Shelter in the Age of COVID: Challenges and Opportunities

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Sheltering Resources: Increased Federal and State Investments

- ~\$53 M Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA), State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) existing resources
- \$1.9 M Out of the Cold Wave I to meet immediate sheltering needs (Community Action Agencies)
- \$10 M Out of the Cold Wave II from October Emergency Board (Community Action Agencies)
- \$56.1 M ESG-COVID <u>CARES Act</u> (sheltering, housing stabilization, and rapid rehousing)
 - Community Action Agencies, \$13.7 M
 - Request for Applications, ~\$42 M (English and Spanish press release)



Changing Best Practices

- Multi-Agency Committee Subcommittee on Homelessness—in collaboration with OHA and ODHS—to incorporate health care partners into shelter design and program implementation such as
 - Provide the latest guidance on national best practices on social distancing and non-congregate models for Oregon's shelter providers
 - Coordinate and collaborate with the <u>Oregon Health</u> <u>Authority</u> and their network of <u>community-based</u> <u>organizations</u>

Shelter Provider Support

- <u>Statewide Oregon Unhoused Response & Recovery Network</u> for COVID-19 and Wildfires
 - Connect with shelter providers to hear their challenges and overcome local barriers
 - Connection with local and Tribal <u>emergency managers</u>
 - Engage with community based and culturally specific organizations to understand the needs and risks if your community
- Incorporating community feedback to quickly adapt to community needs



Thank you

Questions?

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Reference Slides

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Who We Are

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

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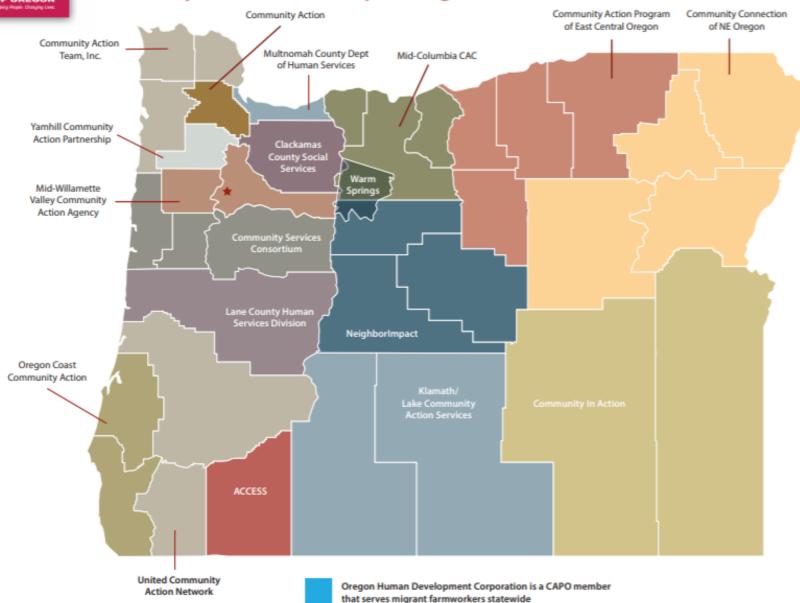
We provide stable and affordable housing and engage leaders to develop integrated statewide policy that addresses poverty and provides opportunity for Oregonians.



Working together to serve individuals, families and communities throughout Oregon



Community Action Partnership of Oregon



Service Delivery Partners: Community Action Agenicies



Adaptable Response

- Partner Flexibility
 - Pallet Shelters and similar structures
 - Mobile Showers
 - Free standing temporary shelter acquisition process
- CAAs will be able to utilize EHA, SHAP, and OOTC wave 1 and 2 resources to purchase temporary shelters to meet social distancing and non-congregate shelter needs, providing new and flexible options to adhere to new guidance.

