



# Emergency Homelessness Response Update

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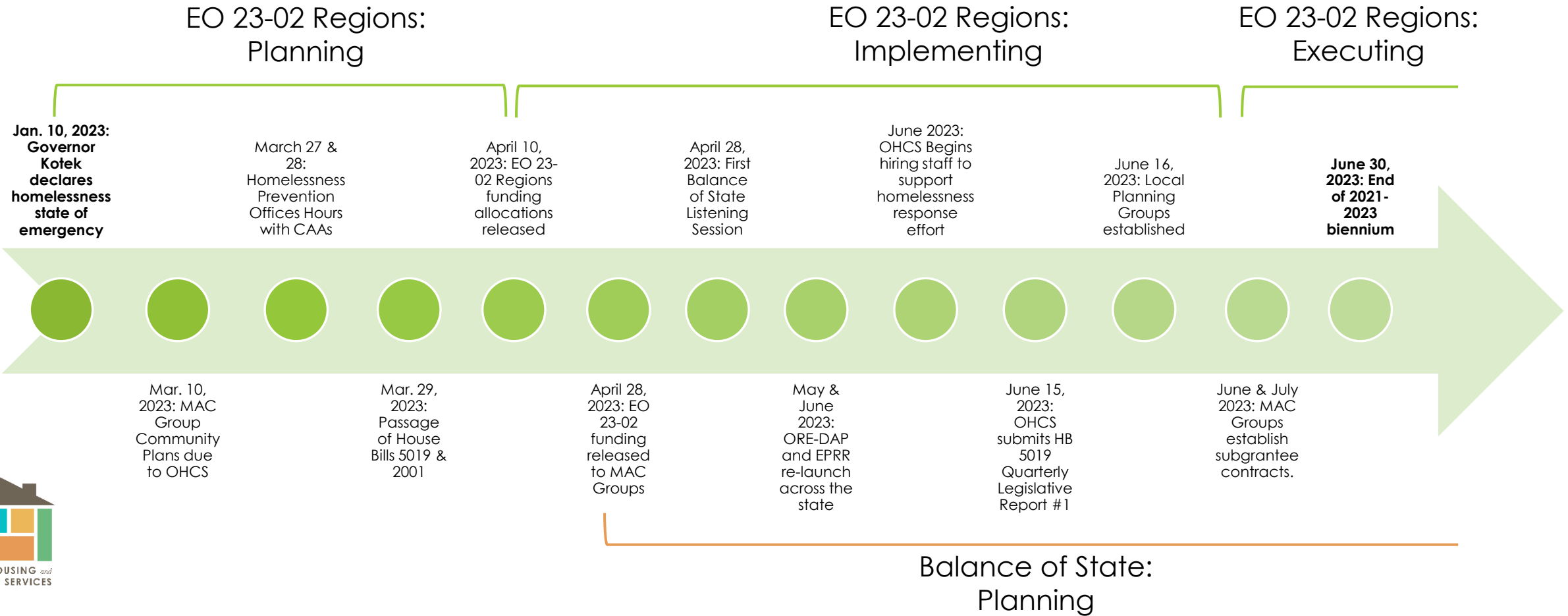
# Introductions

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# Emergency Response Timeline

