

HB 4123 (2022) Update:
A Coordinated,
Regional Response to
Homelessness



Enrolled
House Bill 4123

Sponsored by Representatives KROPP, WILLIAMS, Senator PATTERSON, Representatives EVANS, COMBERG, HOY, SMITH C, ZIKA, Senators ANDERSON, ARMITAGE, GELSER BLOUIN, HANSELL, KNOPP, THOMSEN; Representatives ALONSO LEON, CAMPOS, DEXTER, FAHEY, GRAYBER, HIEB, LEVY, MARSH, MOORE-GREEN, NOBLE, NOSSE, REYNOLDS, SOSA, WEBER (Pre-session filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to coordinated homeless response systems; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas the lack of available housing, high rents and high home prices are driving rapid increases in housing instability and homelessness in Oregon; and

Whereas Oregon has experienced a significant increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness and unsheltered homelessness; and

Whereas funding, resources and services to address homelessness in Oregon are not scaled to meet this need; and

Whereas the lack of housing affordability and availability in Oregon cannot be addressed without cross-jurisdictional collaboration; and

Whereas communities require coordinated leadership and governance to identify local needs and centralize communication, policy and services to end homelessness; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

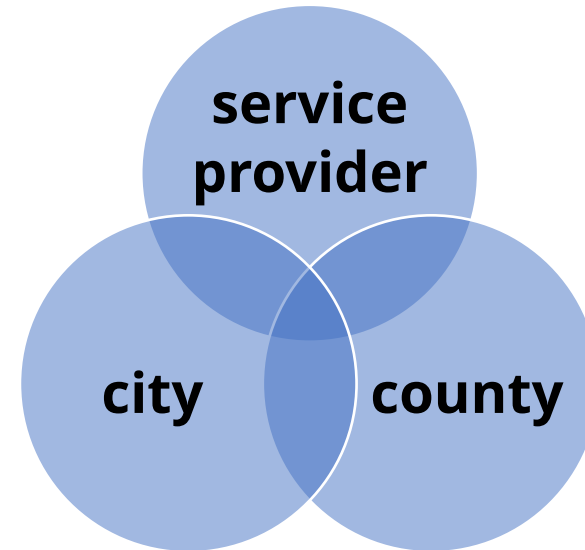
SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide grants to local governments and nonprofit corporations that agree to, within 90 days of receipt of grant funding, enter into an agreement among the member governments and nonprofit corporations, if any, to create a coordinated homeless response system that consists of, at a minimum:

- (a) The establishment of a coordinated homeless response office;
 - (b) An advisory board with representation from the governing body of each member government;
 - (c) Specific roles of each member to support the advisory board and office;
 - (d) Plans for coordination with any local continuum of care receiving funding under 24 C.F.R. part 578; and
 - (e) The establishment of a centralized point of contact for the office.
- (2) Grants provided under this section shall be used by the coordinated homeless response system to:
- (a) Hire necessary staff for the office;
 - (b) Support coordinated communications and public engagement;
 - (c) Support community outreach and policy development, including stipends for people with current or recent lived experience of homelessness;



Bill Sponsor
Representative Jason Kropf
District 54 - Bend

A total of \$8 million to pilot 8 regional collaboratives to provide coordinated homeless response



