

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Oregon Health Authority Housing Interventions

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier:	Representative Valderrama

On February 7, the Human Services Subcommittee recommended retroactive approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Health Authority to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of \$2.5 million to enhance services and reduce recidivism among people living with HIV that are transitioning out of the carceral system across Oregon.

The grant is anticipated to provide \$800,000 annually over a three-year period. No state matching funds are required and the agency will not need additional positions. OHA will sub-grant the award to the Department of Corrections and community-based organizations to support positions that identify adults currently in custody that are living with HIV. These individuals will be connected to grant funded services and other existing social, medical, and housing services through pre-release planning and ongoing post-release service navigation.

A portion of the funding provided to the community-based organizations is intended to provide direct housing assistance services that include short-term transient housing in motels or hotels, permanent housing placement services, tenant-based rental assistance, and short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.