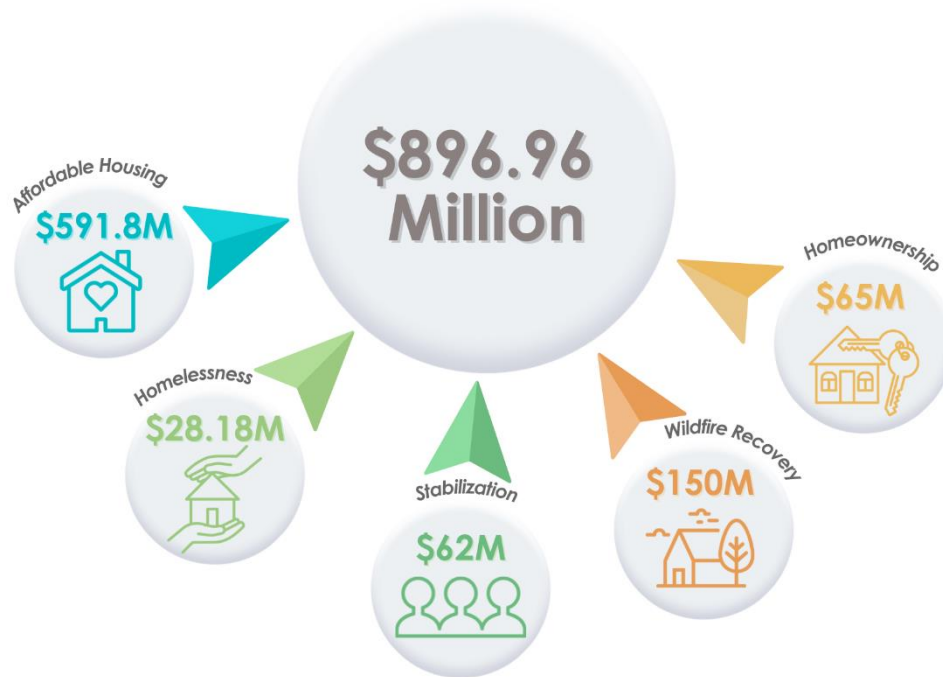


Oregon Housing and Community Services 2021 Legislative Highlights



After a year of unprecedented challenges, Oregon has a long road of recovery ahead. Under the leadership of Governor Kate Brown, OHCS entered the 2021 Legislative Session with a bold agenda to respond to these crises and build an equitable recovery while advancing the Statewide Housing Plan. The Legislature answered the call with a historic investment of over \$896 million that will springboard an equitable and coordinated response to multiple co-occurring crises while advancing long-term housing solutions.

HISTORIC STATE INVESTMENTS ACROSS THE HOUSING CONTINUUM



Advancing Oregon's Statewide Housing Plan

Breaking New Ground, [Oregon's five-year Statewide Housing Plan](#) (2019-2023), articulates how Oregon Housing and Community Services is paving the way for more Oregonians to have access to housing opportunities and achieve housing stability through six policy priorities.



STABILIZING OREGONIANS & THE RENTAL MARKET

- **\$30 M** to increase compensation from the **Landlord Compensation Fund** from 80% to 100%
- **\$10 M** increase to the **Oregon Energy Assistance Program** in House Bill 2739
- House Bill 3141 reallocates the Public Purpose Charge and will result in a **\$15 M increase to Energy Conservation Helping Oregonians**
- **\$4.5 M** in House Bill 2163 to establish a **long-term rental assistance program for at-risk youth**
- **\$3 M** to improve **capacity of organizations** administering rental assistance and increase **tenant education and outreach**
- SB 282 & 278 provides additional **protections to tenants**, visit OregonLawHelp.org to learn more. SB 278 also established a **\$5 M landlord guarantee fund** that Home Forward will administer on a first come first service basis for eligible landlords
- House Bill 2094 **ensures all Veterans can access OHCS programs** for Veterans, and impacts the Emergency Housing Assistance Program, the General Housing Assistance Program, and the Homeowner Assistance Program
- House Bill 2101 amends the **Housing Choice Landlord Guarantee Program and Rent Guarantee Program** to make it easier for landlords to access the programs

In 2021 OHCS received

\$27M

in state homeless
shelter funding

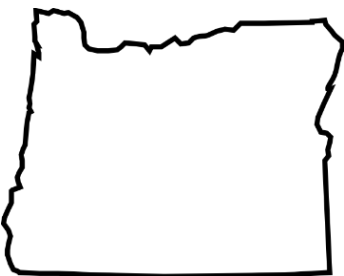
Last biennium, OHCS received \$5 M for shelter capacity. This is a five times increase in state shelter resources. Find the 2019 Legislative Update [here](#).

