

OREGON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mid-session Update



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Addressing Children's Homelessness

- **\$44 million – Emergency Housing Account (EHA) and State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP)***
- **\$20.5 million – Addressing Child Homelessness**
 - **\$14 million to OHCS; \$6.5 federal funds from DHS**
- **\$20 million – Rental Market Resources (HB 2006)**
- \$130 million – Local Innovation and Fast Track (LIFT) Housing Program
- \$25 million – Preserve existing affordable housing
- \$15 million – Acquire attainable rental market housing to prevent displacement

***2018 Budget Note**

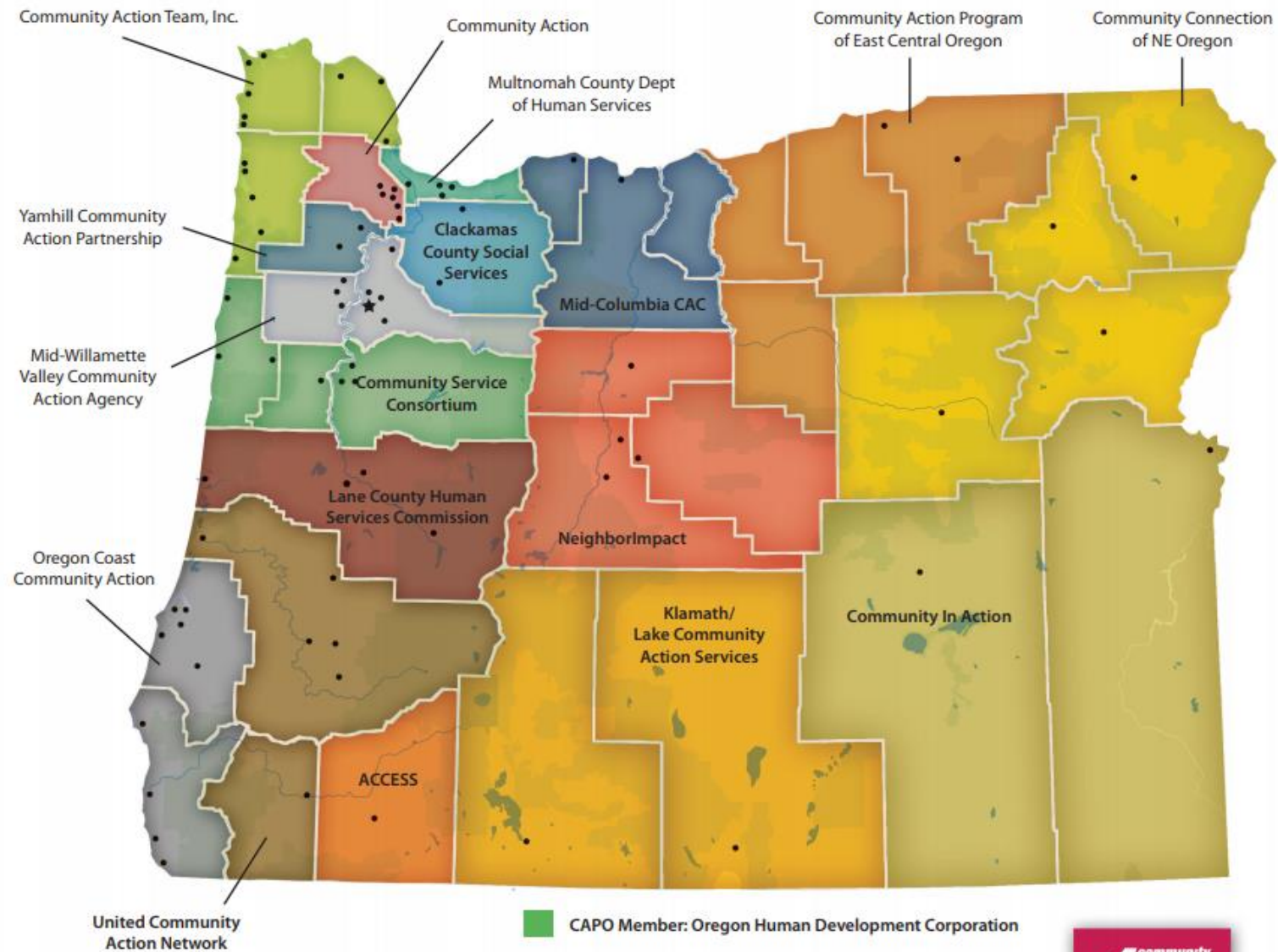
Accelerating Development in Greater Oregon

