

Governor's Housing and  
Homelessness Action

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# Housing and Homelessness Actions

- EO 23-02: State of Emergency Related to Homelessness
- Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB)
- EO 23-03: Directing State Agencies to Prioritize Reducing Homelessness
- EO 23-04: Establishing a Statewide Housing Production Goal and Housing Production Advisory Council

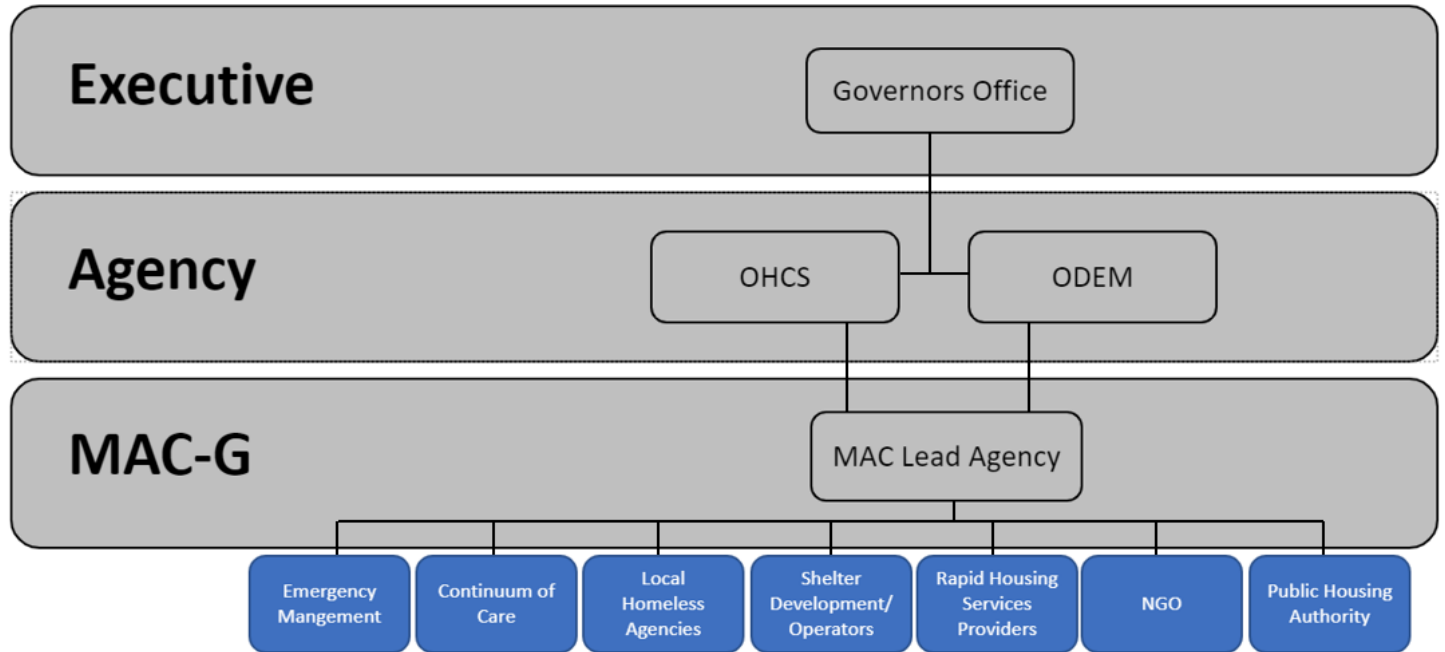
# EO 23-02 – Homelessness Emergency

- Establishes a homelessness state of emergency in continuums of care that experienced an increase in unsheltered homelessness of 50% or more between 2017-2022

Continuum of Care/Region	Counties	Change in Unsheltered Homelessness (2017-2022)
<b>Metro</b>		<b>50.3%</b>
	<i>Multnomah</i>	83%
	<i>Washington</i>	-38%
	<i>Clackamas</i>	-5%
<b>Central Oregon</b>		<b>86%</b>
	Jefferson	200%
	Crook	20%
	Deschutes	83%
<b>Eugene, Springfield/Lane County</b>		<b>110%</b>
	<i>Lane</i>	110%
<b>Medford, Ashland/Jackson County</b>		<b>132%</b>
	<i>Jackson</i>	132%
<b>Salem/Marion, Polk Counties</b>		<b>150%</b>
	<i>Marion</i>	153%
	<i>Polk</i>	123%

# EO 23-02 – MAC Groups

- A MAC group is for:
  - Interagency management, planning, and coordination
  - Operational leadership to provide strategic coordination
  - Identifying resources, and managed goals



# A whole-community approach

- Local governments, community-based organizations, culturally specific organizations, business communities, landlords, people with lived experience, and others are critical partners in ensuring cohesive and swift action.
- OHCS and ODEM are establishing an integrated structure and will work with local communities to develop plans that combine emergency management with best practices for housing our neighbors in need.
- Planning process will determine community's financial needs
- OHCS will provide a pre-populated template for local communities to:
  - Identify their goals for households to be served
  - Share information on local partnerships and capacity
  - Gaps analysis
  - Begin strategizing for implementation
- Training, technical assistance and implementation support will be available.

# Key Dates



# BUILD MORE HOUSING AND REDUCE HOMELESSNESS - THE EMERGENCY WE MUST ADDRESS

Governor Kotek's recommended budget for 2023-2025 is mission focused, setting three clear priorities: build more housing and reduce homelessness, improve access to mental health and addiction services, and ensure that Oregon's children are better served by our investments in early literacy, child care, and K-12 schools. Below are budget highlights outlining a path to make progress on housing and homelessness.