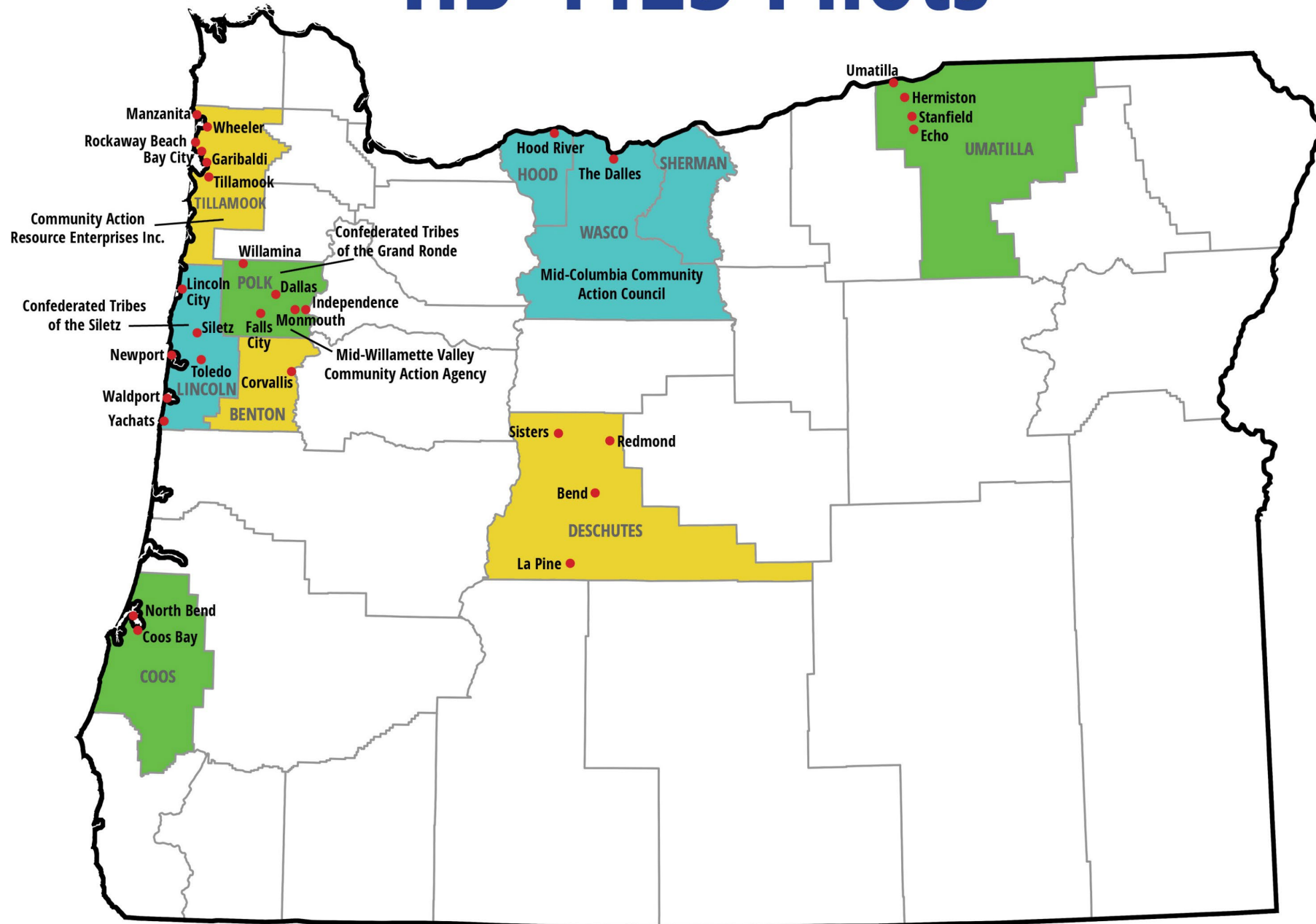
Outcomes:

- Operationalize coordinated offices, anchored by city-county partnerships, to strengthen homeless response.
- Provide high-level coordination, centralized communication, and strategic visioning;
- Identify opportunities to more effectively leverage existing funds and access new resources; and
- Create a more equitable, accessible and responsive system for their residents experiencing homelessness.

