

## Meeting Summary – Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm

<b>Opening Remarks</b>	<p>Chair Kenny LaPoint (OHCS) opened the meeting at 2:30 p.m. OHCS helped to submit a request to FEMA for a Direct Housing Mission for six impacted counties: Douglas, Jackson, Lane, Lincoln, and Marion; FEMA approved three of those counties: Jackson, Linn, and Marion so far. We need the for Oregonian to apply for Individual Assistance to reflect the true loss and need for the other house missions. OHCS will continue to work with FEMA partners getting the information that need. OHCS is holding off on awarding the WDFH funds until FEMA assistance is dispersed, to avoid any duplication of benefits (DOB). Emphasized that Oregon is going from the response phase to the recovery phase. CDBG resources will take some time and Congressional action to get to the state. There are reports of over 10,000 affordable rental units (statewide) in the development process. OHCS staff members have begun talking about how to prioritize those homes for people affected by the wind and wildfire event that began on September 7. Full meeting recording is available of the ODHTF webpage (link below)</p> <p>Oregon Disaster Housing Task Force: <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/get-involved/Pages/oregon-disaster-housing-task-force.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/get-involved/Pages/oregon-disaster-housing-task-force.aspx</a> OHCS Executive Director's Message: <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/about-us/Documents/DM/10-02-2020-Directors-Message.pdf">https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/about-us/Documents/DM/10-02-2020-Directors-Message.pdf</a> OHCS Government Relations: <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/about-us/Pages/government-relations.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/about-us/Pages/government-relations.aspx</a> Wildfire Damage Housing Relief: <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/housing-assistance/Pages/program-wildfire-damage-housing-relief.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/housing-assistance/Pages/program-wildfire-damage-housing-relief.aspx</a></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>OEM Damage Assessment Brief – Joseph Murray</u> Joseph Murray reviewed the information displayed on the <a href="#">Meeting Presentation</a> (slides 2-9). Wildfires continue to improve but they are not out yet. OEM is transitioning from Response Operations to Recovery; Short-Term, Intermediate, and Long-Term. Continue to partner with FEMA for those resources. OEM has the Debris Removal Task Force that is focusing on a mission task with the EPA to have hazards can be properly remove, then wildfire debris (ash and trash). These efforts need to take place before any reconstruction may occur. Q: Alison McIntosh: Are there examples of what the hazard mitigation might fund? A: Fuels reductions, is a big one. Noncombustible building materials, proper housing clear spacing around buildings and homes. Debris and landslide removal.</li><li>• <u>FEMA Update/Sheltering and Housing Field Teams Update - (AJ)</u> Anita "AJ" Jeanette (FEMA) what a Housing Mission means for those that were awarded one currently. Different housing options come to the table; Multi-Family Lease and Repair (MLRP) that provides funding to help fix existing units so they can house those receiving this resource, not for existing tenant repairs. Commercial leases, vacation homes and other non-primary residences can also be available. Direct Lease, and Transportable Temporary Housing Units, which is comprised on Manufactured Housing Units, mobile homes or Recreational Vehicles can used as temporary living quarters. A Group-Site is the last option, it is not favored because its expensive and it takes a very long time. The 18month timeline begins with the declaration and we are already over a month into this. Repairs and She said that FEMA staff members are conducting pre-</li></ul>	



placement interviews with persons affected by the event, which will help to identify qualified Oregonian for Disaster Housing Assistance.

Q: FEMA will first go through the leasing agreement for repairs to infrastructure before any temporary housing option will be worked in?

A: Those are the low hanging fruit and things we can work on quickly. Other efforts can take much more time so this could create results quick. Units are coming from Texas so that also takes time, direct lease and MLRP are things we can do locally here in the meantime.

Preplacement begins next week so we can begin to assess what will work for these folks individually. We need to see what will work best and also work with our local contractors to help identify where they can go in these communities. If there are property resources than can be shared please send them to FEMA.

Q: Does FEMA contact the homeowner/renter? Or do they need ask FEMA for direct housing assistance?

A: FEMA will contact all of the applicants who are eligible for direct housing as part of our pre-placement interview process.

Q: What about the counties that were not approved for a direct housing mission; what ought the ODHTF be doing to support getting them included in direct housing?

A: Encourage people to register for assistance.

FEMA Individual Assistance Application: <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>

- Subject Matter Experts Briefs: Equity in Recovery: Chelsea Bunch – OHCS Interim Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Officer [Meeting Presentation](#) (slides 11-25)

Emphasized that equity and equality are not the same thing. Equity is about people getting what they need. She gave the example of two people coming to you: one has shoes, but no clothing; the other has clothing, but no shoes. It would be equal to give both of them clothing, but equitable to give each what is needed. We listened to community members across the state, looked at what the data was telling us – across the housing spectrum, Tribal Nations, Black, Indigenous, Latinx (gender –neutral; no assumptions of gender identity) and People of Color (BIPOC) experience housing in disparate ways with disparate outcomes; Experience homelessness at high rates, high cost burdens, lower rates of homeownership – this is before the dual crises of COVID and wildfires – which has compounded these outcomes. Racial justice – systematic or methodical assurance of fairness; it is deliberate and supported – it’s proactive. Racial equity is about getting to a place where we’ve ensured deliberate justice, and when race is no longer used to predict life outcomes. When we focus on ways people who are most deeply impacted or experiencing crisis and work from there, we ensure everyone’s experience better – we do the hard stuff first. Gustavo Morales, Executive Director of Euvalcree, explained how OHA centers their community engagement with a culturally specific lens.

- Next Steps
  - The next meeting is scheduled for October 29 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.; These meetings are scheduled for every other Thursday afternoon.

Adjourn

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