

Disaster Recovery Action Plan Overview



Background

The historic Labor Day 2020 Fires were the most destructive natural disaster in Oregon’s history. Impacted survivors and communities are still recovering. To address some of the most critical remaining recovery and mitigation needs, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated over \$422 million in Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding. This grant is an opportunity to rebuild housing, particularly for low- and moderate-income survivors, revitalize communities, and prepare to withstand future disasters.

Oregon is committed to equity and resilience as pillars of recovery, and it will incorporate these guiding principles into each of its CDBG-DR programs:

- Advancing equity and racial justice and supporting underserved communities.
- Rebuilding homes and communities to be more resilient to natural disasters.

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) established ReOregon specifically to deliver recovery for Oregon families, rebuild Oregon homes, revitalize Oregon communities, and build a more resilient Oregon in the face of future disasters.









Draft Action Plan

OHCS is responsible for administering the \$422,286,000 in disaster recovery funds. In the draft Action Plan, OHCS proposes implementing programs directly—while allowing survivors to work with local partners in the application process.

HUD requires the state to allocate disaster recovery funding as follows:

- At least 15% of funds must be used to mitigate future disasters.
- At least 70% must be used for programs or projects that will benefit low- to moderate-income residents.

To address the most-urgent unmet needs, the Action Plan includes the programs listed below. These programs may be amended or expanded in the future as we learn more about unmet needs, so these are just a starting place for the disaster recovery program.

	PROGRAM NAME:	BUDGET:
	HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE AND RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM <i>The Homeowner Assistance and Reconstruction Program (HARP) helps survivors repair, replace, or rebuild homes depending on the damage.</i>	\$204,597,567
	HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM <i>The Homeownership Opportunities Program (HOP) helps families own a home.</i>	\$119,348,581
	INTERMEDIATE HOUSING ASSISTANCE <i>Intermediate Housing Assistance (IHA) helps with rent, relocation, and other support services.</i>	\$17,049,797
	HOUSING AND RECOVERY SERVICES <i>Housing and Recovery Services will help with accessing program services and recovery counseling.</i>	\$6,017,576
	LEGAL SERVICES <i>Legal Services will help HARP and HOP participants resolve legal challenges, including title issues.</i>	\$6,017,575
	DISASTER RESILIENCE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM <i>The Disaster Resilience Infrastructure Program provides grants for long-term solutions to reduce losses and protect life and property from future disasters.</i>	\$40,117,170
	COMMUNITY PLANNING AND REVITALIZATION PROGRAM <i>The Community Planning and Revitalization Program provides grant assistance for recovery and mitigation planning and community technical assistance, including policy, code, and standard development.</i>	\$8,023,434
	ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS <i>These include costs for overall program management, including budgeting, reporting, and evaluation of the programs. Any savings in Administrative costs can be re-allocated to programs in future plan amendments.</i>	\$21,114,300
		TOTAL: \$422,286,000

Action Plan Comment Period



Public Hearing Schedule

OHCS will hold public hearings May 16-19 and 24. Before the hearings, OHCS officials will be on hand to answer questions about disaster recovery funding and provide information about the state's process to identify unmet recovery and mitigation needs that informed the plan's development. The hearings will include a short presentation by OHCS officials, followed by the opportunity for attendees to submit public comments.

The hearing schedule is as follows:



Oregon Coast Community College

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022

Information session: **5-6 p.m.** | Public hearing: **6-8 p.m.**
3788 SE High School Drive, Lincoln City, OR 97367



Gates Community Christ Church

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022

Information session: **5-6 p.m.** | Public hearing: **6-8 p.m.**
40070 Gates School Road, Gates, OR 97346



McKenzie River Community School

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022

Information session: **5-6 p.m.** | Public hearing: **6-8 p.m.**
51187 Blue River Drive, Vida, OR 97488



Talent Community Center

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022

Information session: **5-6 p.m.** | Public hearing: **6-8 p.m.**
104 E. Main St., Talent, OR 97540 (Behind City Hall)



Talent Community Center

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022

Information session: **5-6 p.m.** | Public hearing: **6-8 p.m.**
104 E. Main St., Talent, OR 97540 (Behind City Hall)

PRESENTATION
IN SPANISH

What if I can't attend an in-person meeting?

The hearing presentation will be posted online at re.oregon.gov for individuals who cannot join the meetings but would like to review the materials and submit written comments.

Methods to provide public comment:



By **email** to
ReOregon@hcs.oregon.gov



By **website comment form** –
available at re.oregon.gov



By **phone** toll free at
833-604-0878



By **mail** to
Attn: OHCS
725 Summer St. NE, Suite B
Salem OR 97301-1266

What's next?

After the 30-day public comment period, OHCS will incorporate feedback and comments into the final Action Plan before OHCS submits it to HUD for review and approval.

THE STATE'S DEADLINE TO
SUBMIT ITS ACTION PLAN IS
JUNE 8, 2022.

For more information, visit: re.oregon.gov

SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS BY **11:59 P.M. JUNE 1, 2022.**



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