

## **HB 3063: NAMI Supports Creation of Housing Incentive Fund**

Independent and treatment housing for individuals living with mental illness is in short supply. In 2014, the Legislature granted \$5 million to a NAMI Oregon concept that provided incentive funding for the development of new housing for individuals living with mental illness. The goal was to better leverage state funds so that a limited state investment would generate significant outside financing.

- NAMI's concept worked. The state's \$5 million investment in 2014 generated \$24.5 million in new housing development across Oregon for individuals living with mental illness.**
- In a more recent round of funding, a \$3.8 million state investment will lead to \$22.7 million in total housing development — 148 housing units and 12 crisis respite beds.**

HB 3063 formalizes NAMI Oregon's housing development incentive fund and allows for its expansion into more Oregon communities. NAMI's proposal was developed in collaboration with the Oregon Residential Providers Association, hospitals, CCOs, developers and financiers.

- HB 3063 creates a special Behavioral Health Housing Incentive Fund that will provide incentive funding to develop new mental health and substance use disorder housing. A limited state investment will entice outside funding from various sources, such as private financing, federal grants, and local funds.
- Rather than adopt budget notes each time the Legislature allocates funding, lawmakers can "deposit" money into the Housing Incentive Funding with confidence that the funding will be spent wisely and widely across Oregon utilizing a proven model.
- Our entire system — providers, developers, CCOs, counties, and advocates — will benefit from interacting with a known process. When money comes available, our system will be ready to respond quickly and with the partnerships necessary for development already in place.
- Housing projects can include higher-end residential treatment, respite, treatment homes, co-occurring addiction treatment homes, independent supported housing, or other housing projects that are shown to be needed within a region.

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