



April 8, 2019

Senator Shemia Fagan, Chair  
Senate Committee on Housing  
900 Court Street, NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**Re: Support for SB 1024-related to manufactured homes**

Chair Fagan and Members of the Committee:

The City of Eugene **SUPPORTS SB 1024** which would provide existing funding for an innovative manufactured home development in Springfield.

The proposed bill would provide \$3M in existing OHCS funds that is reserved for manufactured home park renovation. These OHCS funds would support a pilot project in Springfield and partner with a local affordable housing provider St Vincent de Paul (SVdP).

The City of Eugene has worked with SVdP on a number of affordable housing projects over the years and have supported their piloting of innovative housing approaches. As an example, SVdP initiated an award-winning development, The Stellar Apartments, that included the construction of the first 'Passive House' affordable housing project in the Northwest. This information has guided new construction practices to deliver high efficiency housing in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Eugene, and other Oregon communities, are excited about the opportunity to learn from Springfield and SVdP as to the replicability of this approach for developing new manufactured home parks.

Specifically, the project would provide 100 units at roughly \$30,000 each. With SVdP owning and operating the development, it will maintain these units as affordable for a long-term time period, which is a concern for utilizing state funds.

Additionally, we know that there is the potential for existing manufactured housing parks scheduled to close within the next 18 months in our area. This new park will provide relocation options for the residents being displaced with the closures. Eugene is supportive of creating new similar units, for we believe that without these new units, the residents may become homeless, an outcome that is preventable.

Please support innovative housing solutions in Oregon and pass SB 1024 today.

Sincerely,  
*submitted electronically*

Ethan Nelson, Intergovernmental Relations Manager