

Governor Brown's Workforce Housing Initiative

In response to the need for workforce housing across the state, the Governor's Regional Solutions agencies identified tools to support workforce housing, including access to loans, grants, and targeted technical assistance. The Workforce Housing Initiative, led by the Governor's Regional Solutions Cabinet, selected 5 pilots out of 31 applications, designed to form partnerships between local communities, the business sector, and private developers to address the housing shortage for working families in Oregon.

The five pilots focus on employer engagement, as well as the potential for scaling up and replication across the state:

Donald: GK Machine and the City of Donald

In Donald, the local agricultural equipment manufacturer GK Machine and the City of Donald have partnered to propose expanding the community. The first phase of the pilot will include upgrading the city's wastewater and water treatment plants to support 75 new homes, with an eventual planned total of 414 new homes. The City of Donald and employer partner GK Machine have been engaged in local land use processes and approvals. Upon finalizing these local procedures, OHCS will be drafting and executing agreements with this pilot.



Pacific City: Nestucca Ridge Development

In Pacific City, Nestucca Ridge Development, the locally-owned parent company of Pelican Brewing Company, will construct 12 homes on several acres they currently own. They will pre-lease six of those to their local employees, over half of whom currently commute from outside of Tillamook County. Pacific City is currently engaged in local land use processes and approvals. OHCS will be drafting and executing agreements once these local procedures are finalized.



Warm Springs: Jefferson County School District

In Warm Springs, the Jefferson County School District currently owns land with several homes built in the 1950s that surround a former elementary school. OHCS has an executed grant agreement with Jefferson County School District for 2 new manufactured housing units and renovation of 5 homes located on the Warm Springs Reservation, to serve teachers working at the Warm Springs K-8 Academy.

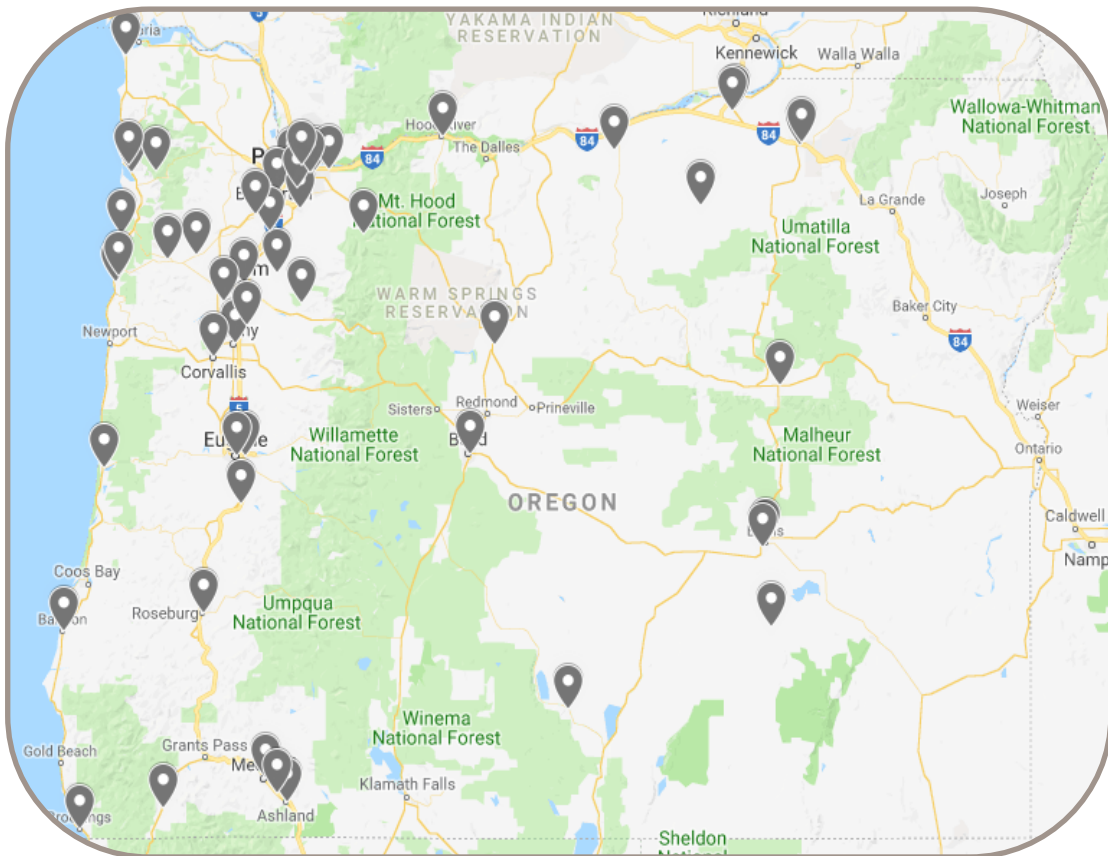
Harney County: Community Response Team

In Harney County, local officials will run a study to assess local workforce housing needs. The study will inventory existing housing, identify gaps, and create a strategic implementation and business plan to leverage investments, engage employers and create job opportunities. Harney County now has a grant agreement with DLCD which has allowed them to launch the technical advisory process with Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC) as the consultant group to lead that effort.

Lincoln County: Proud Ground

In Lincoln County, new income-qualified homebuyers will have opportunities to purchase a home through Proud Ground. Proud Ground uses a land trust model to combine a subsidy to lower the purchase price of homes on the open market with land lease and affordability covenants. Lincoln County, Newport, and Lincoln City will invest matching funds as well as partner with the local school district and other employers. OHCS has an executed grant agreement with Proud Ground to assist 8 new homeowners in Lincoln County.

STATEWIDE INTEREST IN WORKFORCE HOUSING: Greater Oregon Asks for Assistance



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