

COVID Energy Assistance Needs and Resources

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Who We Are

VISION

All Oregonians have the opportunity to pursue prosperity and live free from poverty.

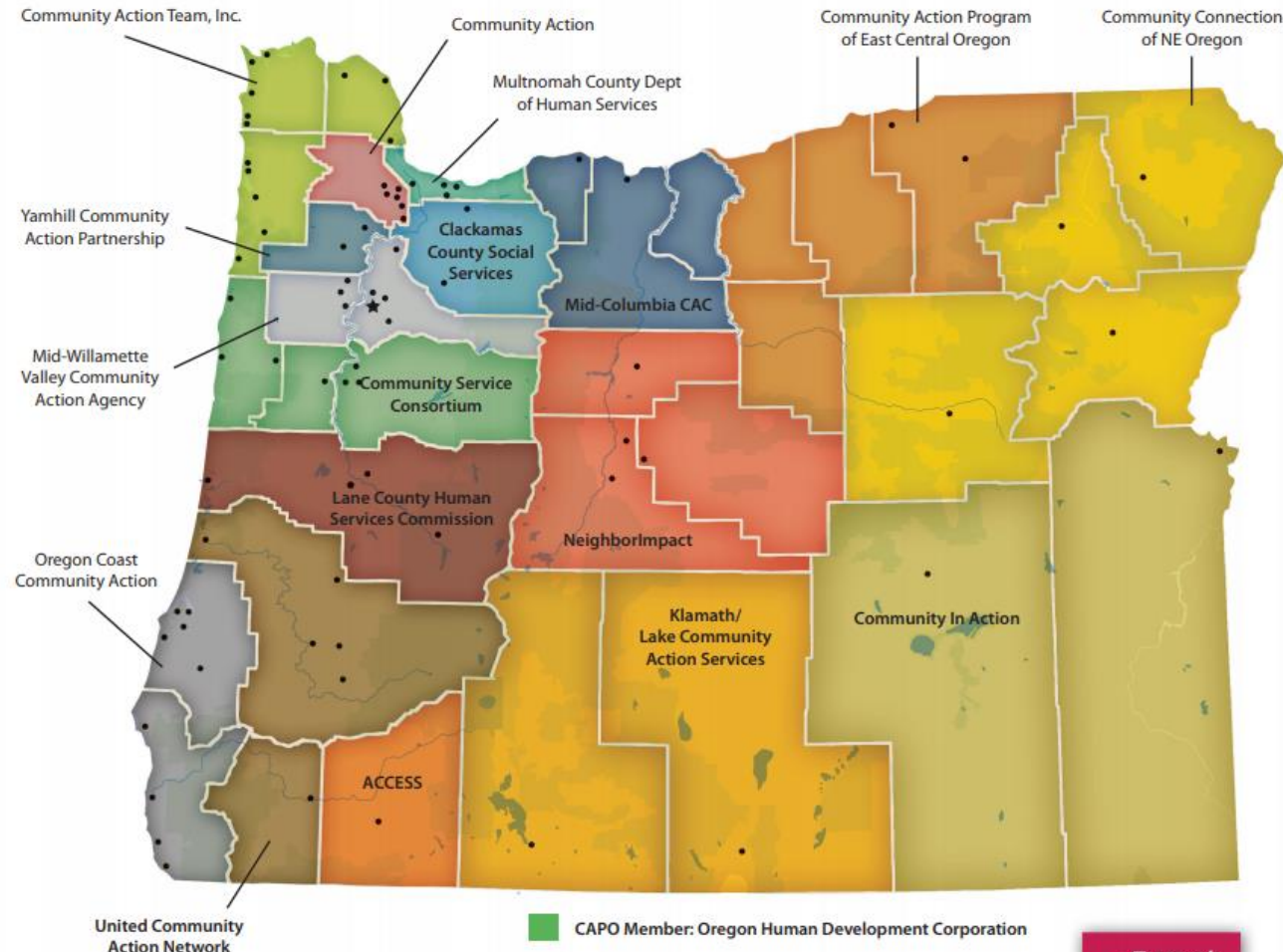
MISSION

We provide stable and affordable housing and engage leaders to develop integrated statewide policy that addresses poverty and provides opportunity for Oregonians.