- \$15 million – Greater Oregon Housing Accelerator (HB 2055)
- \$15 million – Housing Development Guarantee Account to lessen the risk for housing developers in rural communities (HB 2056)

Investing in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

- **\$50 million – Development resources**
- **\$4.5 million – Rent assistance and services resources from the Oregon Health Authority**

EHA & SHAP DELIVERY SYSTEM



Community Action Partnership of Oregon



EMERGENCY HOUSING ACCOUNT (EHA)

Assists low- to very low-income persons who are homeless or are unstably housed and at risk of becoming homeless.

EHA serves people who are struggling with housing instability that are at or below 80% area median income.

Funds Available for:

- Street outreach to connect with those in need
- Homeless prevention and rapid rehousing, including move-in and re-location assistance (EHA can also fund self-sufficiency education, training, and limited rent assistance)
- Emergency shelter (day shelters, transitional shelters, night shelters, hotel/motel vouchers)
- Transitional housing up to 24 months (EHA only)
- Community capacity building (EHA only)

STATE HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHAP)

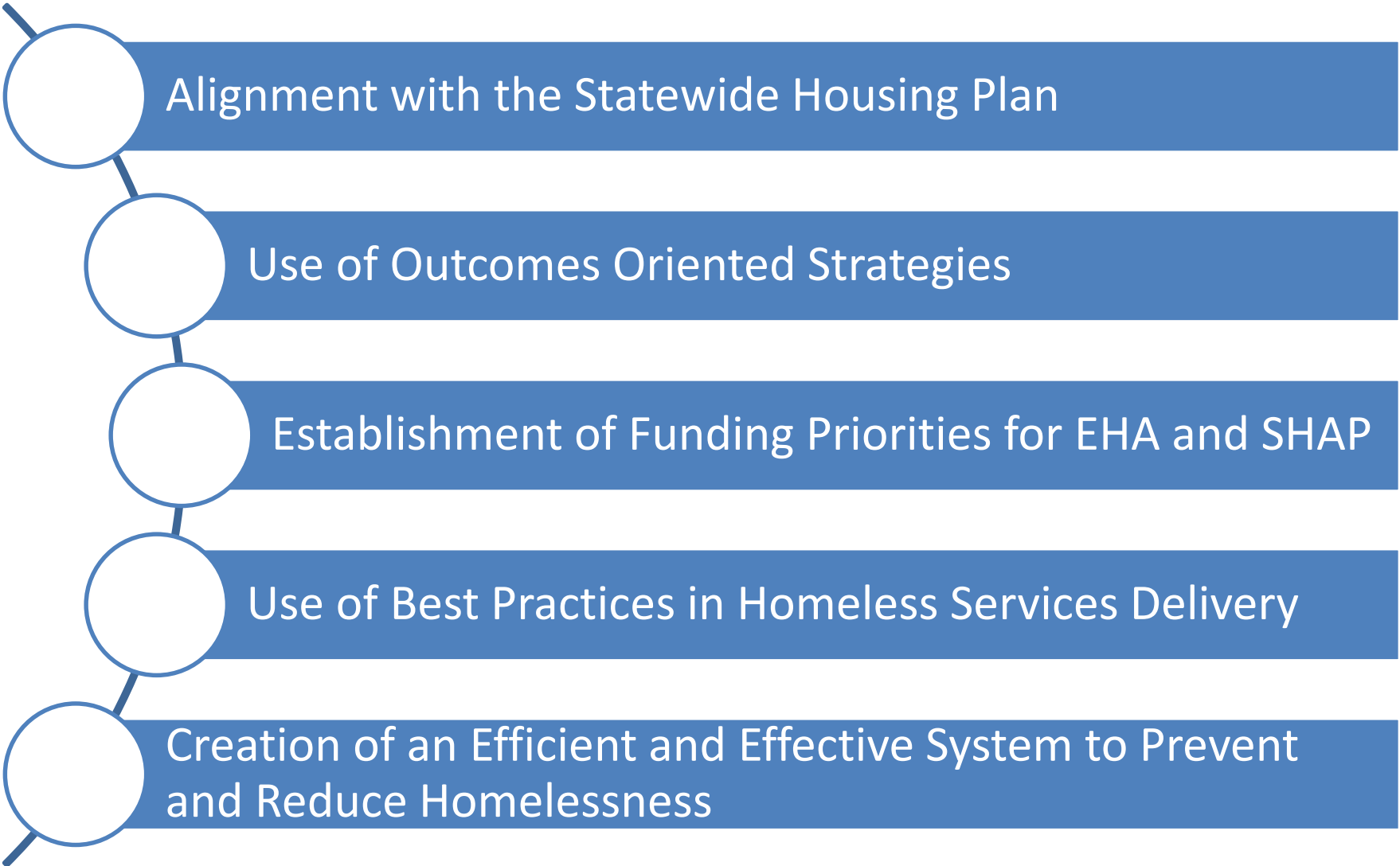
Offers state funds to help meet the emergency needs of homeless Oregonians by providing operational support for emergency shelters and supportive services to shelter residents.