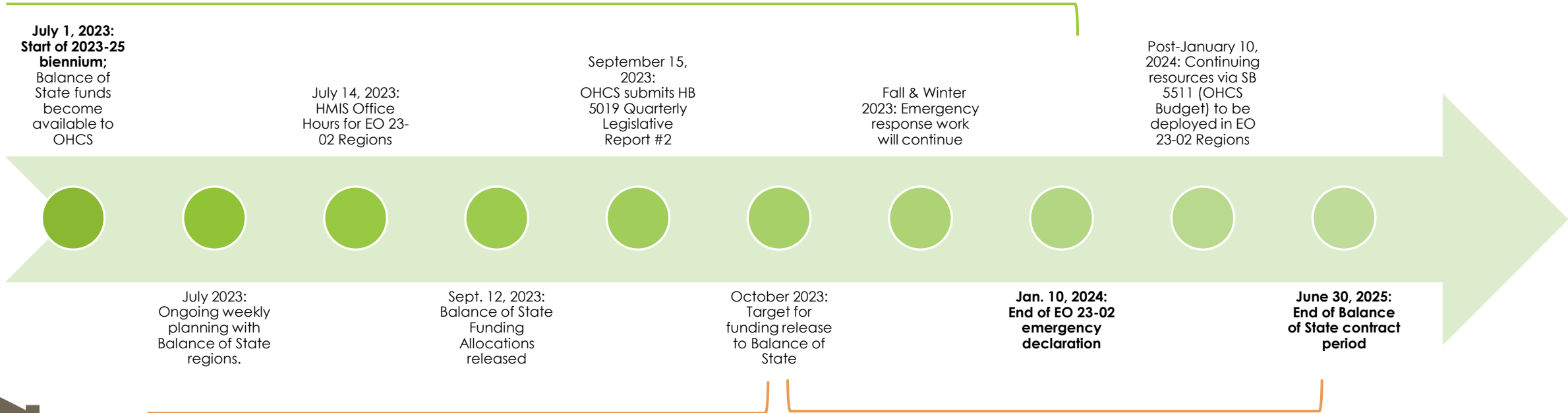
(January 2023- June 2023)



# Emergency Response Timeline

(July 2023- June 2025)

## EO 23-02 Regions: Executing



Balance of State:  
Planning

Balance of State:  
Implementing & Executing



# Emergency Homelessness Response Funding

Investment	Purpose	Early Session	End of Session	Regions
<b>\$85.2 million</b>	Create 600 new shelter beds & rehouse 1,200 households by Jan. 10, 2024	HB 5019		EO 23-02 Designated Regions
<b>\$45.8 million</b>	Continue operation of the 600 new shelter beds for remainder of 23-25 biennium		SB 5511	
<b>\$17.5 million</b>	Maintain unit access for 1,200 households that were rehoused through block leasing and other supports for remainder of 23-25 biennium		SB 5511	
<b>\$39.7 million</b>	Maintain rehousing efforts for 1,200 households through rental assistance and other services for remainder of 23-25 biennium		SB 5511	
<b>\$2.3 million</b>	Maintain local service provider staffing for remainder of 23-25 biennium to support outreach to people experiencing homelessness & navigation to shelter		SB 5511	
<b>\$27.4 million</b>	Create 100 new shelter beds & rehouse 450 households by June 30, 2025	HB 5019		Balance of State
<b>\$39 million</b> w/ 25% CSO set aside	In Special Purpose Appropriation (SPA) to continue rehousing efforts for remainder of 23-25 biennium		SB 5506	
<b>\$33.6 million</b>	Prevent homelessness for 8,750 households by Jan. 10, 2024	HB 5019		Statewide
<b>\$55 million</b> w/ 30% CSO set aside	Prevent homelessness for remainder of 23-25 biennium		SB 5511	
<b>\$4.1 million</b>	Support OHCS & ODEM emergency response capacity	HB 5019		

# Shelter Bed Creation

- 62% of people experiencing homelessness in Oregon are unsheltered– additional shelter capacity is needed.
- House Bill 5019 investments are **increasing local shelter capacity** by funding the rehab, acquisition, and operation of shelters.
- Shelter funding must be used to add **new** shelter bed capacity into a region.
- Funding requires restrictive use period and habitability requirements.

# Rehousing

Rapid Rehousing services provide a range of critical supports for people experiencing homelessness, helping them **quickly secure stable housing** and then address **underlying factors** contributing to their experience of homelessness. Services can include:

- Case management
- Housing search assistance
- Financial assistance (rental deposits, move-in costs, rental assistance)
- Mediation and/or landlord liaison
- Supportive services (mental health counseling, employment assistance, substance abuse treatment, etc.)
- Follow-up support to ensure ongoing housing stability



Prevent  
**8,750**  
**households**  
from becoming  
homeless statewide



Add  
**600 low-barrier**  
**shelter beds**  
in emergency areas

## EO 23-02 Regions: Shelter & Rehousing

- House Bill 5019 allocated \$85.2 million to create **600** new shelter beds & rehouse **1,200** households by **January 10, 2024**
- MAC groups were encouraged to engage with culturally specific/responsive service providers and disproportionately impacted groups across their region
- All House Bill 5019 funds have been deployed from OHCS to MAC groups.