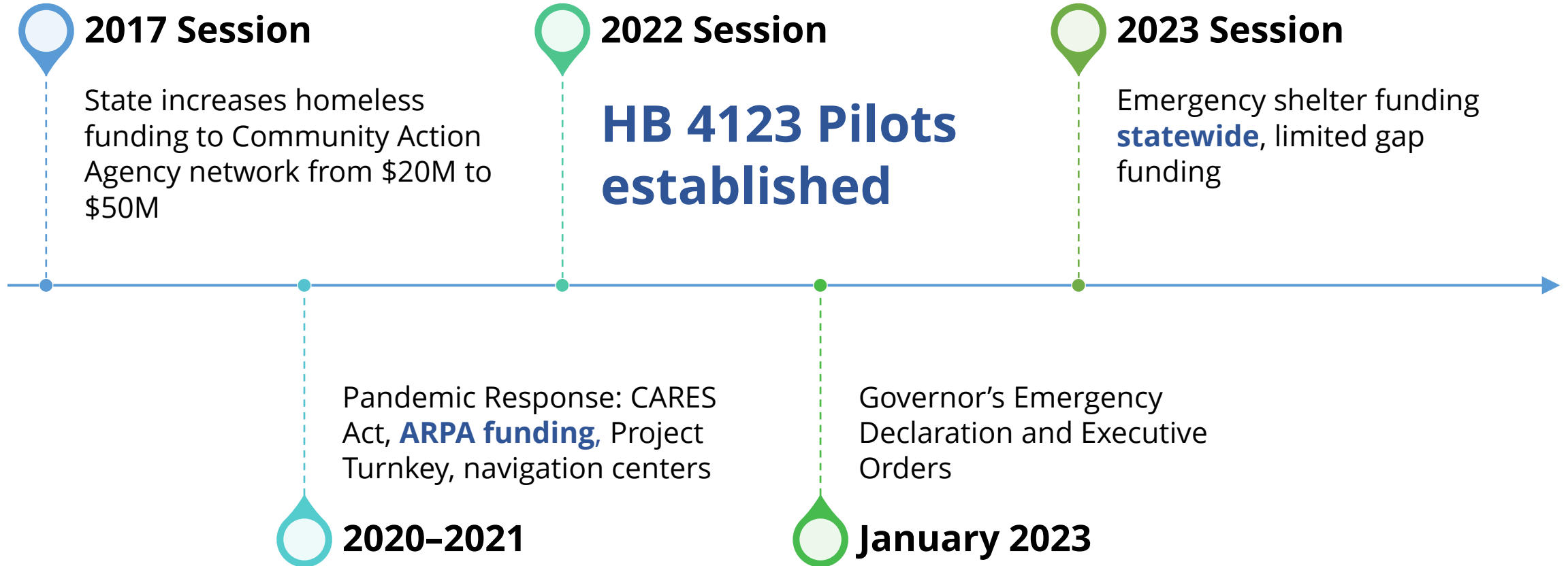
Minimum standards:

- Sign a formal agreement with regional partners to manage and facilitate the coordinated homeless response office;
- Establish an oversight board, consisting of members from each participating local government;
- Develop a 5-year strategic plan to identify gaps in their community's homeless services, in coordination with community partners and existing efforts;
- Commit to continued, sustained funding beyond the first 2 years of state funding; and
- Report back to the legislature and OHCS on local progress, opportunities, and challenges to inform future state homeless funding and policy decisions.

