

Housing Needs and Resources Post-COVID

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Guidance to Providers and Partners

Homeless Services

- Guidance to reduce the spread of COVID in shelters and camps
- Increased flexibility for OHCS programs
- Leveraging our role as a convener
 - [Weekly virtual meeting](#) with providers across the state



[Written guidance on the OHCS COVID site.](#)

Developers and Property Management

- Construction continues! With new job site guidance
- Suspended property inspections
- Delayed Annual Income Recertifications
- Extended deadlines for reporting
- Affordable housing production and preservation continues
 - Delayed due date of applications for affordable housing development resources

Support for Oregonians Experiencing Homelessness

Repurposed Shelter Funding

- **\$3.3 million**
- \$5 million was allocated to OHCS during the 2019 session, OHCS repurposed remaining funds [to allow winter shelters to extend operations](#)



CARES Act

- Emergency Solutions Grant
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- Community Services Block Grant
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Rental and Other Assistance

- Emergency Board Funding

- **\$8.5 million**
- Rental assistance to Oregonians that have lost income due to COVID-19
- [Learn how Oregonians can access these resources](#)



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 - Uses: utility bill payment assistance

Additional Need for Assistance

- Pre-COVID: 27% of Oregon renters are severely housing cost burdened, meaning they spend more than half their income on rent
- Highest unemployment rate in state's history
- Unique needs for affordable housing providers
 - Non-profit and mission driven providers
 - OHCS estimates lost rent in affordable housing ranges from \$1.9 million to \$91.2 million, depending on the length of this economic crisis



Support for Homeowners



**~\$25 million in recycled funds
could potentially help 4,000
Oregon families remain in their
homes (if administrative funds
are allowed)**



Counseling Support Resources

- **\$500,000**
- General homeowner counseling to ensure homeowners understand forbearance granted under the [CARES Act](#) and are well informed when talking to their lenders

Agricultural Housing Resources

Food Security & Farmworker Safety Project

- **\$10 million of Coronavirus Relief Funds**
- Hotel/motel and alternative on-farm housing reimbursement to growers
- *Package also includes an additional \$20 million of Coronavirus Relief Funds for mitigating COVID-19, field sanitation, and transportation.*

Emergency Board Funding

- **\$3.5 million**
- Safe sheltering for farmworkers available to workers through a partnership with the Oregon Human Development Corporation



Thank you

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Reference Slides

OHCS will not present these slides. The information and links are included for committee members and the public.

