

Oregon Housing and Community Services

COVID Rental Assistance Programs



COVID Rental Relief Program (CVRRP): \$77.9 million in Federal funds through three waves. First established in June, funds served communities through January when STARR launched.



Supporting Tenants Accessing Rental Relief (STARR): \$50 million General Funds operated January – June 2021.



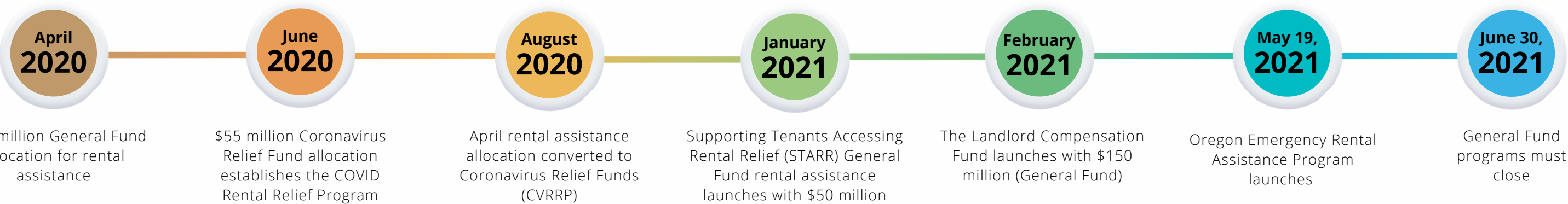
General Fund Assistance: \$8.5 million in General Fund rental assistance launched in May 2020 but was converted during the August Special Session.



Landlord Compensation Fund (LCF): \$150 million General Funds, opened in three rounds (February, May, June). OHCS will distribute the June 2021 increased compensation this Fall after program audits.



Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program (OERAP): ~\$200 million Federal funds.



Thanks to Emergency Board flexibility, OHCS allocated an additional \$14.4 million of Coronavirus Relief Funds for the COVID Rental Relief Program (CVRRP) in Winter 2020.



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General Fund Assistance: \$8.5 million in General Fund rental assistance launched in May 2020 after an Emergency Board appropriation. However, the fund source was converted to Coronavirus Relief Funds during the August Special Session. This required reconciliation to ensure usage matched federal requirements, which took time for both OHCS and local program administrators. These funds were administered by Community Action Agencies.

CVRRP: Established in June 2020 with a \$55 million Emergency Board appropriation of Coronavirus Relief Funds, then combined with the earlier Emergency Board appropriation. OHCS added underutilized Coronavirus Relief Funds as the 12/30/2020 spenddown deadline approached (later extended). In total, combining it with General Fund Assistance, this program allocated more than \$77.9 million in rental assistance to Oregonians. These funds were administered by Community Action Agencies.

STARR: The Oregon Legislature allocated \$50 million in tenant-based rental assistance with HB 4401 (3rd special session of 2021). The program launched in January 2021. Funded with General Funds, all rental assistance had to be committed by June 30, 2021. These funds were administered by Community Action Agencies.

LCF: The Oregon Legislature allocated \$150 million in landlord-based rental assistance with HB 4401 (3rd special session of 2021), the first statewide landlord-based rental assistance program. Landlords applied for assistance for eligible tenants, which would provide 80% of rental debt with the requirement landlords forgive 20% of the debt. The program launched in February 2021 and included three funding rounds (February/March, May, June). Funded with General Funds, all rental assistance had to be committed by June 30, 2021. These funds were administered by OHCS, who provide application intake and initial processing, and public housing authorities (PHAs). PHAs verified payments and allocated resources to landlords. In June 2021, the Legislature increased the compensation to 100%. The remaining 20% compensation will be allocated after necessary fraud review is complete in Fall 2021.

OERAP: Established by Congress in December, OHCS launched this program in May 2021 after launching state rental assistance programs. This is a tenant based rental assistance program with a total of nearly \$360 million in two waves, \$204 million available now and an additional \$156 million available this fall. OHCS is administering these federal resources on behalf of U.S. Treasury, and the City of Portland, and Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Lane, and Marion Counties are administering additional federal resources. OHCS established the first ever statewide rental assistance application and supports tenants in applying for assistance. Local program administrators (community action agencies and one public housing authority) process applications, work with tenants and landlords, and make rental payments. OHCS has added additional support to this program by bringing on Public Partnerships LLC to process applications on behalf of local program administrators that need support.