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February 19th, 2026

Representative Gomberg, Co-Chair
Senator Golden, Co-Chair
Joint Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Transportation and Economic Development
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Shelter and Eviction Prevention Budget Note Report Presentations, 2/17/26

We at Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) are grateful for our continued partnership with the Oregon Legislature and your Committee as we continue to respond to and prevent homelessness in our communities. Thank you for your time and thoughtful questions during this week's committee meeting and during our Shelter and Eviction Prevention Budget Note Presentations.

While we were able to respond to most of your questions during the hearing, we wanted to provide additional information via written responses:

For the Shelter Budget Note Presentation:

Sen. McLane requested the number of non-profit organizations and NGO's the agency is currently partnering with to address homelessness, the total number of shelter beds they have operated this biennium with the received state funding, the total amount of funding provided to these non-profits to date, and a complete list of all the non-profits currently involved in these partnerships.

We are attaching a list from the most recent full fiscal year – FY2025 – as some subgrant agreements and allocations for the current fiscal year are still being finalized. We will provide updated information for the current biennium when it is available.

Sen. McLane asked about the systems we have in place to ensure the accuracy of the information we receive from subgrantees regarding shelter bed availability and utilization rates.



OHCS uses a combination of contractual requirements, data systems, and monitoring protocols to ensure accuracy in the information we receive from sub-grantees. Subgrantees are required to report shelter bed availability and utilization through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which provides a standardized platform for real-time data entry and validation. This includes submitting detailed “bed and unit inventory” descriptors for each project, such as household type, bed type, seasonal versus year-round availability, initially and updated at least annually for Housing Inventory Count (HIC) accuracy. HMIS includes built-in checks for duplicate entries and capacity limits, and it requires providers to update bed counts daily.

Additionally, OHCS cross-references utilization rates with funding levels and historical trends to identify anomalies. When discrepancies are found, we follow up directly with the provider to investigate further and, if necessary, provide technical assistance or impose corrective action.

Finally, OHCS receives data on participants using shelters and the shelter inventory via HMIS. This allows us to ensure alignment between reported clients and inventory, further ensuring the accuracy of the information we receive. These layered systems are designed to ensure that the information we receive is as accurate and reliable as possible.

Rep. Gomberg asked about the long-term trends of the Point In Time (PIT) Count, the reliability of that data, and whether the recent trends we’ve seen are verifiable trends in the data or more of a one-time aberration.

While there has been regional variation over time, the PIT Count data generally shows that homelessness has been increasing over time. There are, however, instances in which, from one count to the next, the number of people in a subpopulation – e.g. unsheltered families or veterans – has gone down even as the overall population has grown. Unfortunately, it is difficult to say how accurately the PIT Count captures the actual level of homelessness at a given point in time or trends in homelessness over time. There is general agreement that PIT undercounts the unsheltered population for several reasons.

Additionally, there is variation across communities in methodology and available resources to count the unsheltered population. As a result, some communities’ counts are likely to be more accurate than others. And over time, communities adjust their methodologies, typically improving the accuracy of their count. While this is a positive, these changes mean that observed trends may, at least in part, be the result of changes in methodology rather than reflective of real changes in levels of homelessness.



That said, the PIT count remains the best tool we currently have to obtain an apples-to-apples comparison of these changes in levels of homelessness year over year – and the continuous improvements in data collection methodology have generally reduced the likelihood of undercounting our homeless population and increased the accuracy of our findings. Some of these findings between the 2023 and the 2025 PIT Count include:

- The rate of unsheltered homelessness in Oregon has gone down by 4%
- Unsheltered homelessness for families with children is down 40%
- Homelessness is down 4% for Oregon students in the last school year
- The rate of unsheltered homelessness is equal or down in nearly 2 in 3 counties
- Unsheltered homelessness for older adults is equal or down in half of our counties

While we move toward fully implementing HB 3644 (2025), which creates a Statewide Shelter Program, we expect to see additional improvements in the accuracy of our findings as we adopt more uniform data collection, analysis, and reporting practices.

