

Statewide Housing Plan 2019-2023: Breaking New Ground

PRIORITY: AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING

Work to close the affordable rental housing gap and reduce housing cost burden for low-income Oregonians.

2019–2023 GOAL

OHCS will triple the existing pipeline of affordable rental housing — up to 25,000 homes in the development pipeline by 2023. Residents of affordable rental housing funded by OHCS will have reduced cost burden and more opportunities for prosperity and self-sufficiency.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

Close the Affordable Housing Gap

- » Make housing development resources available in a consistent, predictable format to help communities build a pipeline of housing supply aligned with local funders.
- » Expedite the delivery of affordable housing to Oregon communities with improved technology, streamlined processes and collaborative partnerships.
- » Build the capacity and expertise of partners and project sponsors to deliver housing in communities throughout the state through training and technical assistance about funding sources, application processes and ongoing compliance.
- » Work with other state and regional agencies to help communities identify and remove barriers to affordable housing development.
- » Educate and empower local leaders to support affordable housing development in their communities.
- » Align funding priorities for subpopulations and income or rent levels or other factors to address the priorities in this Plan; respond to the areas of greatest need and take advantage of opportunities for greater reach and leverage.
- » Identify and implement innovations in financing for the acquisition of land and preservation of affordable and low-cost, market-rate rental housing to provide a greater range of tools for affordable housing.

- » Pursue opportunities to make resources go further by recycling and increasing gap funding.
- » Create a preservation strategy to support previous housing investments to ensure the housing remains affordable and in good condition.
- » Preserve and create affordable, rental manufactured housing developments as a low-cost means to create and maintain affordable housing.

Reduce Cost Burden

- » Take advantage of opportunities to provide affordable housing in transportation-efficient locations to reduce travel time and housing and transportation cost burden for residents of OHCS-funded properties, including transit-oriented development and areas near affordable transportation.
- » Employ new approaches for energy and weatherization funding to improve the energy-efficiency of OHCS-funded properties and reduce cost burdens for residents.
- » Link affordable housing residents with tools to build prosperity and economic self-sufficiency. Engage housing providers to incorporate effective resident services and align OHCS programs to best meet resident needs.