# EO 23-02 Regions: Funding, Goals & Reporting

Region	Shelter bed creation goal	Shelter beds created by 7/31/22	Rehousing Goal	Households rehoused by 7/31/23	Final Allocation
OR-500 - Eugene/Springfield/Lane County	230	0	247	18	\$15,514,697
OR-501 - Portland/Gresham/Mult. County	138	0**	186	0	\$15,488,728
OR-502 - Medford, Ashland/Jackson County	67	13	133	2	\$8,802,686
OR-503 - Central Oregon	111	60	186	4	\$14,724,565
OR-504 - Salem/Marion, Polk Counties	79	15	182	11	\$11,260,019
OR-506 - Hillsboro/Beaverton/Wash. County	61	0	121	5	\$7,994,011
OR-507 - Clackamas County CoC	-	0	170	0	\$5,415,294
<b>Total</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>1225</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>\$79,200,000</b>

*Note: OHCS set aside \$3 million for the Housing Choice Landlord Guarantee Program, which was expanded by HB 3417 (2023), and \$3 million in flexible funds to ensure EO 23-02 goals are met.*

*\*\*A new shelter opened in Portland in July 2023, which will host 138 safe rest pods, due to reporting lags it was not captured in this dataset.*



Rehouse at least  
**450 unsheltered households**

Add  
**100 low-barrier shelter beds**

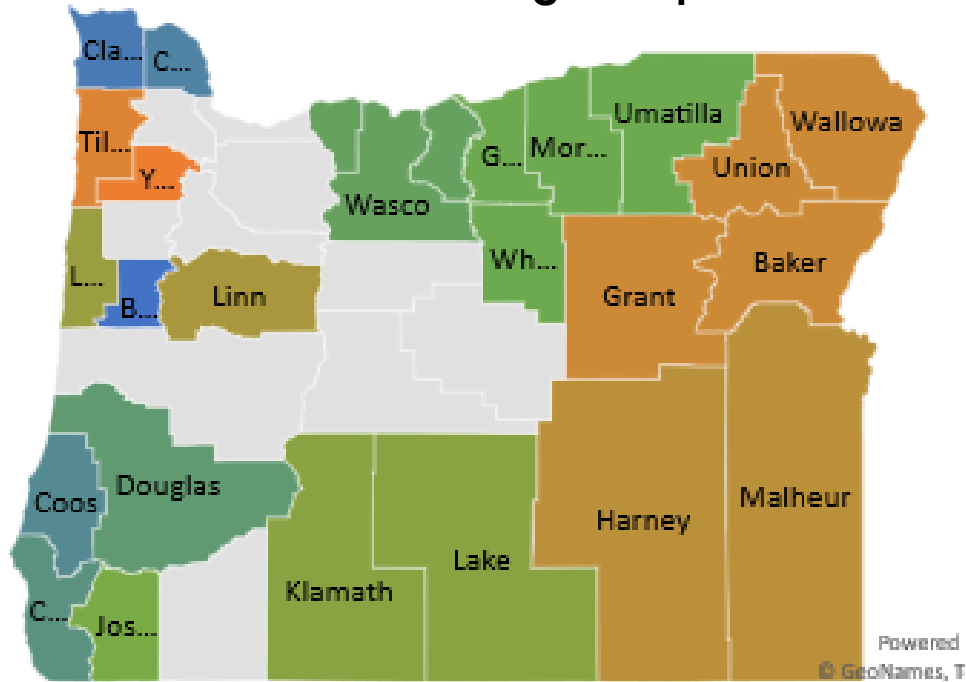


# Balance of State: Planning

- House Bill 5019 allocated \$26.135 million to create **100** new shelter beds & rehouse **450** households by **June 30, 2025**.
- OHCS conducted Listening Sessions with communities across the Balance of State beginning in April 2023, which informed funding structure
- Regions divided into 16 Local Planning Groups (LPGs) in June 2023 and each group submitted a Community Plan in July 2023
- OHCS contracting technical assistance for MAC groups and Local Planning Groups (best practices, community engagement, shelter standup, etc.)