For the Eviction Prevention Budget Note Presentation:

Sen. McLane asked for a list of Eviction and Homelessness Prevention service providers (Community Action Agencies and Culturally Specific Organizations), and to include the following information for each provider: how much funding they received for this biennium, how much has been expended so far, and a narrative on what goals/metrics were set for each of the respective contracts.

The attached spreadsheet includes the requested information for all CAAs and CSOs, as well as for Public Partnerships (PPL), the provider for our Eviction Prevention Rapid Response program. The attachment shows sums invoiced to date. As explained in the document, some grant agreements are still being executed, and others were only executed recently, so several grantees have not been invoiced yet. Invoicing also lags behind spending because the program works on a reimbursement basis.

With respect to outcomes, each grantee has a specific number of households they are tasked with serving pursuant to their grant agreement and allocation amount. They are required to enter service data into our Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and our fiscal platform OPUS. This, together with regular reporting requirements, allows us to monitor the number of households receiving services. In addition, grantees are required to report on the percentage of households that retain housing after receiving eviction prevention assistance. The specific performance metric for the Oregon Diversion and Prevention (ORE-DAP) program is that 80% of households receiving prevention assistance are expected to be in permanent housing upon exiting the program.



Legislative Fiscal Office asked about the accuracy of one of the figures on Slide 3 of the Eviction Prevention Budget Note Presentation, which stated that ORE-DAP (OR Eviction Diversion and Prevention) funding for the 25-27 Biennium was \$35.5 million.

OHCS received \$33.6 million for ORE-DAP in our agency’s budget for the 25-27 biennium, which was approved as a part of HB 5011 (2025). This represents a nearly 80% reduction in funding, relative to the amount needed to maintain our previous service level. Additionally, HB 5006 (2025) allocated another \$11 million in one-time funding to OHCS for Eviction Prevention services, bringing the total allocation for ORE-DAP and Eviction Prevention services up to \$44.6 million for the 25-27 biennium - representing an approximately 74% funding reduction. The funding amount shown on the slide (\$35.5 million) was inaccurate. We regret this error and apologize for any confusion this caused. The correct funding amount information can be found in the full Eviction Prevention Budget Note Report.

Rep. Gomberg says that the legislature has considered rent controls in recent years. What consequence have rent caps had on rent increases and the rise in evictions?

Oregon currently has a statewide rent cap under Senate Bill 608 (2019). However, the data shows that these caps have not prevented rents from continuing to rise or stopped the increase in evictions. The current rent control cap still allows annual increases of up to 7% plus inflation, with a hard ceiling of 10 percent. During periods of high inflation (like 2022-2024), this can result in rent increases on par with what we see in the absence of rent control laws.

Because the cap limits only the rate of increase and not the starting rent, rents can be reset to market rates when units turn over, which further reduces its effect. Meanwhile, demand for housing continues to outpace supply, so market pressures remain strong. As a result, rents have continued to climb, and evictions have risen sharply - PSU’s *Evicted in Oregon* reported 30,507 eviction filings in 2024, and the state’s own analysis notes that fair market rents have increased year over year despite the cap.

Thank you again for your thoughtful questions about this important subject. We appreciate your dedication to improving the lives of Oregonians, and we are happy to answer any additional questions you may have about our agency and our programs.

