

Requested by Senator PATTERSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 31**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “housing” insert “; and declaring an
2 emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2025 Act are added to and
5 made a part of ORS 456.255 to 456.267.**

6 **“SECTION 2. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department
7 may award grants to housing authorities, community action agencies,
8 culturally specific or culturally responsive organizations and other
9 nonprofit organizations as the department may deem eligible, to pro-
10 vide assistance to tenants and their households whose housing is
11 withdrawn from publicly supported housing.**

12 **“(2) The department shall establish a process and criteria for solici-
13 ting, awarding and disbursing grants under this section, which must
14 include that:**

15 **“(a) Applications may not be accepted or reviewed until the de-
16 partment has received a first notice for the publicly supported housing
17 under ORS 456.260 (1);**

18 **“(b) An application must include the publicly supported housing’s
19 address, number of units and owner’s name;**

20 **“(c) The department may not award more than one grant to any
21 applicant per publicly supported housing; and**

1 “(d) The grant award may not exceed three times the total monthly
2 rent charged by the formerly publicly supported housing when subject
3 to the affordability restrictions, plus the grant recipient’s reasonable
4 overhead and costs of grant administration.

5 “(3) Moneys may not be distributed to grant award recipients before
6 the publicly supported housing’s termination date.

7 “(4)(a) Grant award recipients may use grant moneys received un-
8 der this section to provide direct financial assistance to tenants and
9 their households who, on the termination date, were living in the
10 publicly supported housing.

11 “(b) The financial assistance provided by the grantee to a household
12 may not exceed three times the total monthly rent last charged to the
13 tenant by the formerly publicly supported housing when subject to the
14 affordability restrictions.

15 “(c) A tenant and their household may use the financial assistance
16 for:

17 “(A) If remaining in the housing, increased rent following the ter-
18 mination of the affordability restrictions, including during and after
19 the period described in ORS 456.267 (1); or

20 “(B) If moving, the costs of moving, the first month’s rent, security
21 or rent deposits, costs for utility transfer or connections, housing
22 navigation services or other uses as established by the department in
23 order to maintain or secure housing for the tenant and their house-
24 hold.

25 “(5) No later than five years following the award of grant moneys
26 received under this section, grant award recipients shall:

27 “(a) Provide a report to the department accounting for how the
28 moneys were spent and the outcomes obtained; and

29 “(b) Return any unspent moneys to the department for deposit into
30 the Expiring Affordable Housing Tenant Support Fund established by

1 section 3 of this 2025 Act.

2 **“SECTION 3. (1) The Expiring Affordable Housing Tenant Support**
3 **Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from**
4 **the General Fund.**

5 **“(2) The Expiring Affordable Housing Tenant Support Fund consists**
6 **of moneys received by the Housing and Community Services Depart-**
7 **ment under section 2 (5) of this 2025 Act and moneys appropriated,**
8 **allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the Legislative As-**
9 **sembly or otherwise. Interest earned by the fund shall be credited to**
10 **the fund.**

11 **“(3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the de-**
12 **partment for the grant program under section 2 of this 2025 Act.**

13 **“SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-**
14 **ation, there is appropriated to the Housing and Community Services**
15 **Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the Gen-**
16 **eral Fund, the amount of \$6,000,000, for deposit into the Expiring Af-**
17 **fordable Housing Tenant Support Fund established by section 3 of this**
18 **2025 Act.**

19 **“SECTION 5. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate**
20 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
21 **declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect July 1, 2025.”.**

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