SERVING OREGONIANS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

- **\$27 M** for **shelter infrastructure, capacity, and technical assistance** to improve services for Oregonians experiencing homelessness
- **\$1.18 M** to improve the **Homeless Management Information System**
- **House Bill 2100 modernizes Oregon's homeless services system** and establishes the Task Force on Homelessness and Racial Disparities to recommend changes to the funding structure

IMPROVING OREGON'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE

- **\$410 M** to build new homes through three programs: **Local Innovation Fast Track (LIFT) Rental, LIFT Homeownership, and Permanent Supportive Housing**
- **\$13.4 M** to provide **rental assistance and services** associated with Permanent Supportive Housing developments
- **\$100 M** to **preserve affordable housing**, ensuring we don't lose existing homes while increasing the supply of affordable housing
- **\$30 M** to **acquire land and property for affordable homes**, both for rent and for purchase
- **\$10 M** to **co-locate early learning facilities** in affordable housing developments
- **\$10 M** increase to the **Oregon Affordable Housing Tax Credit** to expand and preserve affordable homes throughout the state
- **\$9.5 M** increase to the **Agricultural Worker Housing Tax Credit** and program improvements, ensuring these essential workers have safe, affordable homes
- **\$5 M** for affordable housing developments to **fill gaps caused by construction cost increases**
- **House Bill 3040** directs OHCS to **study System Development Charges**
- **House Bill 2095** improves the **Publicly Supported Housing (Push) Preservation Program**
- Resources to incorporate the **Regional Housing Needs Analysis** into state and local planning programs



>580,000 new homes

MUST BE ADDED IN THE NEXT 20 YEARS ACCORDING TO THE
REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ANALYSIS
MORE THAN HALF OF THOSE HOMES NEED TO BE AFFORDABLE

HOUSING RECOVERY FOR WILDFIRE IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

- **\$100 M** for **housing development needs** and **direct survivor assistance**
- **\$30 M** to **increase housing supply** in wildfire impacted communities
- **\$20 M** for **land acquisition** in wildfire impacted communities

HOMEOWNERSHIP INVESTMENTS & ASSET BUILDING

- **\$20 M** in **down payment assistance** funds will be paired OHCS's lending products and/or distributed through culturally responsive organizations
- **\$20 M** to **construct new homes for purchase**, using alternative ownership models
- **\$10 M** to build a new manufactured home park in Springfield and expand **manufactured home programs** that preserve parks and help owners safely decommission and replace their homes. House Bill 3218 increases program flexibilities, particularly for wildfire recovery.
- **\$7 M** for **Individual Development Accounts** to help Oregonians rebuild their savings and reach their goals. The tax credit was also extended with House Bill 2433, and programmatic improvements were included.
- **\$3 M** for **homeowner counseling** to help Oregonians avoid foreclosure maintain homeownership after a remarkably challenging year
- **\$2 M** to provide outreach to potential homebuyers and technical assistance to organizations working to **address racial disparities in homeownership**
- **\$2 M** to **SquareOne Villages** for a tiny home shared equity pilot
- **\$1 M** to **Hacienda CDC** for an Accessory Dwelling Unit pilot program
- **SB 79** expands the use of the **Homeowner Assistance Program (HOAP)** to strategically increase homeownership in BIPOC Communities

LEVERAGING RECENT FEDERAL INVESTMENTS

- **\$360 M** for the **Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program** to help renters recover from the economic fallout of COVID-19
- **\$90 M Homeownership Assistance Fund** to help homeowners recover from the economic fallout of COVID-19
- **\$55.4 M Emergency Solutions Grants** to expand homeless services
- **\$32.9 M HOME** program funds to help low-income Oregonians achieve or maintain housing and to bring Oregonians into shelter
- **\$13.4 M Low Income Household Water Assistance Program** for Oregonians behind on water/wastewater bills
- **\$64.01 M Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program** to help those with high energy burdens
- **\$8.2 M Community Services Block Grant** to address poverty
- Additional resources for **homeowner counseling** from NeighborWorks America