequately explained if different.
 - e. Submitted reserves for replacement analysis and included adequate amount for replacement items in pro forma as detailed in IV.E.ii Operating Pro forma of the QAP.
 - f. Income inflation factor is less than expenses inflation factor.
 - g. In a mixed use project, no commercial income may be used to support the low-income residential project
3. Reasonable request and demonstrated need for resources
 - a. Eligible basis requested is analyzed to determine accuracy (land, commercial, ineligibles are not supporting annual allocation, and there will not be a material gap in finances).
4. Well documented and explained construction costs
 - a. Construction documents, including CNA, if required, provide enough detail to adequately calculate Project hard costs.
 - b. Construction and rehabilitation estimates substantially agree with the pro forma.
 - c. Green building costs reflected in construction costs.
 - d. Contractor overhead, profit and general conditions are within the required range for LIHTC as specified in IV.E Financial Feasibility section of the QAP.

h. Describe the grantee’s required priority for funding based on the merits of the application in meeting the priority housing needs of the grantee (such as housing that is accessible to transit or employment centers, housing that includes green building and sustainable development features, or housing that serves special needs populations).

The Scoring Criteria are designed to measure the severity of need and overall impact to the community as well as to prioritize those projects that best meet established preferences, demonstrate dynamic partnerships and outcome based service delivery, and who involve sponsors, owners, and management agents with demonstrated high levels of performance.

A total of 100 maximum points is possible, weighted 20 for need, 40 for impact, 10 for preferences, 15 for financial viability, and 15 for capacity.

Any Application that does not have the minimum overall score of 75 points will be disqualified, and the Application charge will not be refunded.

Both quantitative and qualitative factors are considered in the scoring. The criteria to be used, and the scoring group, for each scored section will be as follows:

- (A) Need: 20 points
 - 1. Target Population – 5 points
 - 2. Severity of Need - 9 points max
 - 3. Equitably Served Geography – 6 points

- (B) Impact: 40 points

New Construction and Acquisition / Rehabilitation project Impact Criteria

- 1. Plan Alignment – 5 points
- 2. HOME Leverage– 2 points
- 3. HTF Leverage – 3 points
- 4. State initiative / policy alignment – 4 points
- 5. Resident Services – 5 points
- 6. Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing – 5 points
- 7. Location Efficiency – 8 points max
- 8. Location Preferences – 8 points max

i. Describe the grantee’s required priority for funding based on the extent to which the application makes use of non-federal funding sources.

OHCS prioritizes projects based on alignment with several elements that would tie directly to the commitment of local resources; notably these include alignment with local planning efforts and state initiatives. In the preference given to projects aligned with local plans, applicants are required to identify connections between local and regional efforts in order to demonstrate the

importance of their project to local development and planning efforts; commitment of local resources is a clearly demonstrated tie that would establish importance of these local efforts and advantage a project through the selection process. A similar preference is given to those projects that demonstrate alignment with statewide policy initiatives, through significant ties including funding commitment of local partners working on such investments. Lastly, preference is given in project selection to those with committed partnerships for resident services; often times these are built through a commitment of local resources to support the ongoing operations of robust resident service and outcome tracking measurements. All of these measures of leverage are part of larger assessments in order to not only preference those jurisdictions with large resources to commit to affordable housing, but instead to also preference those that are strategically working to address housing issues and committing limited resources to further those efforts.

4. Does the grantee's application require the applicant to include a description of the eligible activities to be conducted with HTF funds?

The OHCS NOFA application requires the subject project to be fully conceived. The application requirements include site control, preliminary design, and a financially feasible proforma with development and operating budgets. The type of project is identified and described (new construction, acquisition/rehabilitation, and acquisition rehabilitation with new construction). Target population to be housed, unit types, total number of each unit type, income and rent limitations of the proposed units, and square footage of units are all required in the application.

5. Does the grantee's application require that each eligible recipient certify that housing units assisted with HTF funds will comply with HTF requirements?

Housing Trust Fund recipients are required to certify that housing assisted with HTF funding will comply with HTF requirements by signing and recording legal documents with restrictive covenants. Housing Trust Fund requirements are included in the HTF Program Manual which accompanies the NOFA.

6. Performance Goals and Benchmarks. The grantee has met the requirement to provide for performance goals and benchmarks against which the grantee will measure its progress, consistent with the grantee's goals established under 24 CFR 91.315(b)(2), by including HTF in its housing goals in the housing table on the SP-45 Goals and AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives screens.

Yes.

7. Maximum Per-unit Development Subsidy Amount for Housing Assisted with HTF Funds. Enter or attach the grantee’s maximum per-unit development subsidy limits for housing assisted with HTF funds.

