



# Climate Response and Capacity

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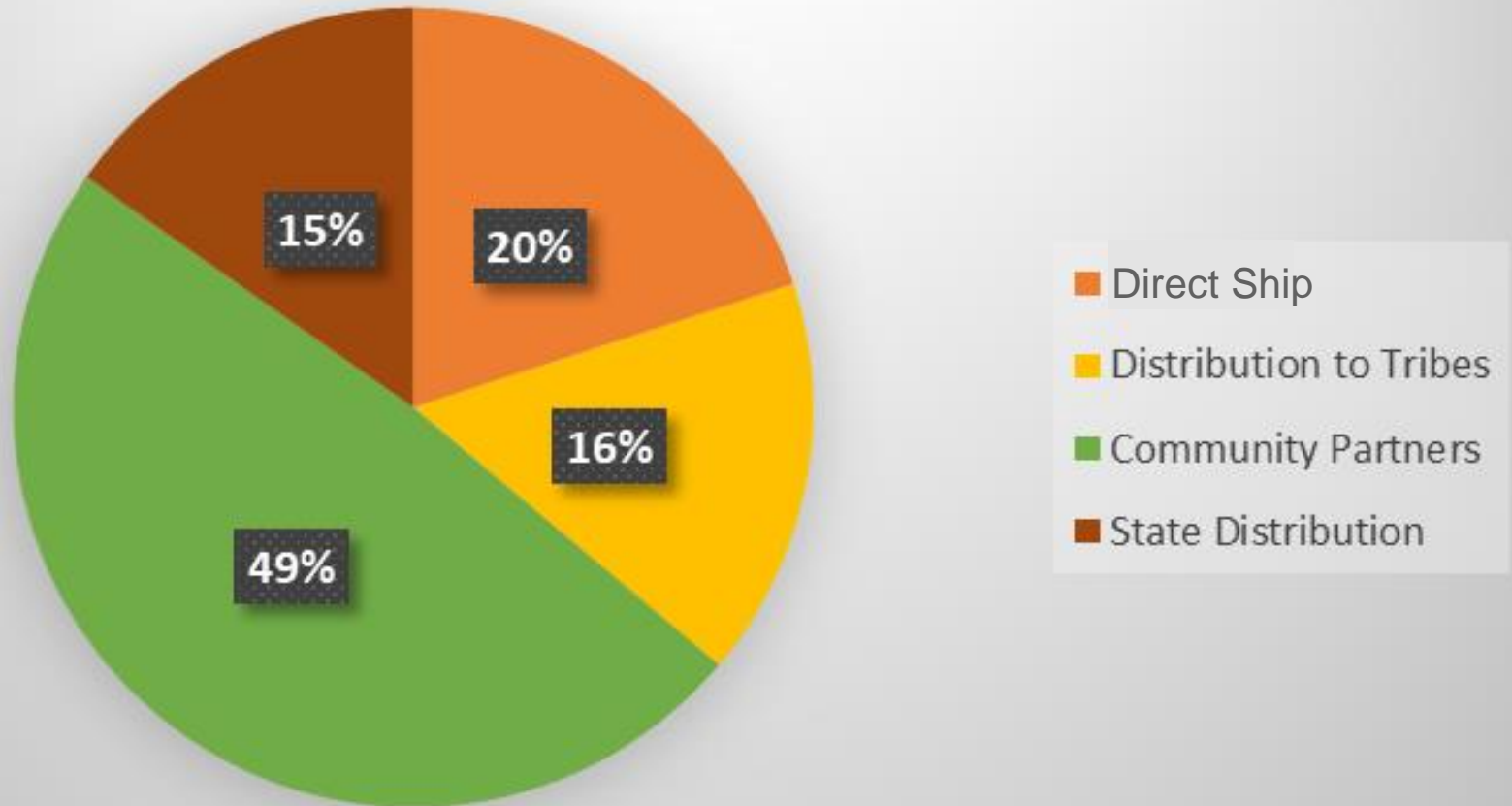
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# Summary

- OHA and ODHS have partnered on SB1536 with multiple agencies and community partners to build a method of distribution.
- Supplied over **2900 Air Conditioners** and almost **4300 Air Filtration Devices** to at-risk Oregonians who are most impacted by climate emergencies
- OHA and ODHS recognize the need to strengthen our ability to handle multiple climate emergency response situations at once.

# Distribution Methods for ACs



# Eligibility Criteria

- People who are eligible for medical assistance programs through OHA, ODHS, or Medicare, or have received any medical assistance through any of these agencies in the past 12 months.
- Eligible Oregonians who qualify as most at-risk are prioritized to receive an available AC unit, including:
  - 65 years of age or older; **or**
  - medically fragile child; **or**
  - have a disability or medical condition that makes them vulnerable to heat events, like diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, obesity, or a respiratory disease; **and**
  - do not have cooling devices.

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/Pages/Air-Conditioner-Program.aspx>

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# CCO Coverage and Distribution

- When potential recipients were contacted, they were asked whether they have a CCO
- If so, connected them to the CCO to deliver an air conditioner
- Combined, CCOs delivered an additional 2,200 air conditioners

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# Program Challenges

- Challenges around communication and coordination
- Lead time and Supply Chain issues for procurement
- Flexibility within our operating systems to:
  - Innovate and implement work with community partners for targeted community response.
  - Address climate emergencies that impact the health and safety of Oregonians

# ODHS Office of Resilience and Emergency Management

- Oregon's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan assigns Emergency Support Functions (ESF) to state agencies.
- ODHS is the primary agency ESF-6 Mass Care (emergency sheltering and feeding)
- **Until September 2020, only one FTE in this position** because there was never such a mass care demand in Oregon's history.
- The ODHS Office of Resilience and Emergency Management was created following the Labor Day 2020 wildfires.
- **Since then, grown to more than 50 staff, and conducted dozens of missions, including:**
  - Warming, cooling, cleaner air and wildfire shelters
  - Ice storms
  - Heat dome
  - Non-Congregate Shelter for over 4,000 wildfire survivors
  - Public Safety Power Shutoffs
  - Refugees

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# ODHS Office of Resilience and Emergency Management

- Senate Bill 1536 (2022 Regular Session) codified in ORS 431A.412:
  - ODHS is now the lead agency for operating spaces that provide cleaner air, warming or cooling.
  - ODHS' role includes:
    - Providing support to local agencies that take lead roles in operating and planning clean air shelters in the local agencies' jurisdictions.
    - Building local capacity



# Warming and Cooling Center Support

Support to cooling centers, local governments, community-based organizations and non-governmental organizations across Oregon

## ODHS purchased

- 1 Get-HX trailer (trailers with generators and commercial AC units)
- 10 5-ton ACs
- 1 56Kw generator,
- 1 rented generator
- Food Bank expenses
- Bottled water distribution
- Total spent to date:  
\$1,002,908

## Examples of cooling center support

### Multnomah County

- Rented generator
- Staffing support
- Water/food delivered

### Mill City

- Deployed GET-HX trailer to Santiam Canyon Community Cooling Center

### Medford

- Provided facility and staff

### Morrow County

- Grant to staff cooling center over a weekend

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# ODHS HVAC Construction Improvement Grants

- Total number of applications: 265 (a mix of cleaner air and warming/cooling centers)
- Currently working with applicants to establish 3 quotes from contractors
- Average estimate from applications: \$296,459
- Minimum estimate from applications: \$2,500
- Maximum estimate from applications: \$4,000,000
- TOTAL estimates from applications: \$36,168,076



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