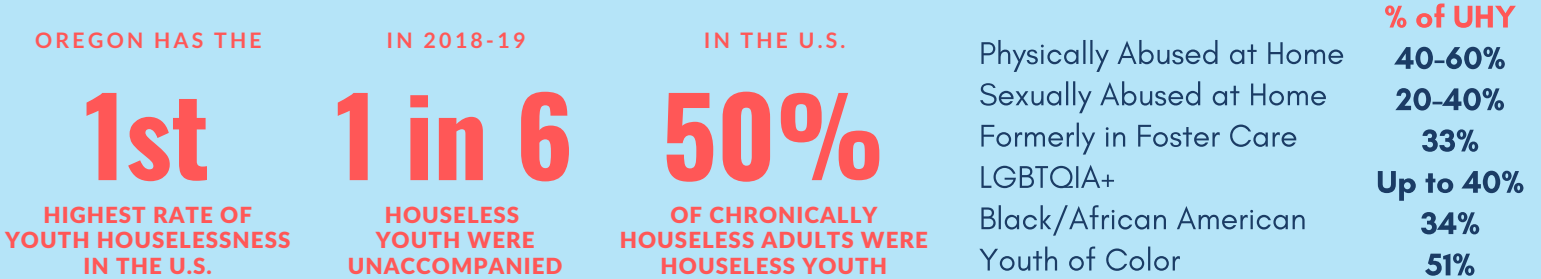


# Meeting the Needs of Oregon's Unaccompanied Houseless Youth (UHY)

HB 4039



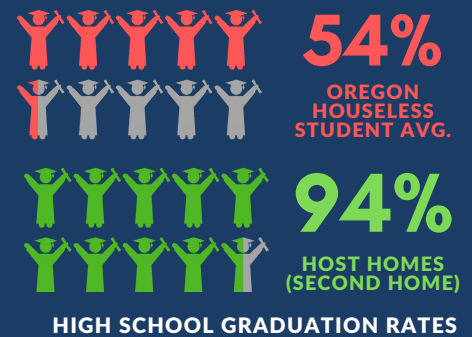
## CREATING A ROBUST CONTINUUM

\$300,000 for DHS and UHY programs to conduct assessment of needs and design an investment plan for a statewide continuum of services.

## RAPID INVESTMENT 1: EXPAND HOST HOME NETWORK

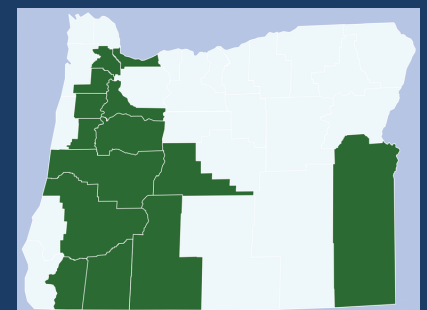
\$1.2m for host home housing that keeps youth in school.

- Up to 26,000 total nights of long-term housing.
- Expansion of short-term housing programs.



## RAPID INVESTMENT 2: EXPAND SHELTER & SUPPORT SERVICES

\$1m to expand or enhance existing UHY shelter facilities, outreach, culturally specific services, mental health/substance use services, other transitional housing options.



### Sources

State Youth Houselessness Rankings: <https://wallethub.com/edu/states-with-the-most-at-risk-youth/37280/>. UHY rates and rankings calculated 2016-17 school year data compiled from: [https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d18/tables/dt18\\_203.20.asp](https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d18/tables/dt18_203.20.asp) (public school enrollment), <https://www.usich.gov/homelessness-statistics/> (number of UHY).  
 Youth to Adult Houselessness: <https://sdyouthservices.org/count-finds-homeless-youth/>  
 UHY Identities and Trauma Experiences: <https://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/learn/unaccompanied-youth/>

## Return on Investment

For every \$1 invested in UHY,  
Oregon saves \$4.



### Long-Term Costs of Not Intervening for UHY



**CAREER CRIMINAL  
ACTIVITY (>25% OF UHY)**



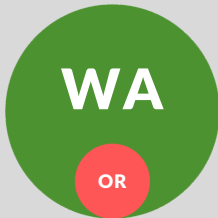
**HEAVY DRUG  
USE (40-50%)**



**HIGH SCHOOL  
NONCOMPLETION (≤75%)**

Pacific University and Portland State University, "Stronger Youth and Smarter Communities," 2009;  
National Network for Youth, "NN4Y Issue Brief: Consequences of Youth Homelessness."

## Oregon Invests only 1/8 of what Washington Invests per UHY



STATE FUNDING/UHY

Washington: **\$33.0m/biennium**

Oregon: **\$2.5m/biennium**

STATE UHY FUNDING/BIENNIEUM

## Organizations Supporting HB 4039

### UHY Housing & Services

A Family for Every Child  
Boys & Girls Aid  
Hearts with a Mission  
Jackson Street Youth Services  
Janus Youth Programs  
Looking Glass Community Services  
Mid-Willamette Community Action  
New Avenues for Youth  
Safe Families For Children: Greater Portland Area

### Youth & Family Services/Advocates

Catholic Community Services  
Children First for Oregon  
Connections365  
Family Forward  
Homestead Youth and Family Services  
Maple Star Oregon  
Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA)  
Northwest Family Services  
Open Adoption & Family Services  
Parrot Creek  
Rob Belloni Ranch, Inc.  
Safe Routes Partnership Pacific Northwest  
Salvation Army, Cascades Division  
The Next Door  
Volunteers of America, Oregon  
Washington County Kids  
Youth Progress  
Youth, Rights & Justice  
YWCA of Greater Portland

### Education

American Association of University Women of Oregon  
Beaverton School District  
Chess for Success  
Confederation of Oregon School Administrators (COSA)  
Oregon Head Start Association  
Oregon Parent Teacher Association  
Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA)  
Portland Public Schools

### Labor

Oregon Education Association (OEA)  
SEIU Local 503 (OPEU)  
United Food & Commercial Workers Local 555

### Housing & Homeless Services

Community Action Team  
Habit for Humanity of Oregon  
Hacienda CDC  
Housing Oregon  
Impact NW  
Kinship House  
Maslow Project  
Oregon Housing Alliance  
Youth Unlimited  
Youth Villages

### Healthcare

Bridgeway Recovery Services  
CareOregon  
Cascadia Whole Health Care  
Family Solutions  
Jasper Mountain  
KAIROS  
Morrison Child & Family Services  
Northwest Human Services  
Oregon Community Programs  
Oregon Council for Behavioral Health  
Oregon Pediatric Society  
Oregon Primary Care Association (OCPA)  
Professional Therapeutic Community Network  
Providence Health & Services  
St. Mary's Home for Boys  
Trillium Family Services

### Other Providers & Advocates

APANO  
City of Gresham, Oregon  
DevNW  
Human Services Coalition of Oregon (HSCO)  
League of Women Voters of Oregon  
NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon  
Oregon Coalition of Christian Voices (OCCV)  
Oregon Environmental Council  
Oregon Sexual Assault Task Force  
Oregon Women's Rights Coalition  
Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon