



March 23, 2017

House Committee on Human Services and Housing  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: House Bill 2961:** Non-profit financial assistance to low income household repairs.

Dear Chair Keny-Guyer, Vice-Chair Sanchez, Vice-Chair Stark, and Members of the House Committee on Human Services and Housing,

I am writing to share the City of Beaverton's support for House Bill 2961. The city is very supportive of additional state funds that support the rehabilitation of affordable housing, both for rental units and home ownership units.

During the current fiscal year, Beaverton has provided close to \$120,000 in CDBG funding to non-profits including Unlimited Choices, Rebuilding Together, and Community Action that supports the preservation of affordable housing. These programs provide resources for critical housing repairs and emergency weatherization. This funding helped 28 households by providing critical repairs from ramps to roofs, as well as adaptations that allow homeowners and renters to remain in place with improved accessibility.

But, there is much more that needs to be done and additional resources, such as those provided under this bill, would help extend the work we are currently able to do, especially for those with very low incomes that might not otherwise be able to stay in their homes and neighborhoods.

Additional funding to rehabilitate existing affordable housing stock in Beaverton, would not only help preserve affordable housing in our community overall, but also maintain the range of affordability in our neighborhoods.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and I urge you to support House Bill 2961.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cheryl Twete". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cheryl Twete  
Community Development Director