



YEHP Programming Updates

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HB2544 Basic Updates

- \$3.6 million approved for biennium
 - Service Enhancement & Host Home Demonstration Program
- Service Enhancement
 - Awarded to 19 organizations
 - Increased accessibility in:
 - Shelter facilities,
 - Outreach,
 - Culturally Specific Services,
 - Mental Health or Substance Abuse Services,
 - Create or Strengthen partnerships with Host Home Programs and other Transitional Housing options.
- Host Homes (Long Term & Short Term)
 - Awarded to 8 Providers
 - Starting Work ~April 2022



HB4013 Basic Updates

Cross-Department Funding Expansion for YEH – SSP & CW

- SSP
 - Modifies eligibility for grant access (specifically to non-profits or groups in communities where youth-specific services are under/unserved.
 - Same service enhancement possibilities as HB2544
 - \$437,500
 - Report Requirement
- Child Welfare
 - Allows YEH to access services traditionally only accessible for foster youth
 - Tuition & Fee Waivers and Independent Residence Facilities
 - \$35,000 for programs to assist with access to TFW; \$750,000 for implementing IRF



ODHS/OHCS Partnerships

- Long Term Rental Assistance Pilot (\$4.5 million)
 - Q&A Session on 3.4
 - Program Plans (1 urban, 1 rural, 1 coastal community):
 - Locating CBO and Agreements/Program Start ~Late Summer

- Direct Cash Transfer Pilot (\$1 million)
 - Kickoff Meeting 3.18 at 12pm
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6523396492?pwd=Tk1Zejl4Rk5LRXRkcUM2MFZxZHBhUT09>
 - Program Plans (1 urban, 1 rural community):
 - 12 months of payments directly to youth (at ½ FMR) to assist youth with locating safe living arrangements
 - Service assistance offered through CBO, but not required to receive funding
 - Still working through criteria, CBO interest, etc., but current plan is payments beginning July 2022.

- Housing Development & Youth-Specific Housing Provision

Rural Conference on Youth Homelessness Solutions (by Point Source Youth)

- Registration LIVE on Eventbrite:
 - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/point-source-youths-2nd-annual-rural-conference-on-youth-homelessness-tickets-261344898627>
 - Use Code ODHS200 for free registration
- Also on YEHP Website under Training & Conference Opportunities
 - <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/CHILDREN/Homeless-Youth/Pages/Training.aspx>