In order to contain costs, Oregon Housing and Community Services established the following cost-per-unit subsidy limits. The costs are based on the total development and construction costs (excludes acquisition). The limits are established using recently funded (five year) history of OHCS Projects and based on unit size.

2019* Oregon LIMIT cost / unit	Studio	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Urban	\$231,000	\$281,000	\$330,000	\$374,000	\$394,000
Balance of State	\$182,000	\$220,000	\$270,000	\$308,000	\$341,000

* 2020 HTF funds were forward allocated with the 2019 NOFA

Due to the fact that HTF would be allocated through the OHCS 9% LIHTC NOFA, and because HTF is a statewide program (not limited to Balance of State), OHCS elected to align the HTF subsidy limits with the “Total Development Cost-Per-Unit” limits used by LIHTC program projects (9%). In order to contain costs, Oregon Housing and Community Services established the following cost-per-unit subsidy limits. The costs are based on the total development and construction costs (excludes acquisition) for each project based on a cost per square foot calculation performed after excluding nonresidential square footage. The limits are established using recently funded (five year) history of OHCS Projects, using final certified costs when available, and most recent projected costs if not.

Any project awarded both HTF and OHCS HOME is subject to the subsidy limits for both programs. The HUD Unit Allocation Workbook is used to calculate the numbers of assisted units for each program, utilizing the specific subsidy limits for that program and resulting in the number of designated units for each funding source. HUD’s Cost Allocation Workbook calculates the actual cost of the HTF units based on square feet, and the maximum project subsidy based on the subsidy limits. The maximum HTF Investment cannot exceed the actual cost of the HTF units.

8. Rehabilitation Standards. The grantee must establish rehabilitation standards for all HTF-assisted housing rehabilitation activities that set forth the requirements that the housing must meet upon project completion.

Housing Trust Fund assisted housing is required to meet OHCS design and construction standards as defined in the [OHCS Core Development Manual](#) located on the OHCS website under Related Links.

New Construction Projects: In addition to OHCS design and construction standards, HTF assisted new construction projects must meet all State and local residential building codes, as applicable, or in the absence of a State or local building code, the International Residential Code or International Building Code (as applicable to the type of housing) of the International Code Council. All newly constructed housing must meet the current edition of the Model Energy Code published by the Council of American Building Officials.

Rehabilitation Projects: A Capital Needs Assessment is required for all multifamily rental projects to determine a scope of work that addresses the following: health and safety, habitability and functionality, useful life or major systems, lead-based paint, accessibility, and other improvements. In addition, OHCS has established rehabilitation standards for HTF assisted housing rehabilitation activities that must be met upon project completion.

Acquisition Only Projects: Existing rental housing to be acquired with HTF assistance that is newly constructed or rehabilitated must meet the HTF Program Property Standards.

Accessibility: HTF assisted housing must meet the accessibility requirements of 24 CFR part 8, which implements Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), and Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131-12189) implemented at 28 CFR parts 35 and 36, as applicable. Covered multifamily dwellings, as defined at 24 CFR 100.201, must also meet the design and construction requirements at 24 CFR 100.205, which implements the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619).

Disaster Mitigation: Where relevant, the housing must be constructed and/or rehabilitated to mitigate the impact of potential disasters (e.g., earthquakes, hurricanes, flooding, and wildfires), in accordance with State and local codes, ordinances, or such other requirements as HUD may establish.

Uniform Physical Condition Standard (UPCS): Upon completion, HTF assisted projects and units will be decent, safe, sanitary, and in good repair as described in 24 CFR 5.703.

Summary of Lead-Based Paint Regulations for Rehabilitation Projects: HUD has issued regulations to protect young children under the age of six from lead-based paint hazards in housing that is financially assisted, or sold, by the federal government. The regulation addresses the requirements for notification, evaluation and reduction of lead-based paint hazards in federally assisted properties. The new regulation appears within title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations (24 CFR 35).

Regulations and Affected Properties: The lead-based paint regulations affect acquisition and rehabilitation of housing projects constructed prior to 1978. All pre-1978 HTF funded projects must comply with the regulations. All units in the project must comply with these regulations not just the designated HTF-assisted units.

9. Resale or Recapture Guidelines. Below, the grantee must enter (or attach) a description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HTF funds when used to assist first-time homebuyers. If the grantee will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter "N/A".

N/A

10. HTF Affordable Homeownership Limits. If the grantee will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter "N/A".

N/A

11. Grantee Limited Beneficiaries or Preferences. Describe how the grantee will limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the extremely low- or very low-income population to serve unmet needs identified in its consolidated plan or annual action plan.

