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13 Local Projects Selected for $10.4 Million in State Funding to Address Homelessness in Marion-Polk Region

Continuum of Care and regional MAC group allocate funds for housing and shelter projects

SALEM, Ore., May 15, 2023 — In response to Oregon Governor Kotek's Emergency Order 23-02, the Oregon legislature approved $10.4 million in state funding for housing and shelter projects in the Marion-Polk region. The funds will be distributed to 13 local projects and will provide emergency shelter beds, rapid rehousing assistance, rental assistance and other supportive services.

The Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance, the Continuum of Care for the Marion-Polk region, released a Request for Proposals (RFP) in March to identify local organizations to receive state funds. The RFP addressed 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.

The Alliance worked alongside the regional Multi-Agency Coordinating (MAC) group to collect applications by April 7 and review the candidates for Rapid Rehousing and Emergency Shelter project funds. At the May 11 joint board meeting, the Alliance board approved 13 contracts for projects listed below to receive state funds.

Rapid Rehousing Projects

1. Salem Housing Authority (Marion/Polk; $454,586; 65 households)
2. Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency (Marion; $1,318,848; 50 households)
3. Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency (Polk; $1,056,068; 50 households)
4. Polk County Family & Community Outreach (Polk; $481,250; in partnership with MWVCAA)
5. Recovery Outreach Community Center (Marion; $59,950; in partnership with MWVCAA)
6. Sable House (Polk; $410,850; 20 households)

Emergency Shelter Projects

1. Church at the Park (Polk; $1,572,465; 40 beds; adult shelter)
2. Church at the Park (Marion; $820,105; 38 beds; young adults)
3. United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley ($619,960; 31 beds; SafeSleep expansion)
4. Center for Hope & Safety ($825,000; 10 beds; family shelter renovation)
5. Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency ($865,093; 36 beds; family shelter, Salem)
6. Catholic Community Services ($663,164; 32 beds; family shelter, Salem)
7. Sheltering Silverton ($564,683; 20 beds; shelter expansion)

“We are thrilled that the governor and legislature have made it possible to expand these services,” said Commissioner Jeremy Gordon, Alliance chair. “This funding will help us provide hundreds of unsheltered people in our community with much-needed access to safe and secure housing.”

To learn more about the Alliance, visit www.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.