



# 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

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**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

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**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

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**\$24.6 million**

in remaining need for 23-25



*\*9 shelters declined OHCS contract, primarily due to temporary nature of funding*

# Shelters ineligible for \$24.1 million

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**23**

shelters  
ineligible for  
\$24.1M



**717\***

shelter beds  
across Oregon



**\$20.2\* million**

anticipated funding  
needed for the 2023-25  
biennium.



\* OHCS has not requested detailed budget and bed count information from shelters ineligible for SB 5511 funds. As such, these figures may shift.



# Regional shelter needs

County	Number of Shelters		County	Number of Shelters	
	Eligible	Ineligible		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

*\*at least one eligible shelter declined operational funding*

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

# Housing- focused 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, at minimum, 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

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**Maintaining operations** of the shelters at risk of closure which were **eligible** for previously allocated \$24.1 million.

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**Maintaining operations** of the shelters at risk of closure which were **ineligible** for previously allocated \$24.1 million.

3

**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