In partnership,

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Region	Grantee	Shelter Provider(s)	Shelter	Shelter Beds	Shelter Allocation	Grantee Admin (passthrough)	Housing Focused Allocation	Overall Award
OR-500 Lane County	Lane County	St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County	Lane County Severe Weather Shelters	250	\$ 378,000.00	\$ 120,676.96	\$ 1,269,405.00	\$ 7,423,929.64
		St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County	Dusk to Dawn	131	\$ 1,972,084.32			
		ShelterCare	ShelterCare Short-Term Housing and FUSE Emergency Shelter	16	\$ 489,004.72			
		ShelterCare	Emergency Shelter	19	\$ 164,164.32			
		Equitable Social Solutions	Equitable Social Solutions River Avenue Navigation Center	75	\$ 2,863,084.32			
		Hope and Safety Alliance	Jamie's House and Safehouse	29	\$ 59,616.00			
		Catholic Community Services of Lane County	Inclement Weather Shelter	100	\$ 107,894.00			
OR-503 Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties	Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council	Redemption House Ministries	Shelters	35	\$ 184,161.60	\$ 90,303.29	\$ 867,085.00	\$ 5,472,552.93
		La Pine Warming Center	La Pine Warming Center, The Door	20	\$ 289,440.00			
		NeighborImpact	Stepping Stone Shelter - Project Turnkey	56	\$ 1,063,406.88			
		Shepherd's House Ministries	The Lighthouse Navigation Center	100	\$ 2,584,496.16			
		Shepherd's House Ministries	Franklin Shelter	60	\$ 393,660.00			
OR-506 Washington County	Washington County	Family Promise of Tualatin Valley	Family Promise of Tualatin Valley	70	\$ 824,514.29	\$ 25,688.78	\$ 270,221.00	\$ 1,580,348.55
		Good Neighbor Center	Good Neighbor Center	54	\$ 176,256.00			
		Boys and Girls Aid	Boys and Girls Aid Safe Place Youth Shelter	7	\$ 283,668.48			
Lincoln County	Housing Authority of Lincoln County	Helping Hands Re-Entry Outreach Centers	Lincoln City Hope Center	36	\$ 119,744.02	\$ 8,230.08	\$ 86,572.00	\$ 506,306.01
		Coastal Phoenix Rising	Coastal Phoenix Rising	6	\$ 33,853.13			
		Lincoln County Health and Human Services	Community Shelter and Resource Center	48	\$ 113,097.64			
		Lincoln County Health and Human Services	Community Shelter and Resource Center	42	\$ 113,097.64			
		Yachats Community Presbyterian Church	Don's Place	10	\$ 31,711.50			
Clatsop County	Clatsop County	Helping Hands Re-Entry Outreach Centers	Seaside Women's House	8	\$ 14,216.96	\$ 8,382.89	\$ 88,180.00	\$ 515,707.56
		Helping Hands Re-Entry Outreach Centers	Uniontown	18	\$ 272,087.71			
		The Harbor	The Harbor Emergency DV Shelter	16	\$ 132,840.00			

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Benton County	Benton County	Unity Shelter	Unity SafePlace Emergency Shelter	39	\$ 268,119.60	\$ 36,816.49	\$ 387,274.00	\$ 2,264,914.89
		Unity Shelter	Unity Room at the Inn	50	\$ 565,486.00			
		Unity Shelter	Unity Motel Shelter	22	\$ 845,154.00			
		Benton County	Benton County Overflow Severe Weather Shelter	70	\$ 162,064.80			
Coos County	Nancy Devereux Center (now Compass Outreach)	Nancy Devereux Center	Devereux Center - Coalbank Village (ES) (Coos County)	30	\$ 251,031.33	\$-	\$ 67,076.00	\$ 392,284.80
		Nancy Devereux Center	Devereux Center - Warming Shelter	50	\$ 74,177.47			
Maheur and Harney Counties	Communities in Action	Communities in Action	CinA SHAP Emergency Shelter	30	\$ 324,000.00	\$-	\$ 66,827.00	\$ 390,827.00
OR-501 Multnomah County	Multnomah County	Janus Youth Programs	Porchlight (crisis shelter)	30	\$ 70,204.32	\$ 223,288.88	\$ 2,348,783.00	\$ 13,736,515.72
		Janus Youth Programs	Streetlight (short term shelter)	30	\$ 70,204.32			
		Raphael House of Portland	Raphael House Emergency Shelter	10	\$ 259,200.00			
		Our Just Future	Gresham Women's Shelter	15	\$ 103,680.00			
		Our Just Future	Lilac Meadows Family Shelter	150	\$ 256,608.00			
		Our Just Future	Chestnut Tree Motel Shelter	55	\$ 311,040.00			
		Portland Homeless Family Solutions	Family Village Shelter ES	17	\$ 621,691.20			
		Do Good Multnomah	Building)	90	\$ 2,854,440.00			
		Multnomah County	Safe Rest Villages: Menlo Park, Peninsula Crossing, Reedway, BIPOC Village, Queer Affinity Village and Multnomah	403	\$ 6,494,256.00			
		Beacon Village	NW Social Service Connections Beacon Village at BUCC ES	10	\$ 123,120.00			

