



SB 5506 Special Purpose Appropriation: Rehousing additional households

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Introductions

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Rehousing Success

- Oregon's Emergency Homelessness Response effort has **successfully increased shelter capacity** and **launched local rehousing efforts** to move Oregonians from unsheltered homelessness to housing.
- We have also heard from our partners and learned valuable lessons along the way.
- **And there is more work to do.**

*"These resources are bringing services and system coordination to **Clackamas County's rural communities, including Sandy, Molalla, and Estacada, that would not otherwise exist.** Outreach programming now includes street and encampment engagements, trash cleanup events, camp cleanups, shower and laundry events, care coordination, and resource navigation, including housing placement. The services are being positively received in these communities and **helping to open pathways to going farther in addressing community concerns and meeting community needs.** It's amazing what we can accomplish when we work together."*

-Clackamas County



Note: Communities in the Balance of State will continue to rehouse 450 households by June 30, 2025.

Homelessness Emergency Response Rehousing Funding

House Bill 5019

- Shelter and rehousing funding for EO 23-02 regions through Jan. 10, 2023
- Shelter and rehousing funding for Balance of State regions through the end of the 2023-25 biennium



Senate Bill 5511

- Funding to **maintain** housing stability for Oregonians rehoused in EO 23-02 regions through the end of the 2023-25 biennium
- Funding to **maintain** shelter operations for new shelters created in EO 23-02 regions through the end of the 2023-25 biennium



Senate Bill 5506 Special Purpose Appropriation

- As proposed by OHCS: Funding to rehouse **additional** households above and beyond original goals in both the Balance of State and EO 23-02 regions



Why rehousing?

- Investments in rehousing are **investments in a system** that provide people experiencing homelessness with the services and supports they need to move into stable housing.
- When we move Oregonians experiencing homelessness into housing, we see **improved health outcomes** and **cost savings** across systems.
(source)
- Oregonians expect to see reduced homelessness in their communities- **Oregon must invest in rehousing to see continued progress.**
- Local rehousing programs allow **local communities** to deliver the services and supports needed most in their regions.

Senate Bill 5506 Budget Report

*“\$39 million General Fund special purpose appropriation is made... to pay **longer-term rental assistance** for people rehoused after homelessness... with 25% of the funds set aside for distribution by culturally responsive organizations”*

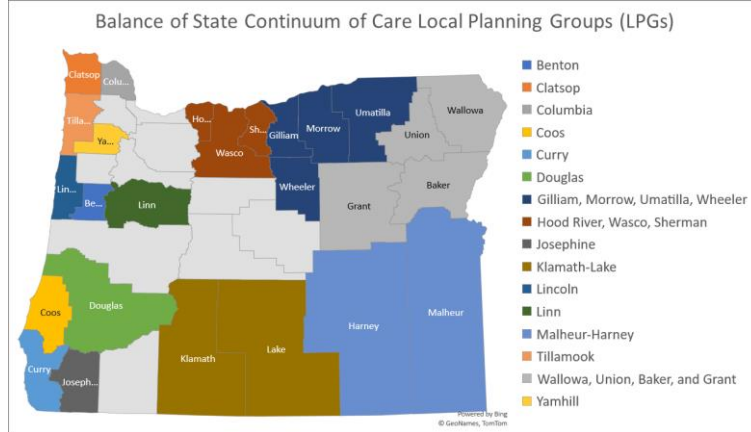
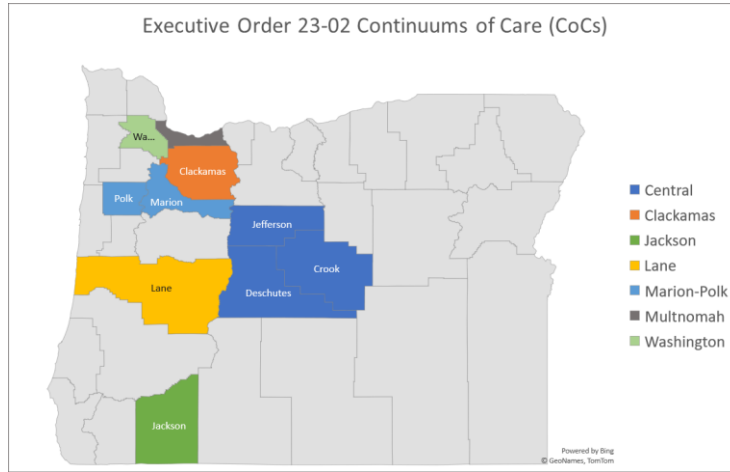
OHCS Proposal

\$39 million appropriation for:

- **Medium-term rental assistance** for up to 24 months
- **Supportive housing services** to locate and sustain housing placements,
- **Street outreach** services
- **Move in costs**
- Other expenses identified by OHCS for the purpose of rehousing and supporting people experiencing homelessness
- 800+ households to be served
- Statewide with a focus on **geographic equity**
- **Minimum** of 25% of resources set aside for Culturally Specific Organizations (CSOs)
- Funds released to OHCS' Long Term Rental Assistance* account (Other Funds) to allow for a portion of funds to extend beyond the 2023-25 biennium due to longer-term rental assistance timeline



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Funding Approach

OHCS will **prioritize equitable distribution of funds to increase investments made in rural communities.**

Upon release, these funds will be administered through formula funding and designated to:

- EO 23-02 designated Continuums of Care (CoCs)
- Local Planning Groups (LPGs) located within the Balance of State, and
- Culturally Responsive Organizations (CROs)

Eligibility

OHCS proposes expanding the eligibility for beyond those experiencing unsheltered homelessness to include:

- Individuals who are **literally homeless**, including those living in shelter, unsheltered or exiting an institution.
- Children/youth and their families who are **"doubled up"**
- Individuals **fleeing Domestic Violence**
- Individuals categorized as **homeless under other Federal Statutes**, including HUD McKinney-Vento

This proposal will ensure Oregon is:

- Most effectively **utilizing our increased shelter capacity**
- Prioritizing **equitable** approaches
- Allowing **flexibility for local communities** to meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness

In alignment with the SHAP program framework, OHCS also proposes not requiring an income limit for those entering the program in a state of homelessness, as defined above.



Outcomes and Reporting

OHCS will continue our commitment to accountability and clear outcomes and will:

1. Collaborate with recipients to establish their final regional goal
2. Request progress **milestone updates monthly** reflecting how many households have been rehoused
3. Allow recipients to mark progress, evaluate strategies, and improve operations to achieve their final regional goal identified in their final grant agreement.

OHCS plans to use **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)** to track performance:

- Exits to Permanent Housing Destination
- Increased income from all sources
- Moved into housing within 120 days of program enrollment
- Remained housed after six months of Housing Placement

Action Requested

1

OHCS requests that the Legislature **appropriate \$39 million General Fund that was set aside in a Special Purpose Appropriation** in SB 5506 (2023) to OHCS in order to provide rehousing services and medium-term rental assistance to additional households experiencing homelessness.

2

Due to the maximum length of proposed rent assistance, 24 months, OHCS requests those **funds be deposited into the Long-Term Rent Assistance Fund***, so funds may roll over into the 2025-2027 biennium.

3

OHCS anticipates the use of \$25 million in the 2023-25 biennium. As such, OHCS requests an **increase of \$25 million in Other Funds expenditure limitation** to expend the funds from the Long-Term Rent Assistance Fund.



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Questions?

