MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE
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Alliance issues Request for Proposals responding to the Governor's Executive Order 23-02

Applications due April 7 by Noon

SALEM, OR 28 March 2023 —The Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for which the Marion-Polk region's local non-profit and for-profit organizations, governments, faith-based organizations, and tribal organizations are eligible to apply. Application materials can be found online at Governor's Emergency Declaration – Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance (mwvhomelessalliance.org). Letters of intent are due by 5 p.m. on March 31. Completed applications are due by Noon on April 7.

"We recognize that the timeline is very tight for this RFP, given the urgency of the homelessness crisis," said Polk County Commissioner Jeremy Gordon, Alliance chair. "We encourage qualified organizations throughout Marion and Polk counties to apply for these funds and work collaboratively toward serving the target populations identified in our Community Plan."

This RFP responds to Governor Tina Kotek's declared state of emergency based on a 63% rise in homelessness statewide since 2016. Oregon's Departments of Emergency Management (OEM) and Housing and Community Services (OHCS) have partnered to lead this work with the Office of the Governor. OHCS will deliver $130 million in funding to Oregon's Continuums of Care, with the Marion-Polk region receiving an estimated $13 to $14 million.

The RFP addresses two of the governor's priority areas: (1) increase emergency shelter capacity by at least 80 new beds in the Marion-Polk region and (2) rehouse at least 150 households regionally by January 10, 2024. Projects more likely to achieve these local targets include expansion of low barrier shelter, rapid re-housing programs, landlord-focused strategies, and street outreach.

Applicants are encouraged to participate in one of two office hours opportunities on March 29 and April 5 from 3-4:30 pm. Details can be found on the Alliance website. Office-Hours.pdf (mwvhomelessalliance.org)

For further information about the RFP process, contact Jan Calvin, calvin.jan@yahoo.com. For information about the Alliance, visit https://mwvhomelessalliance.org.

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About Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance
The Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance serves as the Continuum of Care (CoC) for Oregon's Marion-Polk region, seeking to end homelessness by providing community-wide planning, resources, and coordination of programs for people at risk of or experiencing homelessness. Through collaborative efforts of local and tribal governments, school districts, nonprofit organizations, and other participating stakeholders, the CoC uses an evidence-based system of services to address homelessness, including providing stable housing solutions, designed to meet the unique and complex needs of homeless adults, youth, children and families. For more information, visit www.mwvhomelessalliance.org.