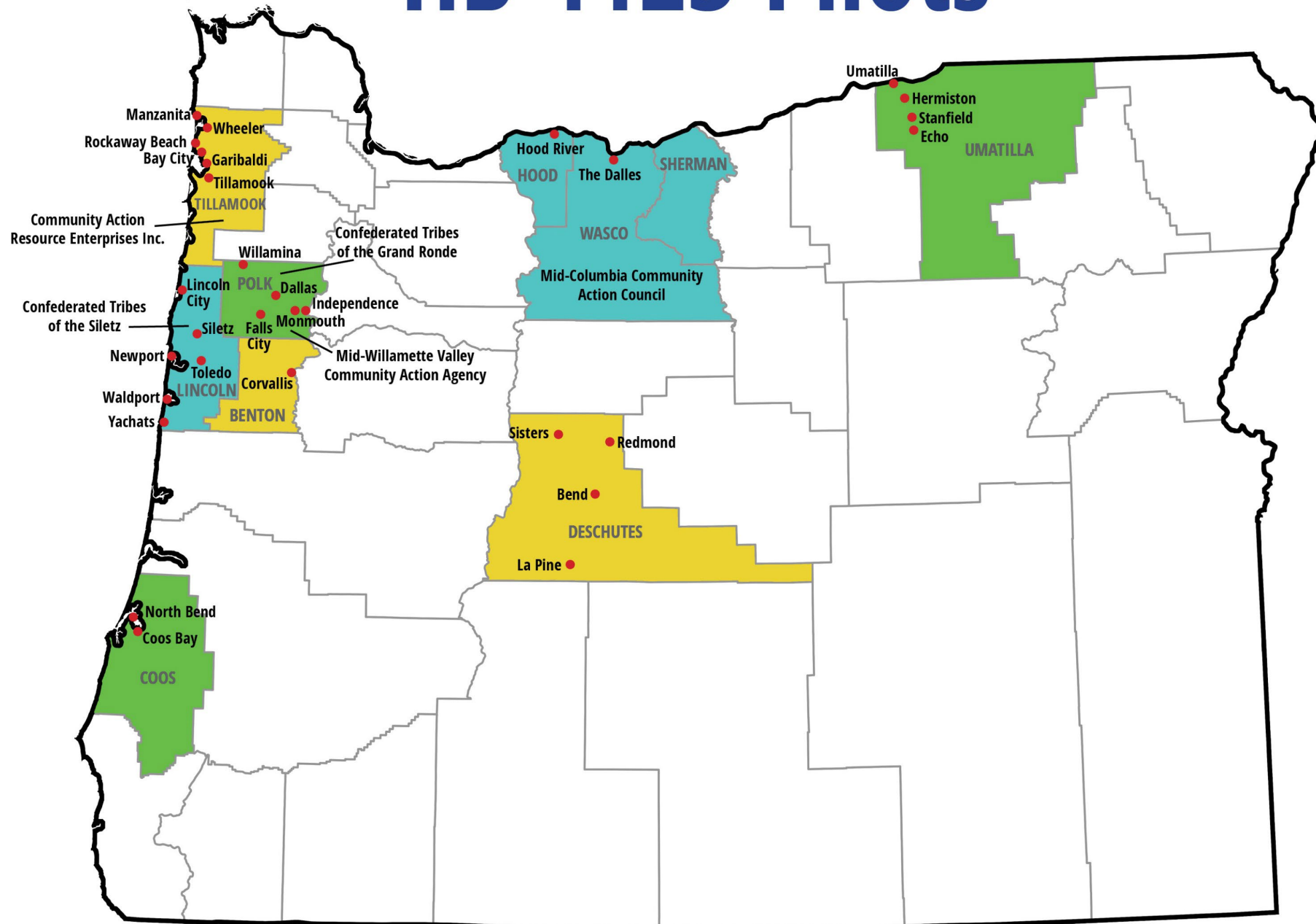
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State Progress

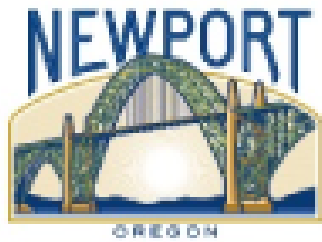


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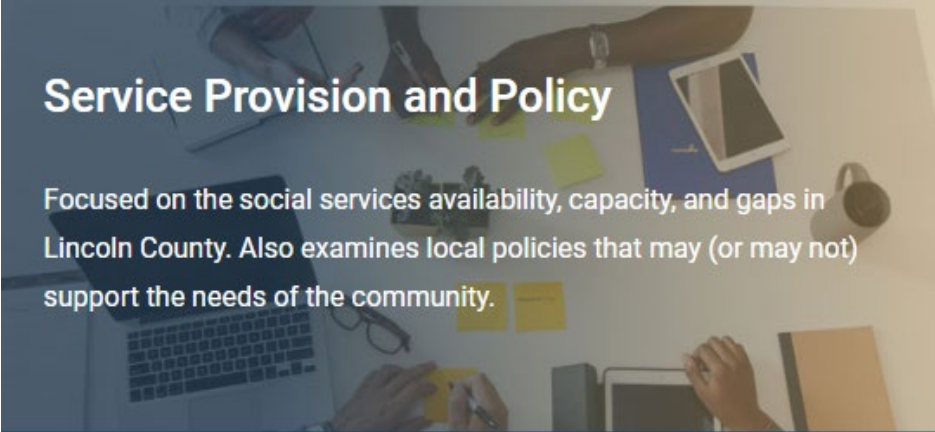




HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF LINCOLN COUNTY



HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD WORKGROUPS



Service Provision and Policy

Focused on the social services availability, capacity, and gaps in Lincoln County. Also examines local policies that may (or may not) support the needs of the community.



