

Oregon Turnkey Partnership

Partnering to support the use of hotel/motel shelter to protect Oregon's vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond



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- Locally driven, statewide supported initiative to shelter vulnerable Oregonians in hotels/motels in response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Mission is to mitigate transmission, reduce hospital surge, and protect lives, with a focus on sheltering Oregonians experiencing homelessness
- Technical assistance and guidance needed to support local partnerships to identify sites, funding, troubleshoot logistics, and provide services
- Partnership members:
 - Association of Oregon Counties (AOC)
 - League of Oregon Cities (LOC)
 - Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association (ORLA)
 - Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS)
 - Oregon Emergency Management (OEM)
 - Oregon Health Association (OHA)
 - Shannon Singleton, Governor's Housing Policy Advisor
 - Bureau of Labor and Industry (BOLI)
 - Oregon Community Foundation (OCF)

Non-congregate shelter refers to the sheltering of vulnerable populations who need space for social isolation and is a best practice for sheltering people to prevent the spread of COVID-19

Medical Shelter

- For COVID-19 symptomatic, positive, or respite (post hospital) care used for sheltering and isolating COVID positive patients who are discharged from a more acute site, like a hospital, and need continued monitoring and low levels of medical care.
- These facilities may be particularly relevant for individuals who normally reside in a congregate setting, such as a homeless shelter, and need medical treatment and monitoring to fully recover.

Non-medical Shelter

- Individuals who have underlying health conditions, are medically fragile, over 65, or are otherwise considered to be at risk of contracting the virus.
- Individuals who have been exposed to the virus but have not tested positive or begun to exhibit symptoms. These individuals may need to be quarantined for a period of time until it is determined that they have not contracted the virus.
- Farmworkers needing new housing options to comply with the public health physical distancing guidelines and rules for farmworker housing under OSHA.
- Individuals experiencing homelessness who cannot maintain social distancing in congregate shelters or outdoor/camping settings

Technical Assistance and Guidance Needs

- Funding
 - FEMA pre-approval through County/City application
 - CARES Act CRF
 - State Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA)
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and other local resources (when available)
 - Grant writing support and financial consulting for cities and counties
- Lodging partnerships
 - Operating agreements
 - Insurance/liability
 - Non-discrimination
 - Cleaning/laundry
 - Rates
- Service Partnerships
 - Homeless Service Providers
 - [Statewide Homeless Populations Taskforce](#)
 - Operating and Resident Agreements
 - Public Health
 - Connection to other needed services, social security, behavioral health, etc.
 - Connection to permanent housing
 - Agricultural/Seasonal Workers
 - [Oregon Food Security and Farmworker Safety Project](#)
 - Food
 - Transit

Questions?

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