

Oregon Housing and Community Services

2023–25 Agency Request Budget Snapshot



In preparation for the 2023 session, OHCS brings forward a budget of over \$775.6 million in investment requests to address housing stability and community prosperity. Balancing the needs of Oregonians experiencing homelessness with addressing chronic supply shortfalls, the biennial budget is more than double any request ever put forward by the agency. The need is only growing. State investments are vital and must increase to help Oregonians weather the upcoming storm.

\$506.75 Million Investing in Proven and Innovative Supply Solutions

The lack of homes in Oregon is driving up costs for renters and homebuyers. Oregon's Housing Needs Analysis makes it clear: The state must invest in the production of new homes. OHCS typically leverages federal funds (Low Income Housing Tax Credit, Private Activity Bonds, etc.) to build more homes with state dollars. However, due to exciting and unprecedented development volume, Oregon has reached our Private Activity Bond cap, which will constrain continued development levels unless action is taken. This anticipated, yet unprecedented, moment makes it even more critical that the state shore up supply resources to ensure we keep affordable housing development moving during difficult times when Oregonians desperately need housing.

- \$160 million to develop new affordable rental homes through the Local Innovation Fast Track Housing Program
- \$76.75 million to develop permanent supportive homes, a proven model to end chronic homelessness and bring cost savings to other public systems
- \$40 million to develop new affordable homes for purchase through the Local Innovation Fast Track Housing Program and a more flexible homeownership development program
- \$25 million to develop new affordable homes for purchase through a flexible development program launching in early 2023
- \$175 million to preserve and improve existing affordable homes, prevent rent increases in affordable housing, and preserve manufactured home parks
- \$20 million to expand the co-location of early learning and affordable housing developments
- \$10 million to help nonprofits and local governments acquire land for housing that will be rented or sold to low-income Oregonians

\$170.7 Million — Prevent Homelessness and Provide Housing Supports to Oregonians Without Housing

Homelessness impacts communities large and small, and we need compassionate solutions to keep Oregonians off the streets and help them regain housing. These much-needed resources are in addition to the Emergency Housing Account funds that receive about \$50 million a biennium.

- \$71.4 million to fund shelters, navigation centers, and Project Turnkey operations, and to improve data within homeless services systems, and more
- \$60.3 million to keep Oregonians in their homes with housing retention resources
- \$39 million to expand the long-term rental assistance for youth pilot

\$43 Million — Expand Homeownership Opportunities and Keep Homeowners in Their Homes

Homeownership is out of reach for many, preventing generational wealth-building opportunities. On the other hand, many homeowners struggle to stay in their homes. State investments are needed to improve homeownership rates and address racial disparities in homeownership.

- \$20 million for down payment assistance for homebuyers tied to OHCS lending products
- \$15 million to provide counseling to keep homeowners in their homes and resources to help fixed-income Oregonians manage intense inflation
- \$8 million to replace older or unsafe manufactured homes, preserving an essential part of Oregon's affordable homeownership housing stock

\$35 Million — Asset Building for Low-Income Oregonians

The Individual Development Account program is a matched savings program with a proven track record of creating financially stable households and advancing Oregonians' financial goals. Additional investments will support savers in purchasing a home, starting a business, and more.

\$20.17 Million — Improving Program Access

Culturally responsive and rural organizations need additional resources to operate optimally. Investments are needed across the state to improve language access to housing resources.

OHCS developed this budget in partnership with organizations across the state. The agency thanks partners that participated in webinars, completed surveys, and/or shared their thoughts with OHCS staff. We hope investments in OHCS' 2023–25 Agency Request Budget are included in the 2023–25 Governor's Recommend Budget and ultimately approved by the Legislature during the 2023 session. We look forward to working closely with partners in program implementation.

Curious about the details? Review the 2023 DRAFT Legislative Agenda memo on the OHCS Government Relations webpage at bit.ly/ohcs-gov-relations or scan this QR code with your mobile device.

