

OREGON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Executive Order No. 26-01



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Executive Order 26-01 Overview

- Extends Executive Order 25-01
- Requires OHCS and OHA, with legislatively adopted funding, to:
 - Rehouse 1,400 additional households experiencing homelessness
 - Prevent eviction and homelessness for 8,167 additional Oregonian households
 - **Make \$20M available for development of intensive Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects**
 - Establish a statewide coordinated entry pathway for intensive PSH projects
 - Use data to improve outcomes and increase program efficacy
 - Allocate available funding to expand behavior health capacity
 - Explore feasibility of implementing a Medicaid 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services waiver
 - Standardize clear measurable goals for deflection programs



Executive Order Outcomes

Results from Governor's homelessness state of emergency and actions taken from January 2023 - September 2025



Provided 6,286 shelter beds for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness



Rehoused 5,539 Oregonians experiencing unsheltered homelessness



Prevented 25,942 households from eviction and risk of homelessness



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The work isn't done

2024 homelessness point-in-time count:

- 4,521 individuals experiencing homelessness reported living with serious mental illness
- 4,099 individuals experiencing homelessness reported living with a chronic substance use disorder

Co-occurring conditions of homelessness and behavioral health challenges result in repeated interactions with:

- Emergency departments
- Inpatient psychiatric facilities
- Jails or prisons
- Crisis response systems

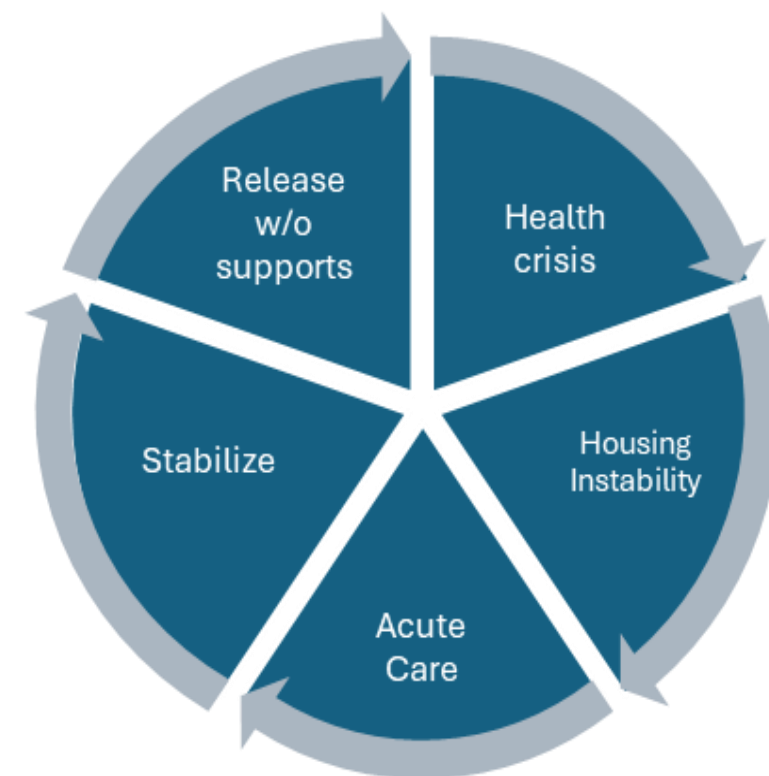


Why is this needed?

Individuals exiting acute care, residential treatment, or the Oregon State Hospital without supports for housing and behavioral health lack stable options.

Without housing and wraparound services, they are discharged and likely to return to unsheltered homelessness.

Sustained supply of supportive housing with integrated health care solutions are essential to break this cycle.





What is Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)?

- PSH is a proven model for supporting communities' most vulnerable populations in reaching long-term housing stability.
- Launched in 2020
- Often called the “three-legged stool”, PSH provides:
 - Permanent housing unit
 - Long term rental assistance
 - Wraparound, intensive services



Pictured above: Blackberry Hill Apartments, Toledo



Outcomes of OHCS Permanent Supportive Housing

2024 Outcomes

86% Retained housing

65% Potential reduction in system cost per resident, for those in PSH*

Development

776 Units financed and currently operating

406 Units financed and in construction

~200 Units to be financed with remaining Article XI-Q bonds

Rental Assistance and Services**

575 Slots for rental assistance in 2025-27 CSL

852 Slots for services in 2025-27 CSL

~862 Slots for rental assistance 2027-29 CSL

~1185 Slots for services 2027-29 CSL



*Based on case study by Homes for Good in Lane County for three PSH projects in 2024, comparing costs for jail, inpatient, and emergency department visits before and after housing.

**Slots are estimates based on anticipated timeline for new units placed in service. Not all units require both rent assistance and services funding.



Tiers of Permanent Supportive Housing

Supportive Housing

Enhanced resident services; funding for low acuity supportive housing and rent assistance

OHCS funds development and services / rent assistance

Permanent Supportive Housing

Supportive services and rent assistance for chronic homelessness through coordinated entry

OHCS funds development and services / rent assistance

Intensive Supportive Housing

Supportive services, rent assistance, and behavioral health clinical services

OHCS funds development and services / rent assistance along with OHA Clinical Services funding

Current OHCS Funding

Intensive Supportive Housing is a subset of the current funded 2025-27 PSH program.



Intensive PSH Overview

- Intensive PSH connects **behavioral health supports** (OHA) to **rental assistance and tenancy supportive services** (OHCS).
- Prioritizes those exiting institutions with high acuity behavioral health needs who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.



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Capital Development

OHCS will use up to \$20M existing capital development funding

Will **not** require more development funds beyond LAB to support EO 2026-01

Rental Assistance & Services

OHA will identify behavioral health supports for projects

OHCS will reserve 55 CSL PSH slots to pair with development funds

Will **not** require more rent assistance and services slots beyond LAB to support EO 2026-01



Intensive PSH Work Plan

Step 1: Partner Interest

Solicit interest from existing developer partners

- Graduated Supportive Housing Institute
- Experience providing behavioral health supports
- Successful track record

Step 2: Project Review

Evaluate and select best fit project

- Serves people experiencing severe and persistent mental illness exiting institutions
- Able to bill Medicaid
- New construction, ready to proceed

Step 3: Fund and Pilot

OHA, OHCS, and local partners develop pilot

- June 2026 project recommendation
- Project goes through OHCS underwriting and funding process
- OHA coordinates additional behavioral health funding

Questions?

