

Oregon Disaster Housing Task Force Meeting

Meeting Summary – Thursday, February 4th at 2:30pm

Opening Remarks	Chair Kim Travis opened the meeting with administrative announcements and then turned it over to Caleb Yant, OHCS Deputy Director to provide opening comments.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The meeting began with a presentation and discussion: <u><i>Supporting Individuals and Families through Long Term Recovery Groups (LTRGs)</i></u> – Karen Layng, State Voluntary Agency Liaison, presentation found here• <u>Disaster Housing Recovery Action Plan & Feedback</u> Participants were broken into 2 small Group Discussion to review the Disaster Housing Recovery Action Plan Framework and provide initial feedback.• <u>Partner Update</u> <i>CASA-Unete Housing Needs Assessment</i> Peter Hainley talked about a Farmworker Housing Needs Assessment that was already underway prior to the fires, and the ability to leverage those relationships now, post-fire. He talked about trust issues that need to be addressed in order to make progress. The Assessment now is both to obtain quick data needed to articulate housing needs and potentially inform the current session of the Oregon Legislature, but to also drill down deeper for other information that will help farmworker communities to make progress. Academic statisticians are looking at the Assessment to make sure it provides valid results. It's important for the farmworker communities to "own" the Assessment, so representatives of these communities are involved in developing it. Megan Loeb, Oregon Community Foundation noted the first Turnkey awardee: Options for Helping Residents in Ashland (OHRA), approved for \$4.2 million. There was a question about options to make rooms available for larger families. Megan said that is being left up to the applicants. It is not a stipulation of the grant, but may work out in some cases, using adjoining rooms, Murphy beds, etc. Brian Hoop provided notice about a Housing Oregon meeting scheduled for Feb. 16, 4 to 5 p.m.; ODHTF participants are welcome. He also wants our help doing outreach to developers. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Wrap up</u> - Chair Kim Travis <p>References: Oregon Disaster Housing Task Force: https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/get-involved/Pages/oregon-disaster-housing-task-force.aspx Wildfire Damage Housing Relief: https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/housing-assistance/Pages/program-wildfire-damage-housing-relief.aspx</p>	
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Next Meeting:	Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 2:30pm
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