



Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

Uniting Communities to End Homelessness



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Dear Alliance Partners,

As we approach the close of the Alliance's fiscal year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the progress we have made together and where we are headed.

This year has been one of growth, learning, and continued commitment to strengthening our system. We have worked to build more structure, improve coordination, and lay the groundwork for long-term success across our region. None of this would be possible without the partnership and dedication of our providers, community members, and stakeholders.

As we look ahead, we are focused on continuing to build the capacity needed to better support this work. We are currently hiring an Information Systems Specialist to support HMIS and Coordinated Entry. This position will play an important role in expanding technical assistance, strengthening data quality, and increasing access to training and educational opportunities for our partners.

We also anticipate additional positions in the near future as we continue to grow and respond to the needs of our system. These investments are an important step toward creating a more responsive, well-supported network of services across the Mid-Willamette Valley.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to this work. We look forward to building on this momentum in the year ahead.



Misty Bolger

Misty Bolger,
Executive Director
Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

Backbone is Still Recruiting - Apply Today!

If you care about your community, want to speak up about real issues, or just want to be part of something meaningful, this is your space.

Membership Eligibility

- 11 to 24 years of age
- Lived experience with homelessness or housing instability
- Primarily reside in, or have strong ties to, Marion or Polk counties.

Backbone brings together youth leaders who are passionate about making a difference and shaping how our region responds to youth homelessness.

As a member, you'll connect with other young people, share your ideas and experiences, and help influence real decisions. Your voice helps build a stronger, more responsive system for youth across our region.

Click below to apply

[Backbone Application](#)

David's House is Open After Renovations



We are excited to share that David's House, a transitional youth shelter in Monmouth serving youth ages 11 to 17, is officially reopening after several months of renovations and improvements. David's House temporarily closed its doors late last year to address critical health and safety needs. During that time, youth were safely relocated to the Salem youth shelter to ensure continuity of care and support.

At our April MWVHA Board meeting, Sara Webb, Chief Program Officer for MWVCAA, provided an update on the progress and reopening of the shelter.



Room expansion - upstairs bedroom at David's House. Photo credit: MWVCAA

Renovations included opening up the interior for more natural light, replacing the deck, adding landscaping, upgrading electrical systems, installing new flooring, and bringing in updated furniture.



New deck at David's House. Photo credit: MWVCAA

The layout was also reconfigured to improve case management offices and meeting spaces, creating a more functional and welcoming environment.

One of the most impactful changes is the expansion of capacity. With approval from the City of Monmouth, David's House has increased its bed allowance from 5 to 10 beds, allowing the program to serve more youth than ever before. Sara was happy to share that the program is evolving to meet more complex needs. Recently, David's House was able to accommodate a youth couple with a baby, something that is not an option for the Salem shelter.

This reopening marks an important milestone for Polk County and the broader region. With increased capacity, improved facilities, and expanded service capability, David's House is in a stronger position than ever to support youth on their path toward stability.

Environmental Scan & Integration Mapping Project Update

Health & Safety Committee



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The MWVHA Health & Safety Committee has been working closely with our consultants at Elle Group Consulting to better understand how our local homeless response, health, and housing systems are functioning and identify where we can strengthen coordination.

Since January, the project has made steady progress. Focus groups have now been completed, bringing together key voices from across our system, including youth with lived experience of homelessness, service providers, landlords, rural partners, and health system care managers and discharge planners. These conversations provided valuable insight into where systems are working well and where breakdowns are happening.

The combination of this input is helping to paint a clearer picture of what is working across Marion and Polk Counties, and where we have opportunities to better align services, improve coordination, and strengthen outcomes for people experiencing homelessness.

As we begin wrapping up this phase of the project, there is still time to participate in the survey. We currently have two survey options available:

General Survey

A general survey for community partners, including case managers, service providers, city staff, law enforcement, and others involved in the system

Lived Experience

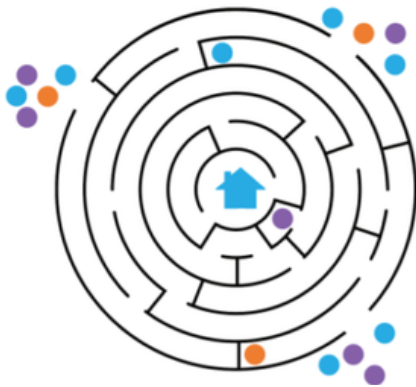
A lived experience survey for individuals who have experienced homelessness



Arielle Goranson & Shelley Buettner hard at work facilitating the first of many focus groups with Backbone, our Youth Action Board at NWHS HOST Resource Center. Photo Credit: Emily Mewbourn

If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to click on the link above and complete the survey that applies to you and share it with your networks. Your input is critical to ensuring this work reflects the full picture of our community and leads to meaningful, informed improvements.

Strengthening Coordinated Entry Across Our Region



The Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance will be expanding its capacity with the addition of an Information Systems Specialist (ISS) position, along with plans to bring on a few additional roles to support growing system needs. The ISS role is designed to strengthen coordination across Coordinated Entry and HMIS, support more consistent case conferencing, and improve overall system alignment. With dedicated staff focused on system design, data quality, and partner collaboration, this added capacity will help move key initiatives forward in a more structured and sustainable way.

