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INTRODUCTION TO OREGON'S LONG TERM RECOVERY GROUPS

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TODAY...

- ◆ What are Long-Term Recovery Groups (LTRGs)?
- ◆ Who are Oregon's LTRGs?
- ◆ Why Oregon's LTRGs are essential to current recovery efforts
- ◆ How LTRGs hold the key to future resiliency and response for new disasters
- ◆ What they need to continue facilitating local recovery

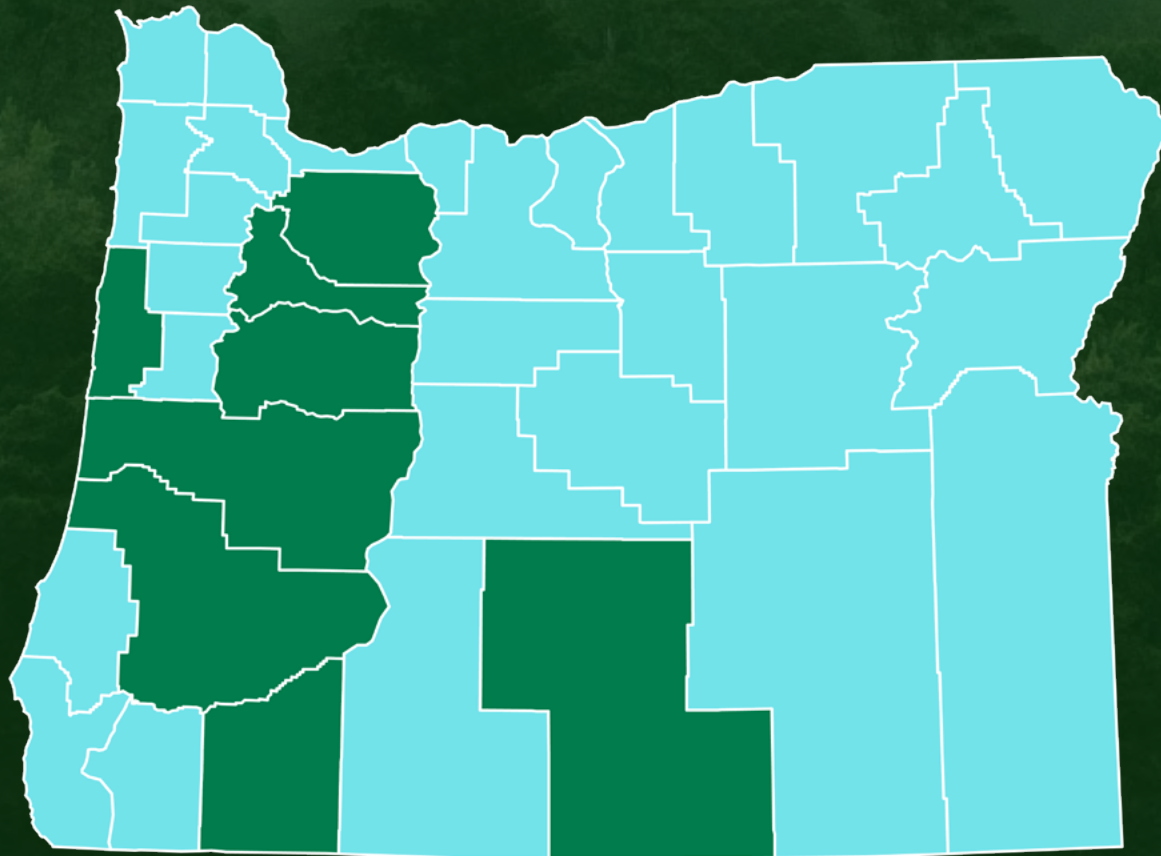
WHAT IS AN LTRG?

- ◆ LTRGs are **backbone organizations** essential to the **local** recovery of a community devastated by disaster.
- ◆ LTRGs are the **vital connection** between local on-the-ground, in-community needs of survivors and the many philanthropic, municipal, regional, state and federal resources that support recovery.

WHO ARE OREGON'S LTRGs?