SHAP serves people who are literally homeless and has no income restriction.

\$44 million
for EHA/SHAP

From Transaction to Transformation: Strategies to Achieve Equity and Accountability in Oregon's Homeless System

“The Housing Stability Council, in alignment with preliminary findings from the Statewide Housing Plan, shall make recommendations to the Director of Oregon Housing and Community Services about how to prioritize funding for the Emergency Housing Account (EHA) and the State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP) to ensure that funds are being spent as efficiently and effectively as possible. At a minimum, the Council shall consider how the use of funding incentivizes regionally and nationally recognized best practices, and outcome oriented strategies, to create a more effective system to prevent and reduce homelessness. The Director shall present recommendations to the Legislature by February 28, 2019.”



Committing to a collaborative process

Connecting shared, statewide outcomes with local choice performance measures

Instituting the use of national best practices

Balancing accountability with capacity building through a phased approach

The Committee adopted the EPIC (Ending homelessness, Preventing homelessness, Inclusion and diversity, Capacity of the community) approach for prioritizing outcomes and tracking performance measures through the Master Grant Agreement. The EPIC approach provides a tool that balances five shared outcomes with local flexibility in achieving those outcomes.

SHARED STATEWIDE OUTCOMES	ENDING HOMELESSNESS	PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS	INCLUSION & DIVERSITY	CAPACITY OF THE COMMUNITY
	EQUITY & RACIAL JUSTICE			
PERFORMANCE MEASURES	Continued reporting on two required key performance measures, along with one additional locally selected performance measure for each outcome.			

Housing First

- Immediately house clients with no preconditions and encourages clients to create and implement their own goals.

Coordinated Entry

- A single point of entry to the homeless services delivery system that helps with prioritizing most vulnerable for immediate assistance.

Low-Barrier Shelters

- Allows the most homeless individuals and families to access shelter and housing services by removing preconditions such as sobriety, compliance with treatment plans, and no pets.

Lived Experience

- A commitment and framework to include those who have experienced homelessness in planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs and service delivery.

