

Racial Justice Council & OHCS 2021 Legislative Agenda

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Racial Justice Council: Background

The Racial Justice Council's charge is to:

- Direct the collection of data from across sectors of society to support smart, data-driven policy decisions
- Provide principles and recommendations that center racial justice to the Governor to inform the '21-23 Governor's Recommended Budget and Tax Expenditures Report
- Creating a Racial Justice Action Plan for six specific areas: Criminal Justice Reform and Police Accountability, Housing and Homelessness, Economic Opportunity, Health Equity, Environmental Equity, Education Recovery

Membership includes BIPOC community leaders from across the state

Racial Justice Council: Committee on Housing and Homelessness

Identify barriers to housing affordability and strategies for ending homelessness that center communities of color, are culturally specific and/or responsive, and result in the reduction of disparities in homelessness and rent burden among people of color in Oregon. Provide a list of identified homeownership strategies.

Racial Justice Council: Role in Governor's Recommended Budget

Provide principles and recommendations that center racial justice to the Governor to inform the '21-23 Governor's Recommended Budget and Tax Expenditures Report

- Began reviewing budget in September
- Committees provided in depth review
- RJC feedback built into the GRB

Racial Justice Council: Impact to Housing Budget

Oregon Housing and Community Services

- Long term rent assistance for at-risk youth - \$4.5 M
- Expanding homeownership for BIPOC communities
 - \$10 M – homeownership development, (4% million for co-op and land trust models)
 - \$10 M – down payment assistance tied to OHCS lending
- Affordable housing development - \$250 M

Department of Land Conservation and Development

- Technical assistance for local government to support housing development - \$2 M

Called for federal investment in rent assistance to address impacts of Covid

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Racial Justice Council: Impact to Housing Policy (Bills)

- Expand access to OHCS homelessness resources to providers outside of the Community Action Agency network
 - RJC called on OHCS to lead this effort next session
 - Emphasis on equitable funding to culturally specific organizations based on the PIT data for each region and the disproportionate rate of homelessness among the BIPOC community
- Update tenant screening criteria to exclude barriers to housing (example: criminal history)
- End homeless camp sweeps
- Expand the definition of homelessness to include doubled up households

Racial Justice Council: Implementation Guidance

- The Council and its Committees will support agencies in enacting legislative investments and initiatives
- OHCS leadership will continue to participate in the conversations and support the work of the RJC Housing and Homelessness Committee
- Council will meet monthly in 2021

Additional information to come

Agencywide

Investments

- Staffing – OHCS continued to grow
- No cuts to Current Service Level (General Fund programs), no fund sweeps

Bills

- HB 2094 – Expand Veteran access to OHCS programs by updated the definition in rule

The 2021-23 Governor's Recommended Budget, if approved, would represent the largest Legislatively Approved Budget in agency history.

Affordable Rental Housing Division

Investments

- Article XI-Q Bond, \$250 M
 - LIFT – Rental
 - LIFT – Homeownership
 - Permanent Supportive Housing
- PSH rent assistance, **\$15 M**
- AWHTC increase of **\$9.5 M** (total \$24 M)
- Lottery bonds for preservation, **\$10 M**
- Lottery bonds for land acquisition, **\$20 M**
- Broadband assistance, **\$6.4 M**

Bills

- HB 2095 – Publicly Supportive Housing Preservation Program
- HB 2096 – AWHTC
- HB 2098 – New account for PSH rent assistance

Homeownership Division

Investments

- Addressing racial disparities in homeownership, **\$2 M**
- Manufactured Housing Investments (total \$6 M)
 - Homeowner support, **\$2.5 M**
 - Park preservation, **\$3.5 M**
- DPA tied to OHCS lending, **\$10 M**
- Development resources, **\$10 M**

Bills

- SB 79 – Addressing Racial Disparities in Homeownership (Rep. Meek introducing in the House)
- HB 2099 – Manufactured Housing Technical Fixes

Housing Stabilization Division

Investments

- Individual Development Account, **\$7 M**
- Homeless Management Information System, **\$1.2 M**
- Energy assistance, **\$5 M**
- Long term rent assistance for at risk youth, **\$4.5 M**

Bills

- HB 2100 – Modernizing Oregon’s Homeless Response System
- HB 2101 – Increasing access for landlord guarantee programs
- SB 80 & SB 81 – technical fixes for energy programs
- SB 82 – IDA

Thank you

Questions?

Governor's Recommended Budget - OHCS Investments					
HOUSING STABILIZATION		HOMEOWNERSHIP		AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING	
Individual Development Account <i>Converts IDAs to General Fund in Fiscal Year 2022</i>	\$7 million	Down Payment Assistance tied to OHCS lending	\$10 million	Bond Funding for LIFT (Rental and Homeownership) & Permanent Supportive Housing	\$250 million
		Addressing Racial Disparities in Homeownership	\$2 million	PSH Rental Assistance & Services	\$15 million
Improving HMIS	\$1.2 million	Homeownership Development Resources	\$10 million	Affordable Housing Preservation & Land Acquisition	\$30 million
Broadband Assistance for Low Income Oregonians <i>Programmatic Division may change</i>	\$6.4 million	Manufactured Housing Program – Homeowner support	\$2.5 million	Increase in Agricultural Worker Housing Tax Credits	\$9.5 million
COVID-19 Energy Assistance	\$5 million	Manufactured Housing Program – Park Preservation	\$3.5 million	Long-Term Rental Assistance for Youth <i>Programmatic Division may change</i>	\$4.5 M
		LIFT Homeownership	<i>See Bond Funding</i>		

[Additional information posted online](#)

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