- ◆ Clackamas County Long Term Recovery Group
- ◆ Santiam Canyon Long Term Recovery Group
- ◆ Lincoln County Long Term Recovery Group
- ◆ McKenzie Valley Long Term Recovery Group of Lane County
- ◆ Glide Revitalization/ Archie Creek Long Term Recovery Group
- ◆ Jackson County Community Long-Term Recovery Group
- ◆ Klamath Lake Long Term Recovery Group

WHICH RECOVERY COMMUNITIES ARE THEY CURRENTLY SERVING?



FORMATION & STRUCTURE

- ◆ All are incorporated organizations governed by a Board of Directors; most are 501 (c)(3) organizations, some are fiscally sponsored by a 501 (c)(3) organization.
- ◆ Often formed during the recovery stage of disaster – usually with technical assistance provided by a FEMA or a local “Community Organization Active in Disaster” (COAD) or as a grassroots effort supported by local nonprofits like United Way or similar.
- ◆ LTRGs are not municipal or government organizations.

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DEVIN THOMPSON

Executive Director

McKenzie Valley Long Term
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LTRGs ARE GENERALLY COMPOSED OF SEVERAL “STANDARD” COMMITTEES

- ◆ **UNMET NEEDS COMMITTEE**
matches financial resources with survivor needs (individuals and families)
- ◆ **EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE COMMITTEE**
provides resources and referrals to survivors, and often to providers as well

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◆ **CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT**

assists with or oversees management and coordination (e.g. bulk purchasing) of rebuilding and repair of homes and buildings

◆ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

provides governance and direction to the other committees

◆ **Other Common Committees**

Volunteer Management; Case Management; Housing Supports; Fundraising/Donations; Communications

OPERATION NEEDS, AT A GLANCE...



Oregon's LTRGs have an average of **1.75 paid FTE** each



80% share they need an additional **2-3 FTE** to continue to meet their community's needs



Costs about **\$4.5 million** a year just to maintain their operations

OPERATION NEEDS, AT A GLANCE...



Nearly **75% – 100%** of all funding comes from private sector – philanthropy and donations



Despite this altruism, **100%** note their current funding does *not* adequately meet their operating needs or the recovery needs of their community

COMMUNITY NEEDS, AT A GLANCE...

OVER
600 CASES

\$9M

\$18.4M

- ◆ Oregon's LTRGs have leveraged nearly \$9 million to close or meet over 600 cases
- ◆ At least 1,001 cases are open with new ones still coming forward
- ◆ Approximate value of these open cases is \$18.4 million

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ANNA BJORNSDOTTER

Survivor

McKenzie Valley Long Term
Recovery Group of Lane County

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Recovery Manager

Santiam Canyon Long Term
Recovery Group

MISINFORMATION, CLARIFIED

- ◆ LTRGs are **NOT** government agencies
- ◆ Some are or were, but LTRGs are **NOT** all receiving current or consistent support from local COADs
- ◆ There is **NOT** a designated source of public funds to support the LTRGs
- ◆ The 2020 and 2021 wildfire communities are **NOT** recovered
- ◆ New individual survivor needs are still being uncovered.

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BRUCE BAILEY

Survivor

Santiam Canyon Long Term
Recovery Group

SO MUCH DONE, SO MUCH TO DO

- ◆ LTRGs estimate their respective communities have anywhere from 2-8 additional years before the “Unmet Needs Table” can conclude.
- ◆ New needs continue to be uncovered:

“We are noticing a gap of up to 40% from what individuals received from insurance and replacement of their home or contents.”

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CARYN WHEELER CLAY

Executive Director

Jackson County Community
Long-Term Recovery Group

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CASS CORNWELL

Fire Survivor, Zone Captain

Jackson County Community
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We have stopped seeing cases – we are unable to hold Unmet Needs Roundtable meetings or closeout any cases without funding.

We do not have enough funding to support the recovery needs in our community. Households will experience insurmountable gaps in funding required to complete their recovery/rebuild and thus stagnating their overall recovery.

We need staff that are paid appropriate, market rate wages or we are going to lose them and all the relationships and knowledge they have brought us.

The biggest fear of survivors is being forgotten. With so many cases still to be heard and still limited resources, we will not be able to support everyone.

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Chief Executive Officer

United Way of Jackson County

&

Board Member

Jackson County Community Long Term
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THANK YOU!