Reduce Racial Disparities

- Recognizing services have not historically been equitably provided to communities of color, a commitment to intentionally reduce these disparities in administered programs

Addressing Child Homelessness POP

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- Why – Understanding the Need
- TANF Families and Housing
- Addressing Child Homelessness – Strategy
- Addressing Child Homelessness – How

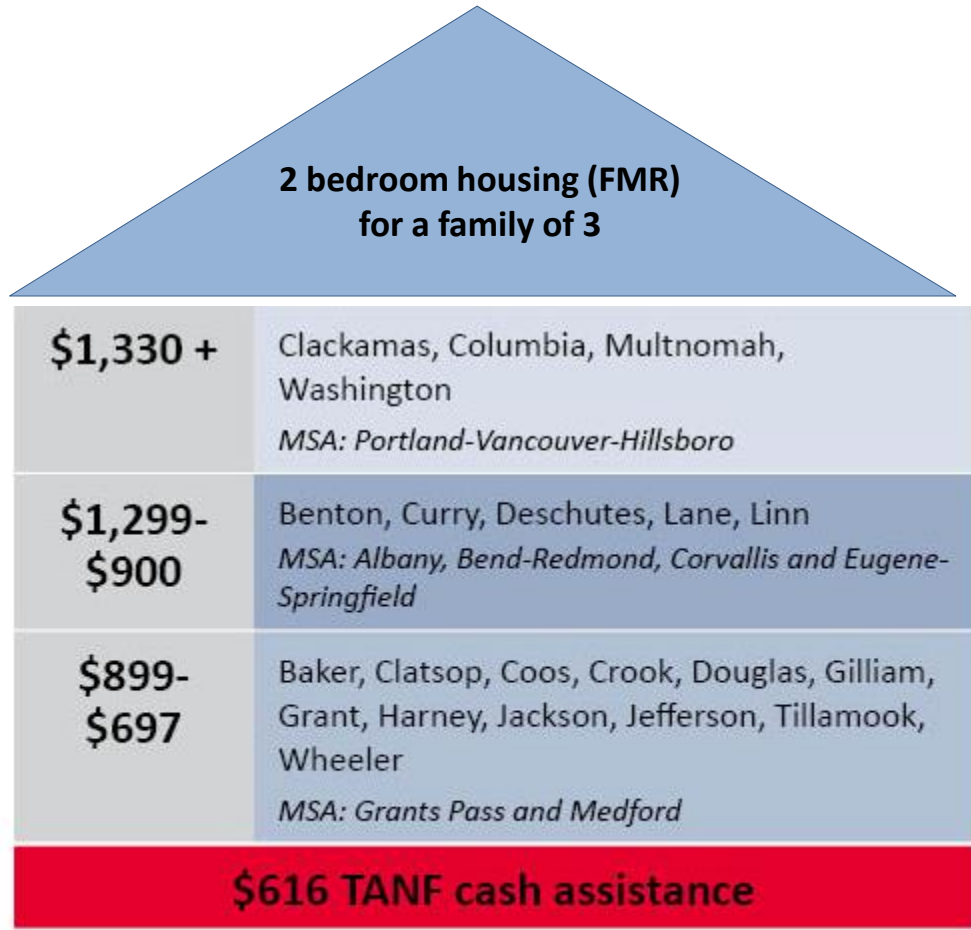
WHY – UNDERSTANDING THE NEED

In 2018, Oregon had the highest rate of homelessness among families with children.