Historically, the state has not placed limitations or preferences for the populations Applicants can serve with HTF funds, other than meeting HTF Program household income restriction determined by HUD. It is anticipated that 2021 HTF resources will focus on providing housing opportunities for chronically homeless households, which aligns with the HTF program requirement to limit tenant eligibility to households with incomes at 30% MFI or lower and the OHCS Statewide Housing Plan priority to create permanently supportive housing opportunities in order to reduce chronic homelessness.

12. Refinancing of Existing Debt. Enter or attach the grantee's refinancing guidelines below. The guidelines describe the conditions under which the grantee will refinance existing debt.

Requests for funds to buy-down or refinance current debt are not eligible for OHCS HTF funding.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Include written standards for providing ESG assistance

Subgrantees are required to comply with OHCS minimum standards, develop agency standards, or comply with standards set by their Continuum of Care (CoCs) for providing ESG funds. Subgrantees must verify their compliance with OHCS minimum standards and/or submit their proposed standards for OHCS approval through the Master Grant Agreement (MGA) funding application process. Compliance with ESG standards is also included in OHCS monitoring of subgrantees. OHCS minimum written standards are provided to grantees through the Emergency Solutions Grant Operations Manual. The standards may be found in [Emergency Solutions Grant Program Operations Manual](#).

If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The following Coordinated Entry plans are in effect:

Balance of State (OR-505) – Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (ROCC)

The ROCC has identified one service agency in each of its 28 counties to be the primary access point for all persons seeking services. Each lead agency provides an in-person or telephone assessment and entry into the county's Coordinated Entry system. Alternative methods of assessment are available through the use of outreach teams. Assessments include the completion of a standard base assessment and VI-SPDAT, with a separate standardized process for persons fleeing domestic violence. Each lead agency has established prioritization processes for each program the agency operates. Prioritization criteria ensures the most vulnerable, chronic, and homeless individual or household is receiving services first. Each partnering agency keeps a by-name list and follows a referral process.

Central Oregon (OR-503) – Homeless Leadership Coalition (HLC)

HLC's Coordinated Entry process is a "multiple door" model. VI-SPDATs are completed for homeless households by trained assessors at all Central Oregon CES member agencies. CES staff meet monthly for case conferencing to identify participants who are highly vulnerable or have self-resolved or left the region. They review the list to see which agency the household is working with. If the household is not connected to an agency, the Housing Navigator at NEIGHBORIMPACT will add the household to his/her case load. All households receiving the Continuum's funding are assisted through this process.

Clackamas County (OR-507)

Clackamas County's Coordinated Entry process – Clackamas County Coordinated Housing Access (CHA) – is a "multiple door" model; multiple partner agencies can assess a client for

housing services. If people contact an agency directly, they will be assessed by that agency. Additionally, people needing assistance can call a central phone number that routes the caller to an agency on a rotational basis. All partnering agencies use the same process, tools, and criteria. A specialized process is used for persons fleeing domestic violence.

Jackson County (OR-502)

Jackson County's Coordinated Entry process is a "multiple door" model. Street Outreach Workers and Access Point Assessors, located at various agencies in Jackson County, complete a standard vulnerability assessment of the household's needs. The household information is added to the Continuum's Centralized Interest List (CIL). The HMIS/CE Coordinator at ACCESS refers CIL households to partner agencies according to the priority and type of needs of the household. The Continuum's prioritization policy is analyzed annually to make sure the coordinated entry system's people-centered approach continues to assist the most vulnerable households first.

Lane County (OR 500) – Lane County Poverty and Homeless Board

Lane County's Coordinated Entry process is a "multiple door" model. Front Door Assessors, located at various social service agencies, work with homeless households to complete a standard assessment that identifies the best type of services for the household. Front Door Assessors make a referral to the Central Waitlist (CWL). The referrals are reviewed by Lane County Human Services Division staff, and the households are prioritized by level of vulnerability and referred to housing programs as appropriate.

OR-504 -- Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

This continuum of care was officially recognized by HUD in December 2019. The continuum serves Marion and Polk counties. They are working to develop their coordinated entry methodology. Until that is adopted, they are using the Coordinated Entry process implemented by the Rural Oregon Continuum of Care.

Multnomah County (OR-501)

Multnomah County's coordinated entry system is entitled "A Home for Everyone". There are multiple local coordinated access points in place for each of four sub-populations of people experiencing homelessness: adults unaccompanied by minor children, families with minor children, unaccompanied youth, and households fleeing domestic violence. There is also a process in place to rapidly connect Veterans experiencing homelessness to housing and support services through the Veteran By-Name List. Households may be eligible for resources through more than one of these processes. Multnomah County's web site lists available connection points for each sub-population, providing agency names and phone numbers to call.

