



Member Organizations

211 Info
AFSCME Local #3135
Bienestar
CASA of Oregon
Central City Concern
City of Corvallis
City of Eugene
City of Gresham
City of Portland
City of Tigard
Clackamas Community Land Trust
Clackamas County
Clackamas Housing Action Network
Coalition for a Livable Future
Community Action Partnership of Oregon
Community Action Team, Inc.
Community Alliance of Tenants
Community Housing Fund
Community Partners for Affordable Housing
Fair Housing Council of Oregon
Habitat for Humanity of Oregon
Homeless Families Coalition
Housing Advocacy Group of Washington Co.
Housing Development Center
Impact Northwest
JOIN
Lane County Legal Aid and Advocacy Center
League of Women Voters of Oregon
Lincoln County
Metro
NAYA Family Center
Neighborhood Economic Development Corp.
Neighborhood Partnerships
NeighborWorks Umpqua
Network for Oregon Affordable Housing
Northwest Community Land Trust Coalition
Northwest Housing Alternatives
Northwest Pilot Project
Oregon Action
Oregon Food Bank
Oregon Housing Authorities
Oregon Opportunity Network
Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon
Portland Community Reinvestment
Initiatives, Inc.
Proud Ground
REACH CDC
Rose CDC
St. Vincent DePaul of Lane County
Shelter Care
Sisters Of The Road
Street Roots
Washington County
Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services

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Oregon's Heroes Deserve a Safe Place to Call Home

Our armed forces accept the responsibility of guarding our freedom. When they return to our communities, we have a duty to provide them time and stability to heal and readjust to a different way of life. We must help them find a clear and solid pathway back to a productive life at home.

Right now, many veterans are struggling to find a safe decent place to live.

- One out of every six men and women in our homeless shelters once wore a uniform in service to our country.
- Veterans are fifty percent more likely to become homeless compared to all Americans.
- The youngest generation is struggling more. The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that Iraq and Afghanistan veterans who wind up homeless do so in three years, compared with 13 years for Vietnam-era veterans.
- Veterans working in some of the main jobs available through the Department of Labor's specialized training programs do not earn enough to afford to buy a median-priced home in many markets.

Oregon's Veterans deserve a comprehensive plan

Emergency Housing

- Community Action Agencies and other community partners need resources to help prevent veterans from falling into homelessness or to rapidly re-house them if they do.
- Emergency rent assistance prevents homelessness, and flexible resources can cover the costs associated with placing a veteran in housing with federal *Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Program Vouchers*.
- Veterans and their families across Oregon could be saved from eviction or rapidly rehoused with these resources.

Veterans Supportive Housing

- We know that by linking safe, decent and affordable housing to critical services, like health care, job training and recovery support, we can significantly reduce the number of veterans living on our streets and in campsites.
- Through partnerships with housing authorities, non-profits and private developers we can develop new units with links to critical services in communities around the state.

Home Ownership

- Oregon has a Veteran's home loan program, but for many veterans, the barrier to homeownership is a down payment.
- A Down Payment Assistance Program, paired with the existing ORVET home loan program, could help veterans purchase their own home.