# Local Planning Groups

## Emergency Homelessness Response Local Planning Groups



- Baker, Union, Wallowa & Grant Counties
- Benton County
- Clatsop County
- Columbia County
- Coos County
- Curry County
- Douglas County
- Hood River, Wasco & Sherman Counties
- Josephine County
- Klamath & Lake Counties
- Lincoln County
- Linn County
- Malheur & Harney Counties
- Tillamook County (HB 4123 Planning Group)
- Umatilla, Morrow, Wheeler & Gilliam Counties
- Yamhill County

# Balance of State: Funding

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- House Bill 5019 funds for the Balance of State became available to OHCS in July 2023
- Based on feedback from local communities, OHCS sought alignment in allowable uses between EO 23-02 Regions and LPGs
- OHCS reviewed them in conjunction with AOC, LOC, and Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (ROCC) staff to score the top projects.
- Funding allocated via dual approach:
  1. Formula funding tied to rehousing goals for each Local Planning Group (LPG)
  2. Competitive funding to support shelter bed creation
- 29 Shelter proposals submitted with a total funding request amount of **\$37,185,598**
- Funding release for Balance of State targeted for October 2023.



# Local Planning Groups: Funding & Goals

Region	Shelter Bed Creation Goal	Shelter Allocation	Rehousing Goal	Rehousing Allocation
Benton County	50	\$1,175,224	31	\$1,266,459
Clatsop County	22	\$1,250,000	33	\$1,336,732
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Columbia County (CAT)	0	---	20	\$867,453
Coos County	8	\$642,020	32	\$1,285,799
Curry County	0	---	14	\$594,904
Douglas County (UCAN)	0	---	34	\$1,423,672
Hood River, Wasco, and Sherman Counties	34	\$664,278	29	\$1,250,734
Josephine County (UCAN)	16	\$799,029	31	\$1,239,691
Klamath, Lake Counties (KLCAS)	0	---	38	\$1,458,458
Lincoln County	70	\$193,954	16	\$662,225
Linn County	30	\$667,268	32	\$1,311,666
Malheur-Harney County	0	---	34	\$1,270,412
Tillamook County	20	\$266,183	12	\$503,222
Umatilla, Morrow, Wheeler & Gilliam Counties (CAPECO)	25	\$627,200	40	\$1,493,276
Wallowa, Union, Baker & Grant Counties (CCNO)	0	---	33	\$1,210,754
Yamhill County (YCAP)	14	\$378,000	21	\$946,386
<b>Total</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>\$7,913,156</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>\$18,121,844</b>

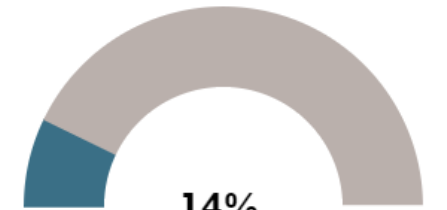
# Statewide Homelessness Prevention

To prevent **8,750** evictions statewide, House Bill 5019 allocated \$33.6 million to be delivered via:

1. Oregon Eviction Diversion and Prevention Program (ORE-DAP)
  - Administered regionally by Community Action Agencies (CAAs) to support households at risk of eviction
2. Eviction Prevention Rapid Response Program (EPRR)
  - Centrally administered by OHCS' contractor in partnership with Oregon Law Center's [Eviction Defense Project](#) to support with rapid response rental assistance payments to Oregon households with eviction court summons/dates



Rehouse at least  
**1,200 unsheltered households**  
in emergency areas



**Current Prevention Progress**

Prevented 1,261 households  
from experiencing homelessness to date

*(as of July 31, 2023)*

# Next Steps

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- ❑ OHCS will work to finalize contracts and release funding to Local Planning Groups in the Balance of State in October.
- ❑ Ongoing technical assistance will be provided for both EO 23-02 regions and Local Planning Groups (LPGs).
- ❑ Ongoing delivery of homelessness prevention programs statewide.
- ❑ Further engagement to inform funding allocations for SB 5511 (OHCS Budget) continuing funds— no decisions made.



# Key Takeaways

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- Oregon's Emergency Homelessness Response effort is supporting additional coordination between the State and local governments and in local communities leading to meaningful results. We will continue to see results in the coming months.
- Ongoing operational support for shelters will continue to be a need across Oregon.
- Oregon must invest homelessness prevention to prevent homelessness before it happens.
- Alongside homelessness prevention and response, Oregon must continue to invest in housing production.





Questions?