In 2018, the Governor's Children's Cabinet met to discuss the housing crisis, the impact to Oregon's kids, and current resources available in Oregon. This diverse group included agency directors from across the state, including the Department of Human Services (DHS) and Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS)

TANF FAMILIES AND THE HOUSING CRISIS

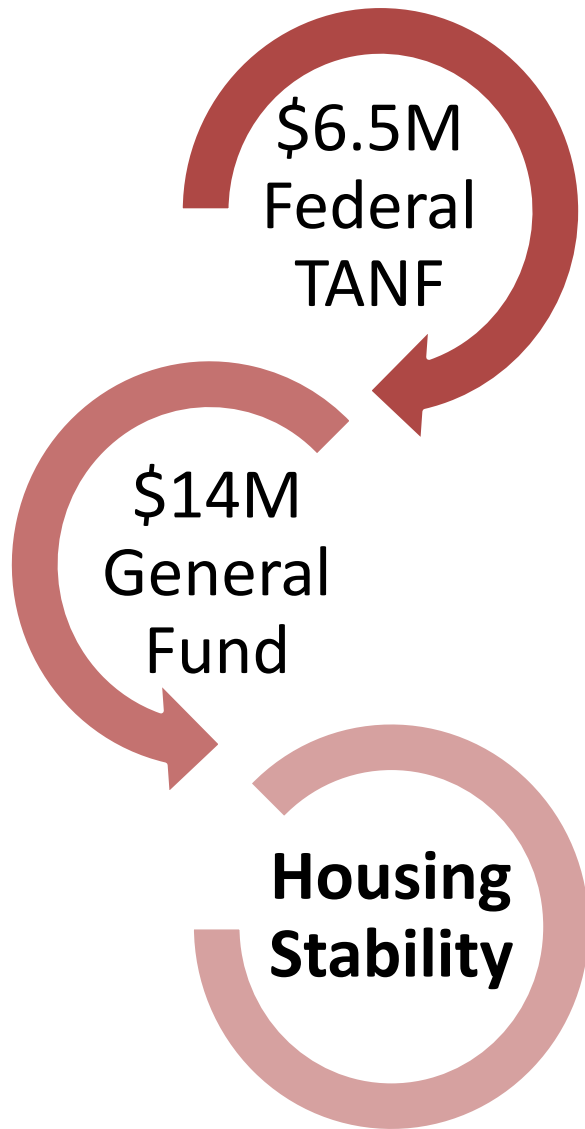


In 2018, the statewide average Fair Market Rent (FMR) in Oregon for 2 bedroom housing was \$1,105 per month.

There is no county area or Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) in Oregon that is affordable for a TANF family to pay the entirety of their rent using their cash assistance.

(Data source: National Low Income Housing Coalition (2018) <https://reports.nlihc.org/oor/Oregon>)

82% of 2018 Oregon TANF participants did not receive public housing or rent subsidies



- Ultimate goal is long term stability for families experiencing homelessness
- Braiding of DHS and OHCS funding streams maximizes federal and state dollars, strengthens partnership at the state and local level and broadens the service network for families
- New program will provide deeper, long-term subsidy, and connect families to range of services through coordinated referral and case management

\$6.5M Federal TANF → Housing Stabilization Program (HSP)

- History of serving TANF families through HSP, funded through DHS Budget (\$1M CSL)
- Existing interagency agreement where HSP is transferred to OHCS and distributed to statewide network of Community Action Agencies

\$6.5M Federal TANF (DHS) + \$14M General Fund (OHCS)

- Local/regional providers will apply with collaborative application to leverage regional partner network
- ***Total \$20.5 million to serve families from a person-centered approach over 2 years***
 - HSP/TANF provides short-term, emergency 4-month subsidy
 - General Fund resources provides long-term services
 - Coordinated referral and case management



DHS-SSP
SSP Family Coach
Housing Stabilization
Program (HSP)