As this work progresses, efforts will focus on improving consistency across providers, reducing duplication, and expanding access to Coordinated Entry. Community input will continue to play an important role through focus groups and partner engagement, helping ensure that improvements are informed by real-world experience. Together, these additions position MWVHA to better support a coordinated, responsive system serving Marion and Polk Counties.

Successful Submission of Renewal Grants to HUD

The Alliance submitted its FY25 HUD CoC application, prioritizing renewal of existing projects in alignment with federal guidance. Due to the current funding and legal landscape, the focus remained on sustaining existing investments, with one strategic transition. Following a partner decision not to renew this funding, the ORS 190 will assume responsibility for the Youth Coordinated Entry (YHDP SSO) project, further aligning system coordination and strengthening regional oversight.

OR-504, Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance FY 2025 CoC Competition Final Priority Listing				
Applicant Organization	Project	Type	Rank	HUD Request
1 Church at the Park	CATP PSH Project with Healthcare	PSH	1	\$ 211,336.00
2 Center for Hope & Safety	CHS - New DV Bonus (FY25)	RRH DV Bonus	2	\$ 250,579.00
3 ORS 190 Entity	OR-504 HMIS Support (FY25)- Expansion	HMIS	3	\$ 236,000.00
4 Center for Hope & Safety	CHS DV RRH Housing & Services Project (FY25)	RRH	4	\$ 874,619.00
5 ORS 190 Entity	OR-504 HMIS Support (FY25)	HMIS	5	\$ 14,696.00
6 Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency	MWVCAA FY25 Renewal RRH	RRH	6	\$ 478,192.00
CoC Program Funding - Total Request, Match and Project Total				\$ 2,065,422.00
7 CoC Collaborative Applicant, ORS 190 Entity	CoC Planning Grant	Planning	N/A	\$ 166,732.00
8 Church at the Park	CATP THDP SSO	YHDP-SSO	N/A	\$ 226,000.00
9 Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency	MWVCAA YHDP SSO	YHDP-SSO	N/A	\$ 163,299.00
10 ORS 190 Entity	YHDP SSO - Youth Coordinated Entry Reallocation	YHDP-SSO-CE	N/A	\$ 242,217.00
11 Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency	MWVCAA - YHDP Joint TH-RRH	YHDP - TH - RRH	N/A	\$ 1,012,564.00
YHDP Funding - Total Request, Match and Project Total				\$ 1,810,812.00
OR-504 FULL REQUEST, MATCH AND PROJECT TOTALS				\$ 3,876,234.00

A Busy Start to 2026: State Investments Supporting Housing Stability

It has been a busy start to 2026 for the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance, with several key state-funded contracts finalized after earlier delays. While expenditures for these programs began around fall 2025, contracts were formally executed in January and February 2026, allowing this work to fully move forward across Marion and Polk Counties. These investments, funded through the 2025-2027 biennium, are already strengthening our region's ability to both house individuals and support long-term housing stability.

OREGON RE-HOUSING INITIATIVE (ORI)		
Provides funding to deliver housing-focused services (like outreach, rapid rehousing, and financial assistance) in Marion and Polk Counties to reduce unsheltered homelessness and support long-term housing stability.		
Sable House	\$ 550,572.00	Polk County
MWVCAA	\$ 946,268.75	Marion County
MWVCAA	\$ 996,885.25	Polk County
CHS	\$ 1,433,939.76	Marion County
TOTAL	\$ 3,927,665.76	Both Counties

ORI is projected to serve approximately **155 households**, helping individuals and families transition from homelessness into stable housing.

This funding allows providers to respond quickly to housing needs while reducing the time people spend unhoused.

LONG TERM RENTAL ASSISTANCE (LTRA) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES		
Provides long-term rental assistance support services and housing stability case management to eligible households, helping them maintain housing and increase self-sufficiency.		
CHS	\$ 9,921.15	Marion
MWVCAA	\$ 836,500.36	Marion/Polk
Sable House	\$ 15,697.50	Polk
Shangri-La	\$ 300,112.57	Marion
TOTAL	\$ 862,119.01	Both Counties

LTRA support services are projected to serve approximately **121 households** this biennium, providing ongoing support to help people remain stably housed.

These services focus on long-term stability by connecting households to resources and addressing barriers that could lead to a return to homelessness.

LONG TERM RENTAL ASSISTANCE (LTRA) HOUSING VOUCHER ADMINISTRATION		
Administers LTRA housing vouchers for eligible households, including eligibility determination, rent calculations, landlord coordination, and payment processing to support long-term housing stability.		
MWVCAA	\$ 4,555,720.96	Marion/Polk

The Alliance has executed a Housing Voucher Administration contract with MWVCAA to support approximately **105 households**. It is the operational backbone that ensures housing assistance is delivered accurately and efficiently.

The FY 2025-2027 biennium represents a significant investment in our region's homeless response system. To date, \$9,345,505.73 in state funding has been contracted out, with a projected 381 households to be served across Marion and Polk counties. We are excited to see this work underway and look forward to the impact it will have across our communities.

YOUTH RESOURCE FAIR

Hosted by: Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

**JOIN US FOR RESOURCES AND
SUPPORT FOR YOUTH & YOUNG
ADULTS!**

**First 30 meals are free.
Then \$10 each!**



Thursday, May 28th, 2026

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Legion Park

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Woodburn, OR 97071**

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Educational Programs Impacting Communities

