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I am a pastor in Redmond. Our church owns 2.5 acres of buildable property- zoned R4, inside the UGB. We are interested in developing dense housing on the property, but the pre-development costs limit our ability to move forward. Our operating income and expenses do not allow for the margin necessary to take further development steps. We support OHCS granting funds to faith communities to develop properties and would likely take advantage of this opportunity. We recently gathered 6 other congregations in Central Oregon who are in a similar situation. We believe the combined properties could make space for hundreds of housing units in our region.

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