

**FEDERAL
IMPACTS:
HOUSING
AUTHORITIES
OF OREGON**



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Housing Authorities are collectively the largest providers of affordable housing in Oregon

- 22 Housing Authorities serve all 36 counties statewide
- Primary goal: provide a safe and affordable place for Oregonians with low incomes to call home

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DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH HUD

Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) work directly with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

- Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) funding flows directly from HUD to local PHAs
- HCV is commonly known as “Section 8 Voucher”
- Includes Special Purpose Vouchers



SHIFTING FEDERAL POLICY IMPACTS

Federal policy changes are directly affecting local housing authorities

- Conflicting guidance often between State and Federal
- Recission of decades worth of policy guidance without an update to CFR's (Code of Federal Regulations)



EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS (EHVS)

Emergency Housing Vouchers are being phased out / coming to an end

- Loss of EHV's reduces housing options for highly vulnerable households
- PHA's are actively transitioning EHV participants to HCV Voucher



FEDERAL BUDGET CHALLENGES

Federal Government operating under a Continuing Resolution (CR) since 2023

- PHAs are serving fewer households due to funding uncertainty
- Many PHAs are not currently issuing new vouchers and those who are have been requested to stop.



HUD SPENDING GUIDANCE

New guidance from HUD directing PHAs to slow down spending

- Creates challenges in long-term planning and service delivery
- Increases uncertainty for both agencies, staff and residents



COMMUNICATION & DATA CHALLENGES

Communication with HUD has become strained and less productive

- Interactions often limited to talking points rather than problem-solving
- Data previously available has been pulled from HUD websites
- Statewide analysis has become difficult and sometimes impossible



CONCLUSION & QUESTIONS

Federal policy and funding shifts are having real impacts on local communities

Housing Authorities continue to do their best to serve households with limited resources