Community Engagement

Drives the collective engagement throughout Lincoln County, bringing together individuals with lived experiences and sharing information to those who need it. Works to broadly to engage the community as a whole to identify solutions.



Mental Physical Health

Works with current healthcare programs and related services that support residents of Lincoln County. Identifies gaps in services available and opportunities to expand care options.



Finance and Economics

Researches the current economic environment and other financial factors that contribute to the current state of homelessness. Identifies opportunities for potential solutions.



**Mid-Columbia
Community
Action Council**



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Mid-Columbia Houseless Collaborative



- Established an **Office of Housing Stabilization**
- **Signed MOU** with each local government
- Designated elected officials for **Advisory Committee**
- Established **Collaborative Office** and hired lead staff
- **Strategic Plan** finalized in September 2022, kickstarted by Providence funding:
 - Goal 1: Shelter
 - Goal 2: Services
 - Goal 3: Housing
 - Goal 4: Advocacy

The Gloria Center



- Multi-use space and offices for MCCAC, partner, and direct service providers
- Service navigators, healthcare, behavioral healthcare, jobs, and employment resources, housing services, communal dining, parking, and bike storage for shelter guests.
- Emergency Shelter
- Non-congregate free-standing emergency shelter with office and sanitation facilities



MCCAC NAVIGATION CENTER - SITE PLAN

SITE PLAN KEYNOTES

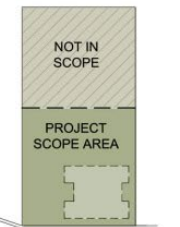
- (A) TRAILER PARKING
- (B) HYGIENE STATION
- (C) OUTDOOR GATHERING SPACE
- (D) SHELTER OFFICE
- (E) TRASH ENCLOSURE
- (F) COVERED BIKE PARKING (12)
- (G) FIRE DEPT. HAMMER HEAD
- (H) PARKING (29 STALLS TOTAL)
- (I) MAIN ENTRY
- (J) PEDESTRIAN ACCESS
- (K) GAZEBO (2 TOTAL)

- (L) NON-CONGREGATE FREE STANDING SHELTER (18 TOTAL)
 - (M) COMMUNITY GARDEN
 - (N) STORMWATER/DETENTION POND
 - (O) COVERED PATIO
 - (P) NAVIGATION CENTER
- HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAM ELEMENTS:**
- LARGE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
 - COMPUTER LAB
 - COMMERCIAL KITCHEN / FOOD PANTRY
 - MID-COLUMBIA COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (MCCAC) OFFICES
 - COLUMBIA GORGE HEALTH COUNCIL | BRIDGES TO HEALTH (CGHC) OFFICES
 - COALITION PARTNER OFFICES
 - SHARED MEETING ROOMS
- (Q) SHELTERED BUS STOP

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

SITE AREA:	110,750 SF (2.61 ACRES)
PROJECT SCOPE AREA:	59,621 SF
NOT IN SCOPE:	51,129 SF
BUILDING AREA:	13,750 SF

KEY PLAN (NTS):



The Annex

Transitional Housing & Shelter

A 2022 Project Turnkey award converted a former motel to create over 50 units of transitional housing and shelter including units suitable for families, ADA-accessible units, units dedicated to veterans, and units dedicated to clients working with culturally responsive organizations

Services

Property managers will live on site to ensure smooth daily operations, and clients will be able to access culturally responsive case management, Oregon Health Plan enrollment, food stamps enrollment, healthcare, behavioral healthcare, respite medical care, jail diversion programming, employment resources, and rapid rehousing resources



Questions?



<https://www.lchab.org>



<https://www.mccac.com/houseless-collaborative>



<https://www.orcities.org/resources/reference/homeless-solutions/hb-4123-pilots>

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