

GHAP Capacity Building

Program Factsheet

<p>Program Summary</p>	<p>The 2009 Legislature created the General Housing Account Program (GHAP) to expand the state's supply of housing for low- and very low-income families and individuals. OHCS will make GHAP resources available to enhance the capacity of multifamily affordable housing providers to develop and maintain assets.</p> <p>Oregon Housing and Community Services will fund capacity-building activities that increase an organization's skills and ability to develop, preserve, and operate housing affordable to low- and very-low-income Oregonians.</p> <p>OHCS will fund the following activities to achieve the program objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity Building Activity Grants • Training and Technical Assistance <p>CONTACT: Edward Brown, Program Analyst Phone: (503) 986-2082 E-mail: Edward.Brown@oregon.gov</p>
<p>Eligibility for Funding</p>	<p>Eligible entities include housing authorities and non-profit organizations with affordable housing as an objective in their by-laws or articles of incorporation, and a strong background in providing affordable housing.</p>
<p>Award Criteria and Monitoring</p>	<p>Organizations will apply competitively for maximum annual grants of \$50,000. While multiple year grants are possible, the department does not intend for the grants to provide an ongoing subsidy for organizational operations.</p> <p>Application evaluation factors include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity of relationship between proposal and expected results of activity, • Need for activity relative to portfolio or pipeline, or unmet needs as defined by the department, • Ability to continue activity after the grant period, • Potential for retention of benefits if personnel or organization changes, • Potential to replicate results, • Nature and extent of similar affordable housing organizations in the service territory,



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizational needs assessment methodology, • Overall specificity of the proposal, including goals, objectives, performance measures, and timeline, and • Other factors deemed relevant by the department. <p>Examples of ineligible activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • activities without clearly defined work plans and measureable results • general operating subsidies <p>activities not clearly connected to creation or preservation of affordable housing.</p>
<p>Training and Technical Assistance Funds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OHCS will award these funds through a request for proposal process. • Organizations can submit proposals to provide training or technical assistance programs, materials, seminars and other activities that meet the needs of individual organizations or Oregon's affordable housing industry as a whole. • OHCS will review participant evaluations and require regular reports from awardees.
<p>For more information, please contact:</p>	<p>Edward Brown, Program Analyst Phone: (503) 986-2082 E-mail: Edward.Brown@oregon.gov</p>