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OR-502 Jackson County	ACCESS	ACCESS	ACCESS - Non-Congregate Hotel/Motel Shelter	32	\$ 1,972,900.80	\$ 101,197.53	\$ 1,064,500.00	\$ 6,225,574.21
		ACCESS	Medford Severe Weather Sheltere	64	\$ 290,903.40			
		Opportunities for Housing Resources and Assistance	OHRA Center Emergency Shelter	72	\$ 1,057,579.20			
		Nativesof One Wind Indigenous Alliance	UNETE - Non-Congregate Hotel/Motel Emergency Voucher Program	10	\$ 102,604.32			
		Community Works	Community Works Dunn House	28	\$ 254,962.08			
		Rogue Retreat	Redwood Inn	45	\$ 157,204.80			
		Rogue Retreat	Kelly Shelter	94	\$ 1,223,722.08			
Douglas and Josephine Counties	United Community Action Network	Peace at Home Advocacy Center	Peace at Home Center	20	\$ 485,892.95	\$ 43,112.26	\$ 453,605.00	\$ 2,652,830.21
		United Community Action Network	Navigation Center	55	\$ 1,620,000.00			
		United Community Action Network	UCAN - Roseburg Warming Shelter	55	\$ 50,220.00			
Tillamook County	Tillamook County Community Action Resource Enterprises	CARE	CARE - Tillamook Micro Shelter	12	\$ 190,465.34	\$ 11,435.22	\$ 120,288.00	\$ 703,484.46
		Helping Hands Re-Entry Outreach Centers	Tillamook Hope Center	16	\$ 326,837.98			
		Tides of Change	Tides of Change Pacific House	20	\$ 54,457.92			
Yamhill County	Yamhill Community Action Partnership	Yamhill Community Action Partnership	YCAP - AnyDoor Place McMinnville	36	\$ 748,320.00	\$ -	\$ 614,406.00	\$ 3,563,262.00
		Yamhill Community Action Partnership	YCAP - AnyDoor Place Newberg	24	\$ 861,840.00			
		Yamhill Community Action Partnership	Project	60	\$ 612,936.00			
		Yamhill Community Action Partnership	Program	15	\$ 725,760.00			
Baker, Union, Wallowa and Grant Counties	Community Connection of Northeast Oregon	The Right Track Resource Center	The Right Track Resource Center	30	\$ 61,434.39	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,434.39

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Curry County	Brookings Community Resource Response	Brookings Community Resource Response	Brookings CORE Response Emergency Shelter	10	\$ 420,228.00	\$ -	\$ 86,674.00	\$ 506,902.00
Morrow, Umatilla and Wheeler Counties	Community Action Program of East Central Oregon	Community Action Program of East Central Oregon	CAPECO Promise Inn Emergency Shelter	26	\$ 535,593.60	\$ 23,283.07	\$ 244,915.00	\$ 1,432,351.67
		Stepping Stones Alliance	The Sleep Center (ES)	49	\$ 628,560.00			
Hood River, Sherman and Wasco Counties	Mid-Columbia Community Action Council	Mid-Columbia Community Action Council	The Annex	75	\$ 677,432.16	\$ 20,695.78	\$ 213,492.00	\$ 1,268,976.73
		Mid-Columbia Community Action Council	The Gloria Center Inclement Weather Shelter	36	\$ 23,200.00			
		Mid-Columbia Community Action Council	MCCAC Hood River Shelter Services	26	\$ 148,000.00			
		Youth Empowerment Shelter	YES House	10	\$ 186,156.79			
OR-504 Marion and Polk Counties	Center for Hope and Safety	Center for Hope and Safety	Mosaic Emergency Shelter	23	\$ 194,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 194,400.00
OR-504 Marion and Polk Counties	Church at the Park	Church at the Park	Shelter	80	\$ 2,990,117.08	\$ -	\$ 626,605.00	\$ 3,989,606.12
		Church at the Park	Church at the Park EO 23-02 Young Adult Emergency Shelter	32	\$ 372,884.04			
OR-504 Marion and Polk Counties	Seed of Faith Ministries	Seed of Faith Ministries	Seed of Faith Warming Center	152	\$ 852,768.00	\$ -	\$ 175,888.00	\$ 1,028,656.00

