



Oregon's ALL IN: Office Hours March 2023





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Introductions

- OHCS/OEM
- Technical Assistance (TA) Team
- Which communities are here today?



Encampments

- Encampments:
 - “The term *encampment* is widely used by journalists and researchers to describe groups of people living in tents or other temporary structures in public spaces in cities across the country.” Features include: 1) number of people residing at the location, 2) presence of some type of physical structures, 3) presence of personal belongings, and 4) sense of social support or community.



Source: [Exploring Homelessness Among People Living in Encampments and Associated Cost](#)

Encampments

- Not all individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness reside in encampments
- Responding to encampments is resource-intensive for local governments, costing cities between \$1,672 and \$6,208 per unsheltered individual per year (excludes police, fire, and health departments)

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Emerging Strategies

- Integrating housing problem-solving into street outreach
- Flexible funding
- Developing a “pool” of units to rehouse people directly from the encampment into a home
- Shared housing opportunities
- Encampments-specific prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing or family reunification



Low Barrier Shelter

- Low Barrier Shelters:
 - Low and no barrier policies allow homeless individuals and households to access shelter, housing and services without preconditions such as sobriety, compliance with treatment plan, no pets, or agreement to participate in specific programs, activities or classes.
 - These policies allow the most in need to have access to shelter and housing.
 - Technical assistance is available in order to modify shelter policies to meet this definition.



Low Barrier Shelter

- Low Barrier Shelters best practices include:
 - Shelter has minimal expectations or requirements of people seeking shelter
 - Shelter focuses on addressing disruptive or dangerous behaviors rather than compliance to rules or case plans
 - Shelter welcomes self-defined family and kinship groups to seek shelter together
 - Shelter can identify financial resources that can support the adoption of low barrier policies and practices and supports extended or flexible hours and adapted service-delivery models



Low Barrier Shelter

- Low Barrier Shelters best practices include:
 - Shelter accommodates pets and belongings
 - Shelter intake process and housing navigation services coordinate closely with community-based outreach services and coordinated entry
 - Shelter creates flexible and predictable access for people seeking shelter



Emergency Shelter Standards

- General Shelter Habitability Requirements:
 - Shelters must meet habitability requirements that include minimum safety, sanitation, and privacy standards as outlined in 24 CFR § 576.403.
 - Shelters must be structurally sound. Tents and other structures that do not meet these minimum standards are unallowable.
 - Habitability must be documented as meeting these requirements.
 - OHCS can provide technical assistance to ensure compliance with habitability requirements.



Emergency Shelter Standards

- Shelter units may be in the form of non-congregate free-standing units if they meet the following criteria:
 - Heat
 - Electricity
 - Insulation
 - The ability to close and lock a door
 - Hard-surface walls and roofing
 - Plumbing must be available in the units

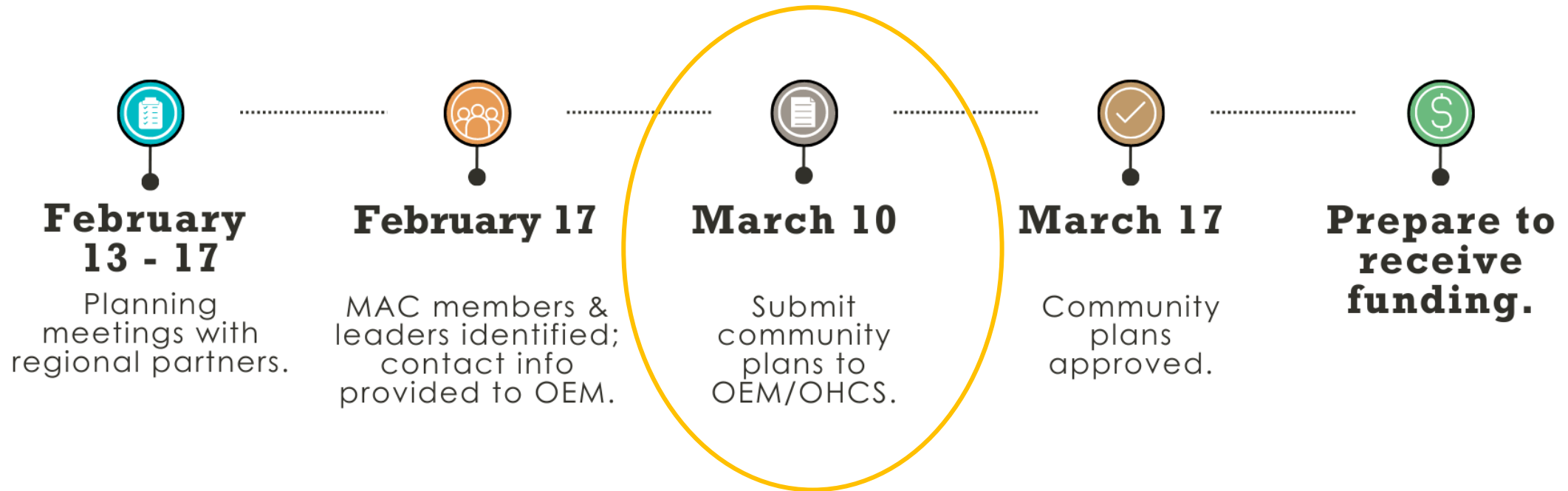


Relationship between Regional Plan and Local MAC

The regional plans submitted by each CoC region serve as both the scope of work and a commitment to implementing selected strategies in the plan

The local MAC will be charged with deploying the plan to meet local goals associated with Oregon's ALL IN.

Next Steps in the Timeline



Questions or Technical Assistance?

Email us with questions!

OHCS: EO2302.questions@HCS.oregon.gov

OEM: oem.recovery@oem.oregon.gov

Reach out to request technical assistance for planning and/or implementation!

Technical Assistance Team: [OHCS Training & Technical Assistance Request](#)



THANK YOU!

