
Status Update: OHA Healthy Homes Grant Program

House Interim Committee on Housing and
Homelessness

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Legislative History

- HB 2842 (2021) established the program with \$10 million funding, 3.5 FTE
 - Provide grants to eligible entities to improve housing conditions for low-income and environmental justice communities
- SB 1536 (2022) added \$5 million and additional eligible recipients and uses
- HB 2987 (2024) appropriated an additional \$15 million
 - Provided OHA the flexibility to fund applicants at the full amount requested as opposed to negotiating reduced funding
 - Allowed OHA to double funding to 9 Federally Recognized Tribes in Oregon
 - From \$1.5 million to \$3 million (10% of total funding)
 - Non-competitive set aside (not part of the Request For Grant Application (RFGA) process)

Updated Allocation Plan for \$30 Million Funding

- \$3 million in non-competitive funding offered to the nine Federally Recognized Tribes in Oregon
- \$20 million available to fund approximately 30 grantees at or close to their full request levels in the initial round of grantmaking
- \$5 million holdback for future round of funding to address gaps (e.g., geographic, culturally specific) or support capacity development
- \$2 million to cover program staff and expenses over the next 3 years of administering grants.

Funding Priorities Aligned With Statute

- Organizations experienced in **maximizing energy efficiency, extending the usable life** of homes, or **improving the health or safety** of occupants of residences, which serve eligible households in Oregon
- Proposals demonstrating evidence-based activities which are intended to **improve the health and safety** of residents
- Organizations serving **historically unrepresented and underserved communities** including People of color, low-income, and American Indian and Alaska Native communities.
- Applicants using funds to **bridge gaps and leverage funding** streams from other sources

Grantmaking Timeline

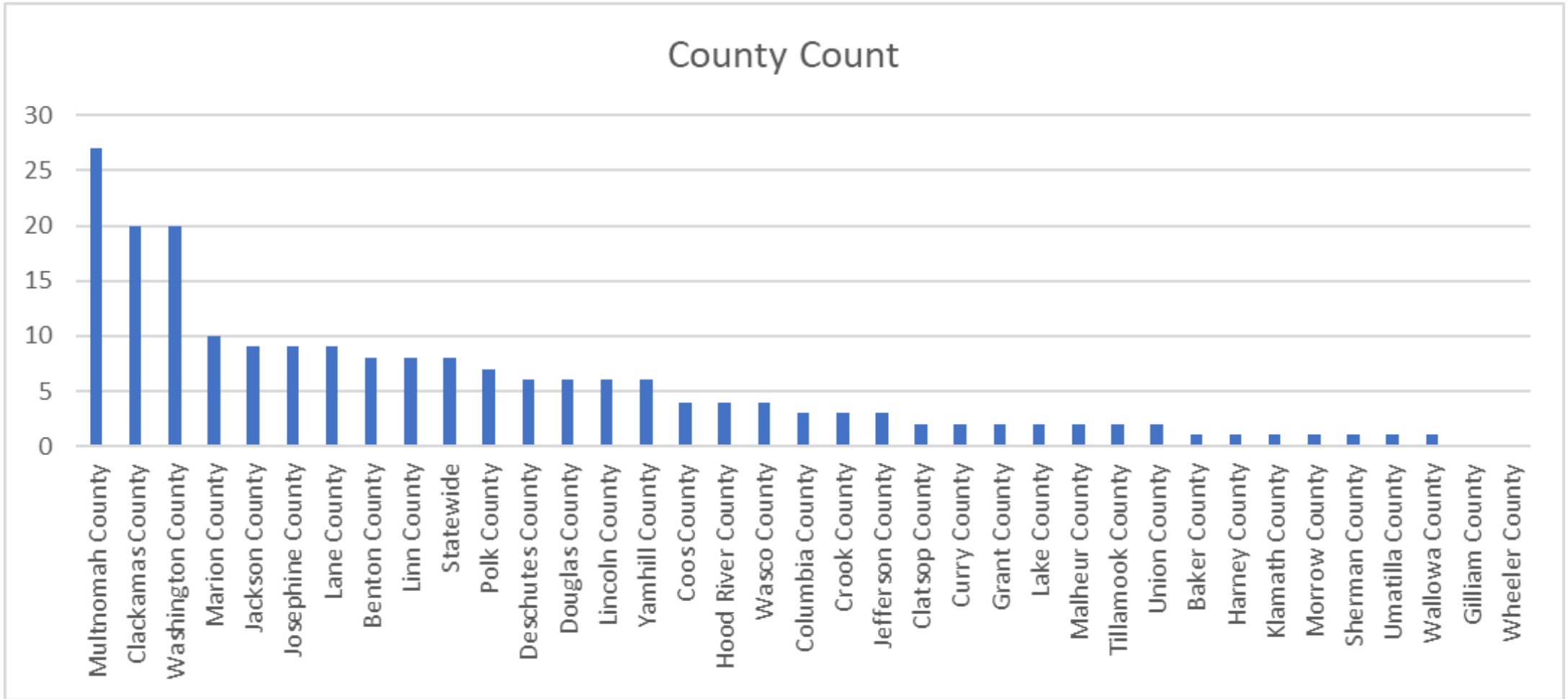
- **February 8, 2024** – Request for grant application released
- **April 9** - RFGA Closed
- **May** - Applications reviewed
- **June** – Review continues; final award decisions made
- **July** – Notifications to applicants; grant agreements executed
- **August** - Funding distributed to successful applicants

Overview of RFGA Applicants

75 complete applications by deadline totaling ~\$44.3 million

- Nonprofit organization- **60**
- Community Action Agency- **7**
- Local government- **4**
- Local housing authority- **3**
- Electric utility- **1**
- Coordinated Care Organization- **0**
- Indian health centers- **0**
- Manufactured dwelling park nonprofit cooperative- **0**
- Natural gas utility- **0**

Geographic Distribution of RFGA Applicants



RFGA Review Process

- Review Panel Members: OHA, Departments of Energy, Housing & Community Services, Education
- Each application reviewed/scored by three panelists
- Final awardees will be selected by:
 - Quality and completeness of application
 - Geographic area covered
 - Community served

Questions?

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/healthyenvironments/healthyneighborhoods/healthyhomesgrantprogram/pages/index.aspx>

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