## Reduce unsheltered homelessness this year by passing an urgent \$130 million package

### 600 new shelter beds & more navigation workers statewide

**\$23.80 M:** Expand safe and immediate low-barrier shelters and hire more housing navigators statewide.

### Rehouse 1,200 unsheltered households

**\$54.4 M:** Fund prepaid rental assistance, landlord guarantees and incentives, and other rehousing services to help unsheltered Oregonians move off the streets.

### Prevent 8,750 households from becoming homeless

**\$33.6 M:** Fund rent assistance and other eviction prevention services

### Increased capacity for organizations to support equitable outcomes

**\$5 M:** Support wrap-around services and other critical work provided by culturally specific agencies to assist people living outside move into more stable housing.

### Support Oregon Tribes

**\$5 M:** Support the emergency response for Tribal members living in emergency areas.

### Sanitation

**\$2 M:** Direct support to local communities for sanitation services.

### Coordinated Emergency Response

**\$1.8 M:** Support the emergency response being coordinated by the Department of Emergency Management (ODEM) and Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS).

# Opportunities for RJC Collaboration

- \$130 million investment package
- Capacity support to culturally specific organizations
- Centering race equity in agreements with local communities
- What else?



# EO 23-03 – State agency direction

- This order directs state agencies to prioritize preventing and reducing homelessness statewide
- Each agency shall provide an initial report to the Governor no later than March 31, 2023 describing the processes and procedures that is has available to expand low-barrier shelter, and reduce or prevent homelessness

# Opportunities for RJC Collaboration

- Feedback on questions to agencies to inform the development of their report to the Governor. Draft questions focus on: information they have available about the housing status of the people they serve, inventory of programs that explicitly and implicitly serve people experiencing homelessness and disparities in service, inventory of policies and programs that create or address housing barriers (e.g., criminal record).
- Review and feedback on template report
- Review and feedback on agency reports which will inform Exec direction to state agencies prevent and reduce homelessness
- What else?

# EO 23-04 – Housing Production

- This order established a 36,000 annual statewide housing production target
- Creates a Housing Production Advisory Council tasked with developing comprehensive recommendations to achieve this target (applications open!)
- Council plan framework: April 1, 2023
- Council action plan: December 31, 2023

# Opportunities for RJC Collaboration

- Apply to participate on the council
- Implementation of Governor's action plan in response to council recommendations
- What else?

# GRB

## Rehouse people experiencing homelessness and prevent homelessness in the longer-term statewide

### Rehouse and maintain housing stability for Oregonians moving out of unsheltered homelessness

**\$172.2 M:** In addition to the early investment package, this funding includes both rapid rehousing resources and then connecting households to long-term rent assistance after their first 12 months in housing if they need it to maintain housing stability. This reflects the state's first investment in an on-going, long-term rent assistance program.

### On-going homelessness prevention

**\$73 M:** Build on the one-time investment in the early investment package and create an on-going homelessness prevention program in Oregon.

### Maintain shelter operations

**\$24.1M:** This investment will maintain shelter operations in the state, including the operation of the 600 new shelter beds created through the early investment package and Project Turnkey projects.

### Permanent Supportive Housing Risk Mitigation Fund

**\$4.5 M:** Permanent supportive housing providers, who serve people who have experienced homelessness, are experiencing spiraling insurance cost increases and the risk of potentially losing their insurance. This fund will help to manage the risk of Permanent Supportive Housing providers to support on-going access to affordable insurance.

### On-going Coordinated Emergency Response

**\$5.3 M:** Continue supporting the emergency response coordinated by ODEM and OHCS.

### New permanent, supportive housing

**\$130 M:** Create new units of permanent supportive housing (PSH), and maintain the rent assistance and services needed for successful PSH.

## Build and preserve more housing units statewide

### New affordable housing (rental and homeownership)

**\$770 M:** General obligation bonds to build more affordable homes for both renters and new homeowners.

### Affordable housing preservation

**\$118 M:** Lottery and General Fund to preserve existing affordable homes, including manufactured homes.

### Manufactured housing

**\$4 M:** Support the replacement of old and inefficient manufactured homes to provide safe and energy efficient homes for households.

### Housing Production and Accountability Office (HPAO)

**\$2.20 M:** The Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) and the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) will jointly manage a new office to provide technical assistance and support local governments and housing developers. The new office, called the Housing Production and Accountability Office (HPAO), will aim to reduce land use and permitting barriers that stand in the way of building more housing. HPAO will also hold local jurisdictions accountable to state housing and land use laws to clear the path to increased housing production in cities and counties across the state.

## Increase homeownership

### Homeownership Development (Community Land Trusts)

**\$5 M:** Community land trusts are a model of homeownership that supports permanent affordability of the home.

### Down payment assistance

**\$13.6 M:** To support homeownership for more families

### Capacity building and language access

**\$9.4 M:** Improve community access to housing support by funding language access needs, training opportunities, and technical assistance at OHCS and expanding partnerships with culturally responsive, community-based organizations and Tribal partners.

### Resources to Oregon Tribes

**\$5 M:** There are nine sovereign tribal nations in Oregon and these resources will support the Tribes in responding to the impacts of the housing and homelessness crisis.