

Shelter Operations Funding Update

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Introductions

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Key Background

- Shelter funded as an eligible use for ongoing programs historically.
- In 2019-21 and 2021-23 biennia, the Oregon Legislature made one-time investments in Project Turnkey sites, Navigation Centers, and warming/cooling shelters, marking the beginning of a state-funded shelter system
- One-time state investments paired with emergency federal COVID-19 resources, which have now subsided, expanded the number of shelter beds during the pandemic.
- One-time investments create challenges for shelter providers statewide in providing continuous and reliable services with consistent staffing and services. Consistency and predictability is needed.

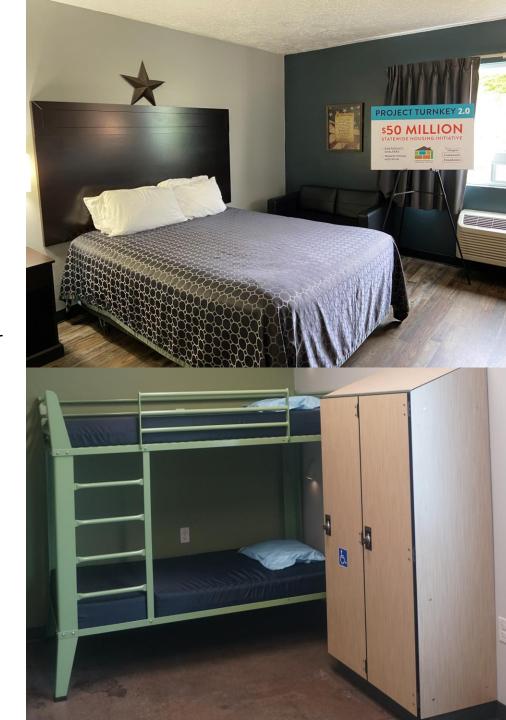


2023 Legislative Session

In the 2023 Session, the Oregon Legislature allocated \$24.1 million to OHCS to:

"Continue operational support through 2023-25 for shelters and navigation centers that were funded by one-time investments in the last two biennia, including Navigation Centers and Project Turnkey sites"

-SB 5511 Budget Report



Shelter Needs Survey & Outreach

95%

response rate to shelter needs survey and/or outreach. 86

Shelters closed or at risk of closure due to operational funding needs. 3,669

shelters beds statewide at risk of closure.



Deployment of \$24.1M

- OHCS opted to fund all eligible shelters for a shorter period to preserve the maximum number of beds statewide through the Winter season
- OHCS required eligible shelters to submit budget information to verify need data submitted through the survey/outreach process in order to receive funds
- Financial and bed utilization reporting required
- This data represents OHCS' most complete data set on shelter operations need to date—and the data was collected voluntarily with an emphasis on operational needs and risk of closure.



Shelters eligible for \$24.1 million



54*

shelters eligible for and accepting \$24.1M



2,475

shelter beds across Oregon \$48.7 million in total need for 23-25

\$24.1 million
 allocated by the Legislature

\$24.6 million

in remaining need for 23-25

Shelters ineligible for \$24.1 million



23 shelters ineligible for \$24.1*M*



717*

shelter beds across Oregon



\$20.2* million

anticipated funding needed for the 2023-25 biennium.



Regional shelter needs

County	Number of Shelters		_	Number of Shelters	
	Eligible	Ineligible	County	Eligible	Ineligible
Baker			Lake		
Benton	3		Lane	7*	6
Clackamas			Lincoln		
Clatsop	1		Linn	2	1
Columbia			Malheur	1	
Coos	2		Marion	10	2
Crook	1		Morrow		
Curry	2		Multnomah	5*	4
Deschutes	6*	2	Polk	1	
Douglas	4		Sherman		
Gilliam			Tillamook		1
Grant			Umatilla	1	1
Harney			Union		1
Hood River	1		Wallowa		
Jackson	6*	2	Wasco	3	
Jefferson	1		Washington	1	1
Josephine	2*		Wheeler		
Klamath			Yamhill	3	2
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*at least one eligible shelter declined operational funding

OHCS' Research Team will conduct a more robust analysis as data from contracting is finalized.

Housingfocused services

- Per the Legislature, \$24.1M provided funding for shelter operations only. Services and administrative costs are not eligible.
- Previous one-time funds to Project Turnkey, Navigation Centers, and other shelters did include housing-focused services and admin. for shelter operators.
- Housing-focused services essential to transitioning individuals accessing shelter into stable housing and can include case management, ID access support, housing navigation, etc.
- Investments in housing-focused services contribute to the creation of a system of care and housing stabilization.



2023-25 Remaining Shelter Operations Needs

\$24.6M

needed, after allocating \$24.1M, to meet the full need of \$48.7 M biennium for eligible shelters for the 23-25 biennium. \$20.2M*

needed, <u>at minimum</u>, to meet the full need of shelters ineligible for the \$24.1M for the 23-25 biennium. After operational needs met, any remaining funds allocated will be utilized for rehousing supports and administrative costs.

Future Shelter Funding Prioritization

- Maintaining operations of the shelters at risk of closure which were eligible for previously allocated \$24.1 million.
- Maintaining operations of the shelters at risk of closure which were ineligible for previously allocated \$24.1 million.
 - Housing-focused services and admin. funding to ensure those accessing shelter can receive supports.

Flexibility
needed in final
allocation of
any future
resources to
ensure ability
to meet shelter
needs in this
order



Questions?



Shelter Operations Funding Timeline



July 2023

\$24.1M becomes available to OHCS upon start of the 2023-25 biennium.



Sep. 2023

Additional outreach performed in partnership with LOC and CAPO



Nov. 2023

OHCS requests detailed budget information from eligible shelters to verify reported need.

Funds begin to be deployed to eligible shelters.



Jan. 2024

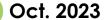
Funding deployed to remaining eligible shelters.

OHCS will receive first reports on bed utilization from shelters that received funding.



Aug. 2023

Collected data was processed; OHCS worked with Governor's Office on framework for deploying funds.



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