

Oregon Turnkey Partnership May 19, 2020

Context:

The Covid-19 crisis has created an unprecedented demand for local public health systems to create non-congregate housing. This initiative is necessary to ensure the safe reopening of Oregon and includes housing for Oregonians who:

- Test positive for COVID-19 and do not require hospitalization but need isolation. This includes those discharged from hospitals.
- Have been exposed to COVID-19 and do not require hospitalization but should be quarantined.
- Need housing for first responders and frontline healthcare and behavioral health staff. In addition, there will be people who need to be isolated in non-congregate settings because of their inability to safely isolate within their own homes.
- Need to undertake social distancing as a precautionary measure, as determined by public health officials. For high-risk groups such as people over 65 or with certain underlying health conditions (respiratory, compromised immunities, chronic disease), this may include those whose living situation makes them unable to adhere to social distancing and/or are homeless.

Opportunity: Ensure local public health and emergency response systems prioritize people experiencing who need non-congregate housing during the COVID-19 crisis. Create a public/private/civic partnership to provide immediate emergency housing in motels/hotels for sick, at-risk and medically vulnerable individuals by utilizing new CARES Act or FEMA funding as well as state, local and private sector resources. In addition, partners should seek to expand transitional, permanent and permanent supportive housing opportunities for individuals who need this assistance after their stays in these non-congregate settings.

Partners: A public/private/civic partnership to support communities including AOC, LOC, ORLA, OEM, Governor's Office, OHA, OCF (network partner).

Strategy: Create a framework, share information, and help cities & counties access funding and technical assistance needed to provide emergency, non-congregate housing during the COVID-19 crisis.

Funding: Accessing FEMA, CARES Act, state, local and/or private sources; FEMA grants are available on a 75% (Federal)/25% (State or Local) match.

Program Elements:

- Provide a forum for the resolution of issues that emerge in implementing the Turnkey Partnership
- Provide assessment of needs for cities and counties in utilizing hotel/motel facilities
- Provide Technical Assistance to Cities and Counties in pursuing funding, contracting, designing and implementing programs to implement the objectives of the Partnership
- Identify issues that require advocacy in order to support the Hotel/Motel Turnkey partnership
- Provide social service coordination services, as needed, with applicable local partners, including but not limited to cities, housing and public health agencies, Continuums of Care, behavioral health, labor, nonprofit organizations and others with experience servicing this population, other county and tribal departments, CCOs and health care departments and providers
- Provide guidance to local governments in understanding the components of local strategies and sharing best practices

Additional Issues to be addressed: liability insurance, exact funding model, supporting public health, behavioral health and public safety coordination.