

Senate Bill 821

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

SUMMARY

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Directs Oregon Housing Stability Council, with advice of Community Action Partnership of Oregon, to develop policy for awarding grants to organizations that shall use funds in Emergency Housing Account to align with federal strategies and resources available to prevent and end homelessness.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Emergency Housing Account; amending ORS 458.650.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 458.650 is amended to read:

5 458.650. (1) The Emergency Housing Account shall be administered by the Housing and Com-
6 munity Services Department to assist homeless persons and those persons who are at risk of be-
7 coming homeless. An amount equal to 25 percent of moneys deposited in the account pursuant to
8 ORS 294.187 is dedicated for expenditure for assistance to veterans who are homeless or at risk of
9 becoming homeless. For purposes of this section, "account" means the Emergency Housing Account.

10 (2) The Oregon Housing Stability Council, **with the advice of the Community Action Part-**
11 **nership of Oregon**, shall develop policy for awarding grants to organizations that shall use the
12 funds:

13 (a) To provide to low and very low income persons, including but not limited to, persons more
14 than 65 years of age, persons with disabilities, farmworkers and Native Americans:

15 [(a)] (A) Emergency shelters and attendant services;

16 [(b)] (B) Transitional housing services designed to assist persons to make the transition from
17 homelessness to permanent housing and economic independence;

18 [(c)] (C) Supportive housing services to enable persons to continue living in their own homes
19 or to provide in-home services for such persons for whom suitable programs do not exist in their
20 geographic area;

21 [(d)] (D) Programs that provide emergency payment of home payments, rents or utilities; or

22 [(e)] (E) Some or all of the needs described in [paragraphs (a) to (d)] **subparagraphs (A) to (D)**
23 of this [subsection] **paragraph**.

24 (b) **To align with federal strategies and resources that are available to prevent and end**
25 **homelessness.**

26 (3)(a) The council shall require as a condition of awarding a grant that the organization dem-
27 onstrate to the satisfaction of the council that the organization has the capacity to deliver any
28 service proposed by the organization.

29 (b) Any funds granted under this section shall not be used to replace existing funds. Funds
30 granted under this section may be used to supplement existing funds. An organization may use funds

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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1 to support existing programs or to establish new programs.

2 (c) The council, by policy, shall give preference in granting funds to those organizations that
3 coordinate services with those programs established under ORS 458.625.

4 (4) The department may expend funds from the account for administration of the account as
5 provided for in the legislatively approved budget, as that term is defined in ORS 291.002, for the
6 department.

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