

OHCS Housing Investments Update

June 1, 2022

Andrea Bell (she/her)
Executive Director, OHCS

Jill Smith (she/her)
Interim Director of Housing
Stabilization



Outcomes: Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program (OERAP)

\$363,367,272
in emergency
rental assistance
paid to

55,656

Oregon households since May 2021





Outcomes: Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program (OERAP)

85% of those served earn 50% or below the Area Median Income

60% White

15% Hispanic/Latino/a/x

12% Black or African American

5% two or more races

4% Native/Alaskan Native

2% Asian

1% Native Hawaiian



OERAP Spend Down Update

Goal: OHCS committed to spending \$289 million in OERAP resources by the end of March 2022.

Outcome: On March 7th, OHCS announced more than \$289 million in assistance resources had been allocated to Oregonians in need.

Federal Requirements:

Federal spend-down timeline is September 2022 for ERA1 & September 2025 for ERA 2.

Goal: Spend down the \$100 million in state funds allocated during the December 2021 Special Session by June 30, 2022.



Outcome: OHCS is on track to deploy all state funds by June 30, 2022.

State Requirements:

The state-level ERA funding allocated in December of 2021 must be spent down by June 30, 2023.

OERAP Spend Down Update

Remaining Uncommitted Funds: ~\$30.5 million

Remaining funding consists of:

- \$17 million in U.S Treasury reallocated funds (\$1.6M + \$16M), and
- \$13.5 million in recaptured community partner funds
- All state funds will be spent by June 2022.

Remaining Funds Spend Down Plan:

- OHCS has open the recertification process to OERAP applicants who received 11 months or fewer of rental assistance, but still need support
 - Approx.. 6,000 households have either initiated or submitted their recertifications thus far, with an average request of ~\$3,200 per household



Housing Retention: Rental Assistance & Eviction Prevention and Homeless Services



Federal resources

- **\$204.3 million** Emergency rental assistance via Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021
- \$156.5 million via ARPA
- \$17.2 million of ERA 1 reallocated from low performing grantees
- \$56 million ESG-CV funding via CARES Act

Housing Retention & Homeless Services Investments

2021 Special Session

- **\$100 million** for the Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program
- \$100 million for Eviction Prevention

2022 Short Session

- \$30 million Homelessness Prevention/ Eviction Prevention
- \$50 million Homeless Services
- \$500k Interagency Council on Homelessness & Built for Zero



Eviction Prevention Funding Strategy



4 PILLARS OF HOUSING RETENTION

The four pillars of housing retention, centering equity and racial justice, are cited as best practices in eviction prevention. Flexible funding allows each household to access support through a trusted local provider.



Eviction Prevention: Funding Deployment

Case Management

100% of case management specific funds have been deployed.

Mediation Services

All mediation services funds will be deployed by July 2022.

Rental Assistance

84.6% of funds are deployed, with clear plans for all remaining funds by August 2022.





Legal Services

81.8% of funds are deployed, with clear plans for all remaining funds to be deployed by July 2022.



Eviction Pre

Eviction Prevention Funding Deployment

as of June 1, 2022

Includes \$100
million in funding
from the December
Special Session &
\$30 million in
Homelessness
Prevention/Eviction
Prevention funding
from 2022 Short
Session.

Homeless Services: Funding Strategy





Homeless Services: Funding Deployment

Youth, Tribal & Culturally-Specific

47.3% of funds have been deployed with clear plans for all remaining funds by July 2022.

Homeless Services & Shelter

43.4% of funds are deployed, with clear plans for all remaining funds by July 2022.



Systems Capacity

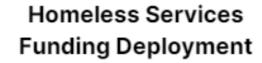
All systems capacity funds will be deployed by July 2022.



Pilot Programs

All pilot program funds will be deployed by June 2022.





as of June 1, 2022



\$50 million in

Homelessness

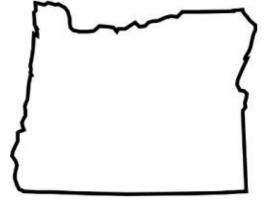
Services funding

from 2022 Short

Session.



Oregon's housing crisis is supply driven. The answer is not simply more homes, but homes that are affordable in a wide range of price points, across income levels, in every city and region of the state.



>580,000 new homes

MUST BE ADDED IN THE NEXT 20 YEARS ACCORDING TO THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ANALYSIS

MORE THAN HALF OF THOSE HOMES NEED TO BE AFFORDABLE

Increasing and protecting Oregon's affordable housing supply

19,000

affordable homes have been developed toward the Statewide Housing Plan goal of 25,000 new homes

\$490M

OHCS '23-'25 ARB investment ask for construction and preservation of affordable homes.



Key Takeaways

OERAP has kept Oregonians housed during the height of the pandemic while still undergoing continuous improvement.

Oregon's Eviction Prevention system is a key element in ensuring housing stability and preventing homelessness in Oregon.

There is a clear need for long term rental assistance and supportive services.

Oregon must increase and preserve our affordable housing supply to end our state's housing and homelessness crisis.



Questions