Working together to serve individuals, families
and communities throughout Oregon

Our Partners and Program Delivery



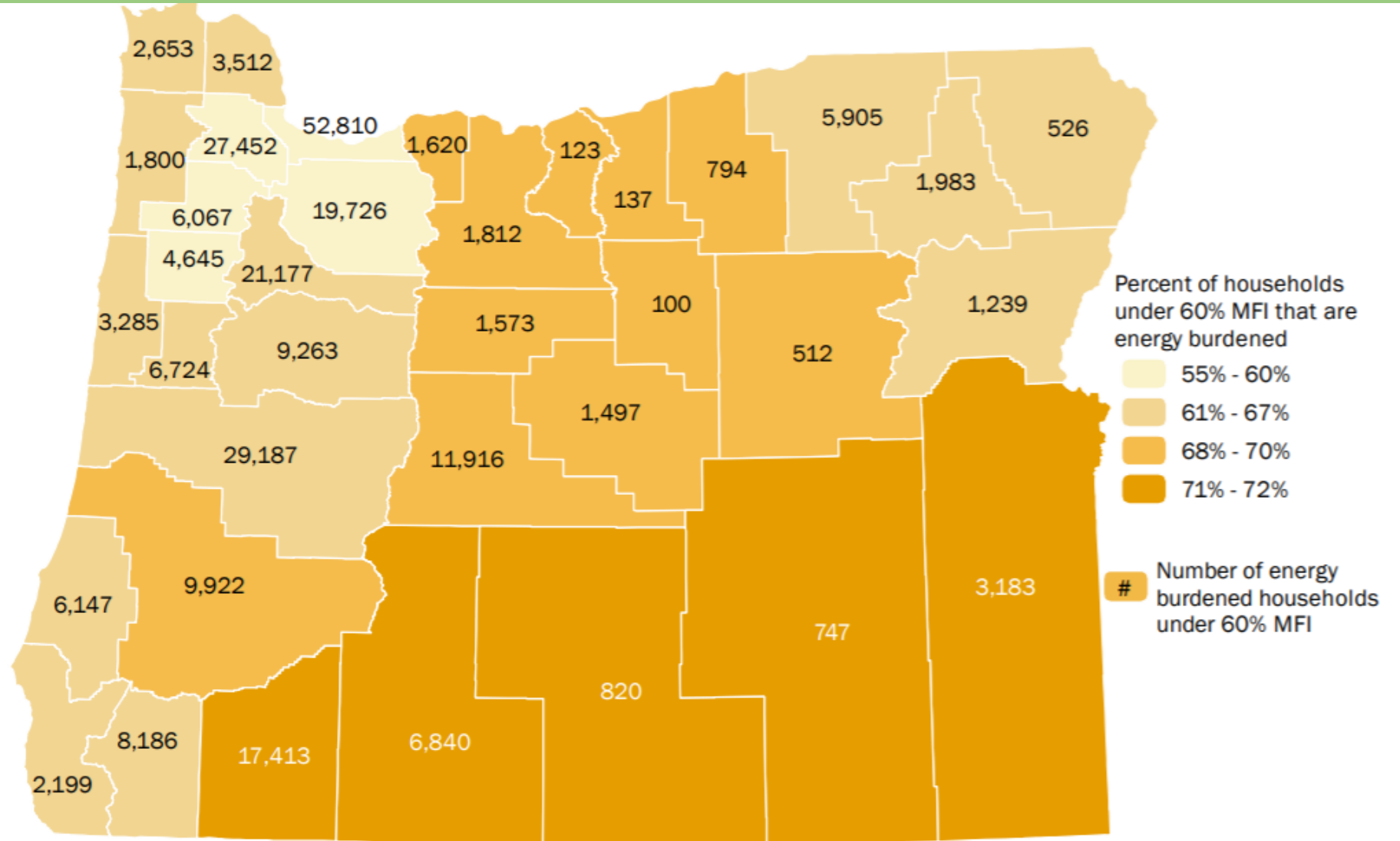
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Energy Burden Pre-COVID

See
additional
data on
energy
burden



Existing State and Federal Resources for Energy Bill Payment Assistance

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Eligibility: Statewide	Funding source: Federal, US Department of Health and Human Services	Funding level 2018 FY: \$35 million	Households Served: 56,136*
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Oregon Energy Assistance Program (OEAP)

Eligibility: PGE & Pacific Power service territory	Funding source: State, PGE & Pacific Power customers	Funding level 2018 FY: \$20 million	Households Served: 33,909*
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We are only able to serve less than 20% of those eligible due to funding constraints.

Flexibility for Energy Assistance Programs

- Relaxed signature requirements
- Increased crisis assistance caps
- Reduced documentation requirements if clients are unable to scan/take photos of documents
 - Income documents
 - Social Security documents
 - Physical utility bills



Additional Federal Resources

The [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#) was passed by Congress in March.

CARES Act resources mean an additional **\$9.5 million statewide for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).**



Unmet Need

- Average household energy burden is \$631 /year
- Highest unemployment in the state's history
- Early data shows low income households are falling behind on energy bills



Additional federal assistance may be coming

Thank you

Questions?

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