# City Leaders Call on Housing & Shelter



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## Oregon Housing & Community Services Role





Working together to serve individuals, families and communities throughout Oregon

## Homeless Service Delivery System



State Housing Assistance Program (SHAP)

Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA)

## Shelter as Infrastructure

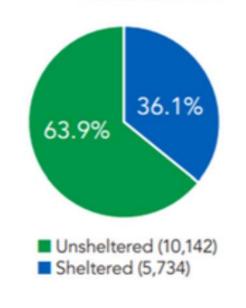
- 64.17% of all people experiencing homelessness live in unsheltered conditions
- In 2018 Oregon was one of four states where more people are unsheltered than living in non-permanent locations
- Oregon Statewide Shelter Study identified a need of 5,814 additional shelter beds to provide relief to Oregonians (currently 4,174 permanent shelter beds)
- Identified need to build capacity of communities to address the issues in their community and need for soft and capital resources

### 2019 Point-In-Time Count

#### **OREGON**

38.3 in every 10,000 people were experiencing homelessness







**COMMUNITY SERVICES** 

Total Homeless, 2019 **15,876** 

#### **Estimates of Homelessness**

**12,354** individuals

3,522 people in families with children

1,590 unaccompanied homeless youth

1,438 veterans

4,609 chronically homeless individuals

### 2019 Point-In-Time Count

- 25% of people experiencing homelessness are in the Portland Metro
- Between 2015 and 2019, the estimated number of people experiencing homelessness across the state has increased 19%
- People of color are overrepresented in the number of people experiencing homelessness
  - Black/African Americans make up of 1.9% of Oregon, but represent 6% of people experiencing homelessness
  - Native Americans make up of 2% of Oregon, but represent 5% of people experiencing homelessness

## Every Front Door Needs a Back Door

Working towards ending homelessness in Oregon

 Shelters need a back door, and that back door needs to exit people to housing

- Permanent Supportive Housing
  - \$50M allocated for development in 2019
- Affordable Rental Housing
  - \$150M for the Local Innovation and Fast Track (LIFT) Housing Program in 2019
  - \$25M for preservation of existing affordable housing in 2019





## Permanent Supportive Housing

PSH is a proven effective, evidencedbased best practice that combines affordable housing with supports and services to more effectively serve the most vulnerable populations, including people who are or are at risk of homelessness or institutionalization.



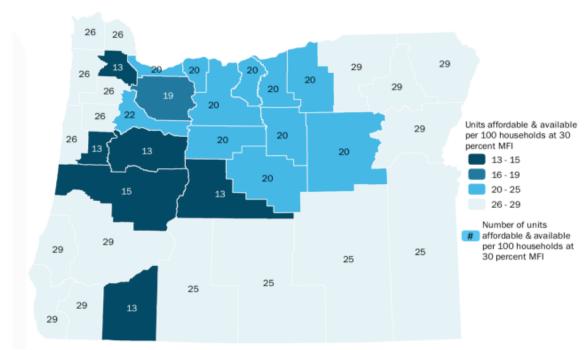
- Development resources included in Article XI-Q Bonds ask
- Rental subsidy and services -\$15 million

<u>Director Margaret Salazar's Editorial on PSH</u>

#### Statewide Need

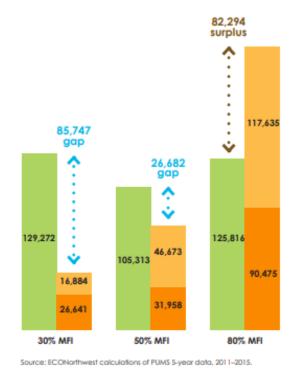
#### Oregon is in a Housing Crisis...

Exhibit 24. Shortage of Affordable and Available Rental Units at 30% MFI by County, 2011-2015



Source: ECONorthwest calculations; U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2011–2015 5-year estimates; IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota.

Housing Units Needs and Supply by Income Category



Statewide, over 85,000 new units are needed to house those households earning below 30% of Median Family Income (MFI) in units affordable to them. The gap is even larger when accounting for the more than 16,000 units affordable at 30% of MFI, which are occupied by households at other

Number of households in each income category needing units

Number of units affordable to those households and available (either rented to people in that income bracket or vacant) Number of units rented at that price point but occupied by a household at a different price point.

### **COVID & Wildfires**

OHCS is convening Oregon Statewide Unhoused Response & Recovery Network for COVID & Wildfires:

https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/get-involved/Pages/statewide-homeless-populations-taskforce.aspx

Oregon Disaster Housing Task Force:

https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/get-involved/Pages/oregon-disaster-housing-task-force.aspx



## City Leaders Leveraging Assets

- Get to know your homeless service providers & those experiencing homelessness in your community
- Write a press release, pen an Op-Ed, make a call to your community members and leaders to provide resources whether that is volunteer time or provide space for this winter
- Work collaboratively with county, neighbors, non-profits
- Establish housing and helping the most vulnerable Oregonians a Council priority



Leverage resources: staff time, land, and buildings

## Thank you

## Oregon Housing & Community Services (OHCS) wants to connect with you



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