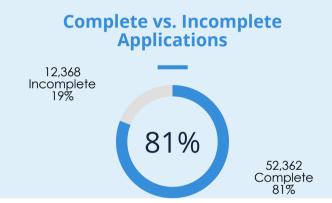
## Weekly Update: Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program



December 6, 2021

Our top priority remains getting assistance into the hands of Oregonians as quickly as possible. In an effort to serve as many Oregon tenants and landlords as possible with remaining ERA funds and expedite the distribution of assistance, OERAP no longer covers utility arrearages. Delivering utility assistance has also caused some significant delays with processing applications due to federal guidance. Oregon has existing utility assistance available that renters and homeowners can access to cover their back utility bills through their local <u>Community Action Agency</u>. 211 will continue to redirect callers to these well-resourced programs. You can find more information about programs <u>here</u>, and for those working with clients in Multnomah county, please visit this <u>site</u>.

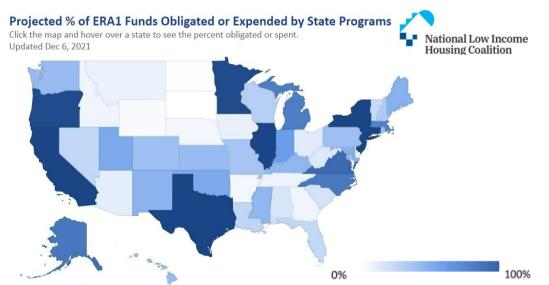
To date, OERAP has paid more than \$157 million in federal emergency rental assistance to more than 23,000 Oregon renters.





23,155 Households Paid

\$157.5 M



# Comparison Nationwide

Oregon has moved to 6th place in the ranking nationwide for ERA1 payments and obligated funds. We continue to advocate for additional federal resources to serve more Oregonians in need of rental assistance.



#### Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program Dashboard

Dashboard Updated November 30, 2021



# More than \$350M\*

Total Rental Assistance Paid in 2021 \*Total includes 2021 rental assistance programs: Landlord Compensation Fund (LCF), Supporting Tenants Accessing Rental Relief (STARR), and Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program (OERAP).

### REMINDER: Oregon Law Center's Eviction Defense Project

OHCS continues to be deeply concerned about renters who are facing eviction. The website for Oregon Law Center's Eviction Defense Project is now <u>live</u>, and tenants can call 888-585-9638 or email <u>evictiondefense@oregonlawcenter.org</u> for assistance. Please continue to encourage your constituents to apply for rental assistance at oregonrentalassistance.org. If your constituents have received a court summons please direct to them to contact OLC for legal assistance.