Who We Are

VISION

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

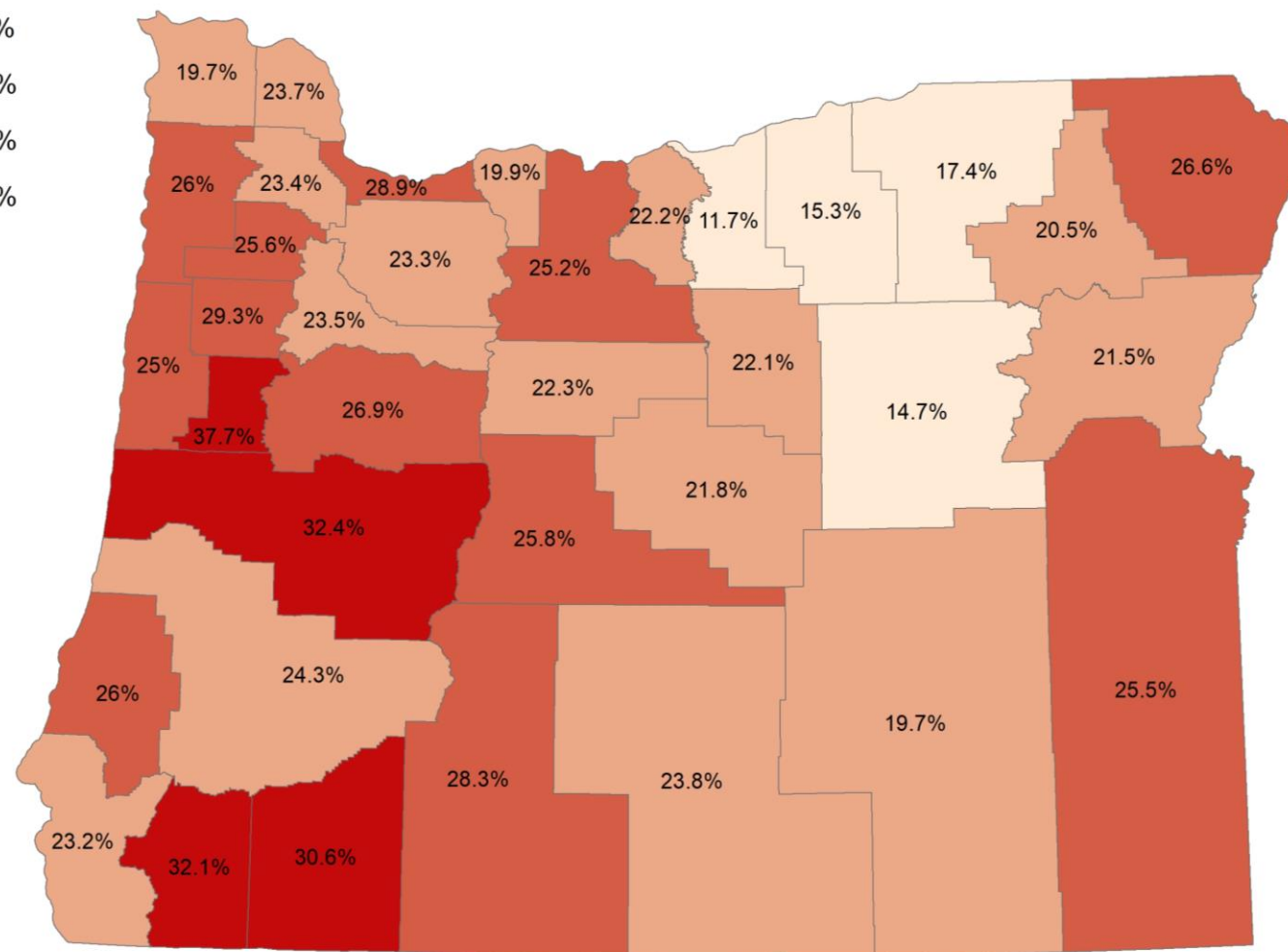
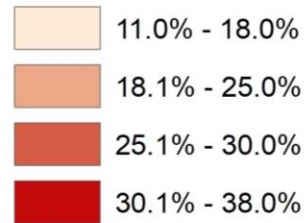
MISSION

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

Housing Need Pre-COVID



State Resources - 2019 Session

- \$45M Funding the **Emergency Housing Account (EHA)** and the **State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP)** to provide assistance to Oregonians who are homeless or unstably housed and at risk of becoming homeless.
- \$1.5M Funding to support the **Oregon Foreclosure Avoidance** program and other homeownership counseling.



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2019 LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

Under the leadership of Governor Kate Brown, OHCS entered the 2019 Legislative Session with a bold agenda to advance the Statewide Housing Plan and address needs across the housing spectrum from homelessness to stable rental housing to homeownership. The Legislature answered the call with a historic investment of over \$336.5 million that will advance a coordinated response. OHCS will bring together cross-sector partners to build a lasting housing infrastructure that serves all Oregonians in communities large and small.

HISTORIC INVESTMENTS: BUILDING SUPPORT FOR HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

ADDRESSING AND
PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS:
\$70.5M

INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING:
\$206.5M

ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT
IN GREATER OREGON:
\$5M+

INVESTING IN PERMANENT
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING:
\$54.5M

STATEWIDE HOUSING PLAN: Carefully crafted after coupling the input and personal experiences from Oregonians throughout the state with extensive analysis of community need data, the Plan is Oregon's roadmap to addressing the housing and homelessness crisis our state is experiencing. The Plan outlines OHCS priorities and guides the use of programs and resources for the next five years.

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[SEE CHEAT SHEET](#)

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Low Income Heating and Energy Program

\$9.5 million

Uses: utility assistance and weatherization

Homeowner Forbearance

For those with government backed mortgages (Federal Housing Authority, the Veterans Administration, the US Department of Agriculture, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac), they can enter forbearance and delay payments.