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OR-504 Marion and Polk Counties	Family Promise of the Mid-Willamette Valley	Family Promise of the Mid-Willamette Valley	Family Promise of the Mid-Willamette Valley Motel Shelter	24	\$ 712,152.00	\$ -	\$ 146,885.00	\$ 859,037.00
OR-504 Marion and Polk Counties	Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency	Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency	MWVCAA ARCHES Inn (Turnkey ES)	85	\$ 2,251,735.20	\$ -	\$ 1,806,643.00	\$ 10,565,885.80
		Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency	MWVCAA ARCHES Lodge	26	\$ 1,566,734.40			
		Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency	MWVCAA Salem Warming Network	200	\$ 756,993.60			
		Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency	MWVCAA EO 23-02 Family - ES	36	\$ 838,252.80			
		Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency	MWVCAA Navigation Center - ES	60	\$ 1,817,640.00			
		Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency	MWVCAA Woodburn Shelter	20	\$ 1,064,923.20			
		Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency	Taylor's House	10	\$ 462,963.60			
		OR-504 Marion and Polk Counties	SABLE House	SABLE House	Sable House Shelter	12	\$ 431,568.00	\$ -
OR-504 Marion and Polk Counties	Sheltering Silverton	Sheltering Silverton	Sheltering Silverton EO 23-02 Congregate Shelter - ES	20	\$ 225,997.00	\$ -	\$ 46,613.00	\$ 272,610.00
OR-504 Marion and Polk Counties	United Way of Mid-Willamette Valley	United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley	United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley SafeSleep United	50	\$ 262,556.64	\$ -	\$ 54,154.00	\$ 316,710.64

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OR-506 Clackamas County	Salvation Army	Salvation Army	Salvation Army West Women's Emergency Shelter	60	\$ 324,000.00	\$ -	\$ 66,827.00	\$ 390,827.00
Linn County	Jackson Street Youth Services	Jackson Street Youth Services	Jackson Street Youth - Linn - RHY - Basic Center Program	26	\$ 806,228.64	\$ -	\$ 166,289.00	\$ 972,517.64
Linn County	Family Assistance and Resource Center Group	Family Assistance and Resource Center Group	Family Assistance and Resource Center Group	30	\$ 434,476.20	\$ -	\$ 89,063.00	\$ 523,539.20
OR-504 Marion and Polk Counties	Community Recovery and Wellness Living	Community Recovery and Wellness Living	Community Recovery and Wellness Living (CRAWL)	55	\$ 1,174,176.00	\$ -	\$ 242,180.00	\$ 1,416,356.00
Klamath and Lake Counties	Klamath and Lake Community Action Services	Thrive Church	Klamath Family Warming Center	45	\$ 203,008.50	\$ 4,060.17	\$ 42,709.00	\$ 249,777.67
OR-503 Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs	Warm Springs Shelter	20	\$ 435,679.46	\$ -	\$ 89,861.00	\$ 525,540.46
Yamhill County	Community Wellness Collective	Community Wellness Collective	CWC Inclement Weather Shelter	50	\$ 698,859.96	\$ -	\$-	\$ 698,859.96