TANF, SNAP, ERDC,
Employment & Training Services,
TA-DVS, Support Services,



Person-
Centered
Services



OHCS
CAA Case Manager
Long-term Housing Subsidy
for Homeless Families

Housing Navigators,
Energy Bill Payment Assistance,
Flex Funding



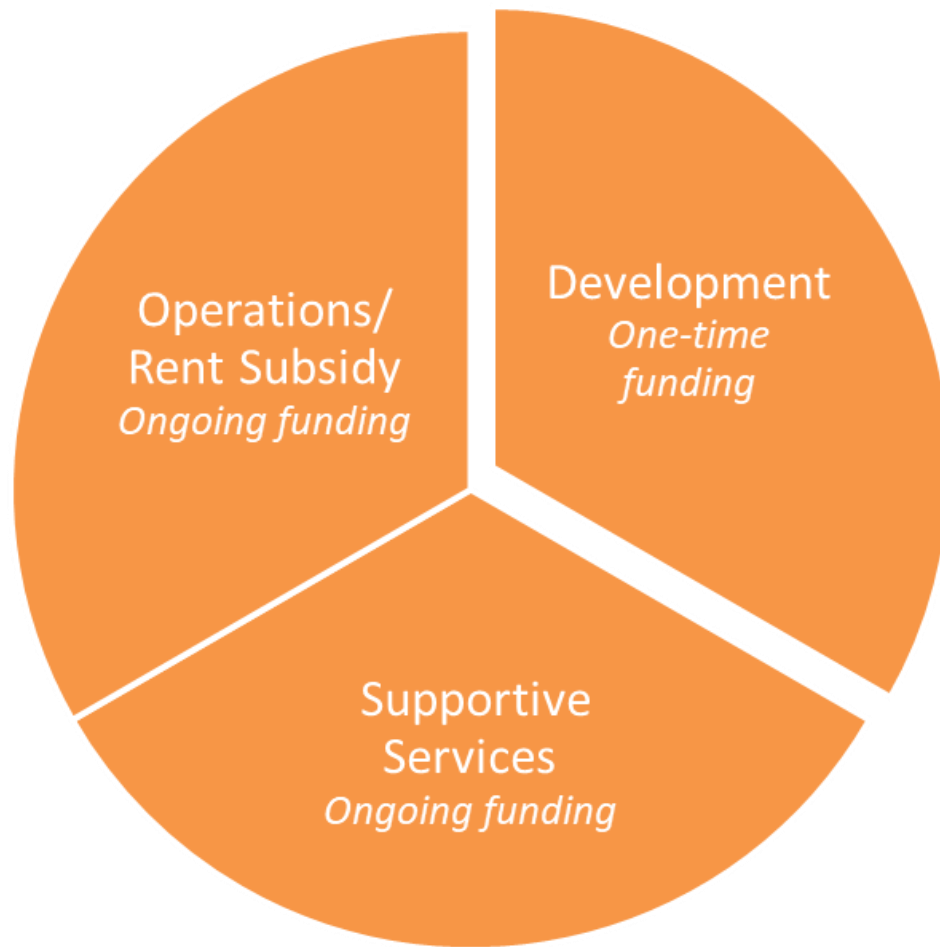
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

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- What is PSH?
- PSH Return on Investment
- PSH – Oregon Performance Plan
- Partnership with Oregon Health Authority

WHAT IS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH)?



PSH is proven to create housing stability for chronically unsheltered homeless populations and can also benefit the formerly incarcerated, those with severe and persistent mental illnesses, and other complex populations.

COST SAVINGS: PSH RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Intervention	2018 Cost	Duration
State Hospital Stay	\$1,324	Per night
Emergency Room	\$500	Per average visit
County Jail	\$125	Per night
PSH	\$59-64	Per night

*Bud Clark Commons residents saw a **45% reduction in healthcare costs** a year after moving into Permanent Supportive Housing*



- At least 60% of criminal defendants who come to the State Hospital on aid and assist (.370) orders are homeless
- The Oregon Performance Plan goal for PSH is 2,000 units, OHA supports 1,260
- **PSH is a critical tool to reach our state goals**



\$50 million

Article XI-Q bonds
general obligation bond
proceeds to build up to
500 units of permanent
supportive housing



\$4.5 million

General fund resources
for 6 months of
services and rent
assistance for 2019-21
biennium

QUESTIONS

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