



## **Emergency Housing Account (EHA) & State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP)**

*Providing Oregonians an opportunity to build better lives through stable housing*

### **We all need a safe place to call home**

Stable housing provides everyone, especially children, with an opportunity to succeed in life. But the significant statewide increases in housing costs force too many Oregonians to choose between paying their rent and putting food on the table.

In 2015, on one night, volunteers across Oregon counted a population bigger than Roseburg experiencing homelessness. A recent report from the Oregon Department of Education shows that on average, one child in every classroom experienced homelessness during the last school year.

### **The Oregon Legislature can make a difference**

In 2016, the Oregon Legislature allocated \$15 million to prevent and end homelessness. It worked. Over 8,000 households slept in homes thanks to this commitment. Yet even at this level, large numbers of households' emergency housing needs could not be met. **In order to better meet the demand for emergency housing supports throughout Oregon, the legislature should invest \$50 million into EHA and SHAP.**

### **A dedicated statewide network**

The state delivers housing stability services through Community Action, a network of primarily non-profit agencies which serve every county in Oregon. With EHA and SHAP funding, these agencies help families in need to:

- ⬆ Keep their children in school
- ⬆ Maintain or find employment
- ⬆ Access financial counseling, including mortgage and landlord negotiation
- ⬆ Receive critical health and social services through comprehensive case management
- ⬆ Escape situations of domestic violence
- ⬆ Find emergency housing

**The Legislature has an opportunity help people in every community in Oregon find the stability and success a home provides through critical funding for EHA and SHAP.**

The following organizations either depend on or support adequate funding for EHA to prevent and end homelessness



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