Washington County (OR-506)

Information about contacting Washington County’s Coordinated Entry process – Community Connect – is on Washington County’s web site. For persons without access to the internet, outreach workers and community partners have cards to give out in both English and Spanish. The Household experiencing a housing crisis contacts Community Connect by phone. Basic information is taken during the telephone screening. Households are provided information and referral to community-based resources to help with basic needs, e.g. food, shelter, clothing. Households at risk or experiencing homelessness are scheduled for a 1-hour face-to-face appointment with a Community Resource Advocate (CRA). Focus is placed on referring households to the most appropriate housing and service program based on need. The service agency receiving the referral reviews the assessment scoring and final determination with the household to ensure the most appropriate program is being offered.

If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG

As the state recipient, OHCS is not required to comply with the homeless participation requirement of 24 CFR 576.405(a).

Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

The distribution of ESG program funds is completed through a Master Grant Agreement (MGA) funding application process between OHCS and its Community Action Network subgrantees. The MGA is the legal, contractual agreement utilized for disbursement of OHCS administered anti-poverty grant funds.

Oregon Housing and Community Services is legislatively required to utilize the Community Action Agency (CAA) network as its primary service delivery mechanism of ESG funds at the local level. The CAA network serves as the foundation of the OHCS homeless services delivery structure. The network coordinates with multiple local and statewide partners to establish linkages that maximize housing stabilization efforts and address the diverse needs of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness while avoiding duplication of services.

Sixteen designated community action nonprofit agencies and local government entities, and a statewide farmworker organization, submit biennial funding applications to OHCS for homeless funding including ESG. The applications include program implementation reports and budgets detailing the proposed targeting and utilization of the ESG funds. Applications are reviewed by program staff for organizational capacity, needs-based population targeting, utilization of the funds, and feasible program strategies to meet federal and state delivery requirements and priorities. Additionally, each subgrantee’s knowledge of community needs, extent of engaged

partners, historical delivery capacity and success are reviewed. ESG funds are allocated by a formula using three criteria; severe housing burden, poverty and homelessness, and made available upon approval of each subgrantee's application and execution of their MGA.

Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

Oregon Housing and Community Services continues to refine data collection reporting requirements. In addition to obtaining household and demographic data, OHCS's subgrantees are responsible to provide data for the following two performance standards in regard to their ESG services:

- Increased housing stability as measured by the percentage of total program participants who reside in permanent housing at the time of their exit from the program or project funded by ESG; and
- Increased housing stability as measured by the percentage of households experiencing homelessness that exited to permanent housing and retained that housing for six months or longer.

Housing Opportunities for People with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA)

The following question has been added to this section for the HOPWA Program per HUD guidance:

- Does the action plan identify the method for selecting project sponsors, including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community organizations?

Oregon Health Authority is the grantee for HOPWA formula funding and directly carries out program implementation. OHA does not administer the program through project sponsors.

ATTACHMENTS

- A Certification(s).....
- B Standard Form 424.....
- C Citizen Participation Comments.....
- D CDBG 2020 Method of Distribution (MOD)

ATTACHMENT A

Reserved for HUD Certifications (see attachments to this document).

ATTACHMENT B

Reserved for HUD Form 424 (see attachments to this document).

ATTACHMENT C

OREGON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

2020 AAP Agency's Evaluation of Public Comments

The opportunity for Citizen Participation is a critically important aspect in development of an Annual Action Plan and OHCS received one public comment. The comment was as follows:

“Community Development Partners, a development company that develops only if and when they receive fed or state funding for subsidized housing.

CDP is attempting to purchase property at 506 NE Alberta and at 714 NE Alberta, both of these properties are adjacent to existing large low income housing projects which are already plagued with illegal activity, violence and noise resulting in dozens of call to Pdx Police every month. This comes from the existing low income housing facilities at 5020 NE 8th Ave (Avenue Plaza Apartments) , and 4942-56 NE 6th (King Dishman Court) – and there are many more converted single fam res to LI multi-unit houses surrounding these larger multi-unit buildings.

Please do not fund or support additional low-income housing in close proximity to these facilities. It will only make the existing problem worse. What is needed is development that supports the existing community, including the facilities mentioned above. Additional Assisted Living or Low Income housing will not do this.”

Response: OHCS will not respond to individual development concerns through the AAP process but does recognize the larger concern of assisted housing density. OHCS will consider best practices on this topic and determine if current development award policies should be modified.

ATTACHMENT D

Reserved for the Business Oregon – Community Development Block Grant, 2019 Method of Distribution (see attachments to this document).