

Moderate-Income Revolving Loan (MIRL) program

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MIRL is a revolving loan fund for cities and counties to boost housing production for moderate-income Oregonians at or below 120% AMI.



Why MIRL Matters

- 1. Designed as a gap resource for affordable housing rental and homeownership projects
- 2. Expands OHCS resources to generate "missing middle" housing
- 3. Empowers local communities to address their individual housing needs



MIRL Funding

\$75 M

 Total from General Fund



 Available Feb. 2025 -2027

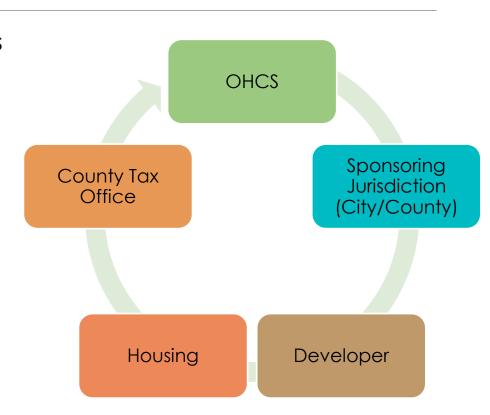


• 20% rural set-side



Program Overview

- 1. Sponsoring Jurisdiction (SJ) approves and submits provisionally approved application to OHCS
- 2. OHCS issues no-interest loan to SJ
- SJ gives grant funds to developer for housing development
- 4. Developer builds or improves housing property
- 5. County Tax Assessor exempts the property taxes on improvements, collects program fee and sends net program fee to OHCS
- 6. OHCS recycles repaid loan funds





Implementation Timeline

March 2024: Program

Program planning

October 2024:

Stakeholder work sessions

Feb 20, 2025:

MIRL launches

October 2025:

Launch MIRL Toolkit and resources















July 2024:

Partner engagement, draft program framework, first Legislative Report January 2025:

Complete MIRL program manual July 2025:

1:1 SJ technical support



OHCS Strategies to Support MIRL



Sample project, resources, and training



Support SJs to implement program



Broadening capacity building grant eligibility





Providing program documents and templates



technical assistance

Sponsoring Jurisdictions Adopting MIRL

First Adopters:

- Tillamook County
 - Anticipating using MIRL Funding for 3 homeownership project
- The City of Coos Bay
 - Anticipating using MIRL Funding for 1 large housing development

Potential/High Interest Jurisdictions:

- Eugene/Lane County
- Portland/Prosper Portland
- Fairview
- Bend
- Grants Pass
- Milwaukie
- Monmouth



Interest in MIRL Statewide

Strategies Key focus areas Policies & **Funding**

- Harnessing existing partnerships to pursue program
- High nonprofit developer interest
- Homeownership projects
- Workforce housing
- Vacant university housing conversion
- Deeper affordability limits
- Layered state funding
- Using SB 48 upon launch



2025 Legislative Session

SB 48: MIRL Technical Fix

- Makes changes to the MIRL program
- Technical fix for SB 1537 from the 2024 Legislative Session
- SB 48 program updates scheduled for Jan. 2026

Resources

- •1:1 Technical Assistance
- MIRL Toolkit: Forms and templates provided online
- MIRL Webpage
 - Question and Comments Portal
 - Program Manual
 - Videos
 - FAQs
 - Rulemaking
 - Affordability Tools
 - <u>Program Resources</u>
 - Initiate a master agreement
 - File an Intent to Apply





Questions?

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