OREGON HOUSING *and*
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Self-Certification Form for Culturally Specific Organizations

The purpose of this form is to certify that your organization qualifies as a culturally specific organization under OHCS's definition. This form provides OHCS's definition and allows for self-certification.

Definition of a Culturally Specific Organization (CSO)

Culturally Specific Organization (CSO): an entity that provides services to a cultural community and the entity has the following characteristics:

- Majority of members and/or clients must be from a particular cultural community that has faced housing discrimination;
- Organizational environment is culturally focused, and the cultural community being served recognizes it as a culturally-specific entity that provides culturally and linguistically responsive services;
- Majority of staff must be from the cultural community being served, and the majority of the leadership (defined to collectively include board members and management positions) must be from the cultural community being served;
- The entity has a track record of successful community engagement and involvement with the cultural community being served, rooted on a foundation of respect and trust; and
- The organization engages in advocacy for housing and/or economic justice for the cultural community with their guidance.

Self-Certification and Acknowledgement

By signing below, I hereby certify that the information provided in this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge, and that the organization named below meets the definition of a Culturally Specific Organization as outlined above. I understand that this form is used to certify the organization's status as a Culturally Specific Organization. I understand and acknowledge that providing false, misleading, or incomplete information may result in the revocation of any granted benefits, the requirement to repay any funds received, and disqualification from future OHCS funding or resource opportunities.

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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