From The Ground Up

Leveraging the Power of Regional Coordination to Meet Oregon's Housing Goals

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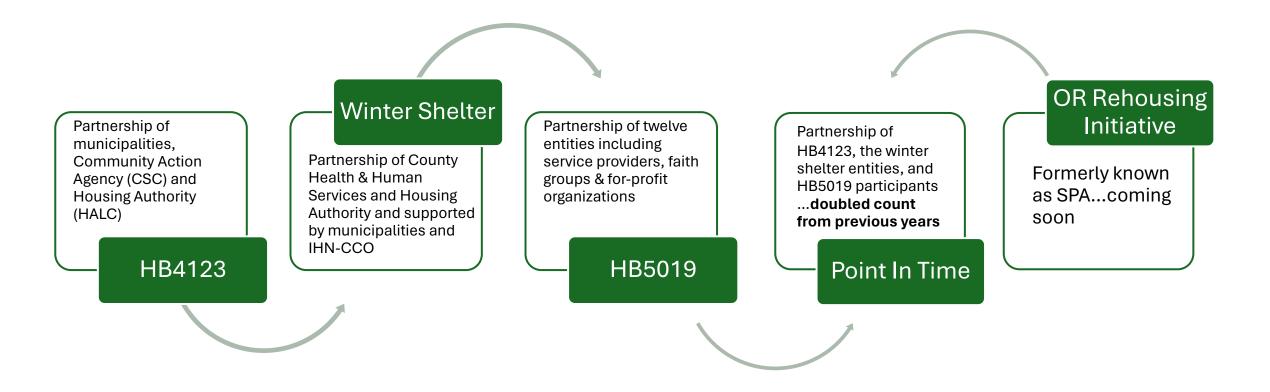
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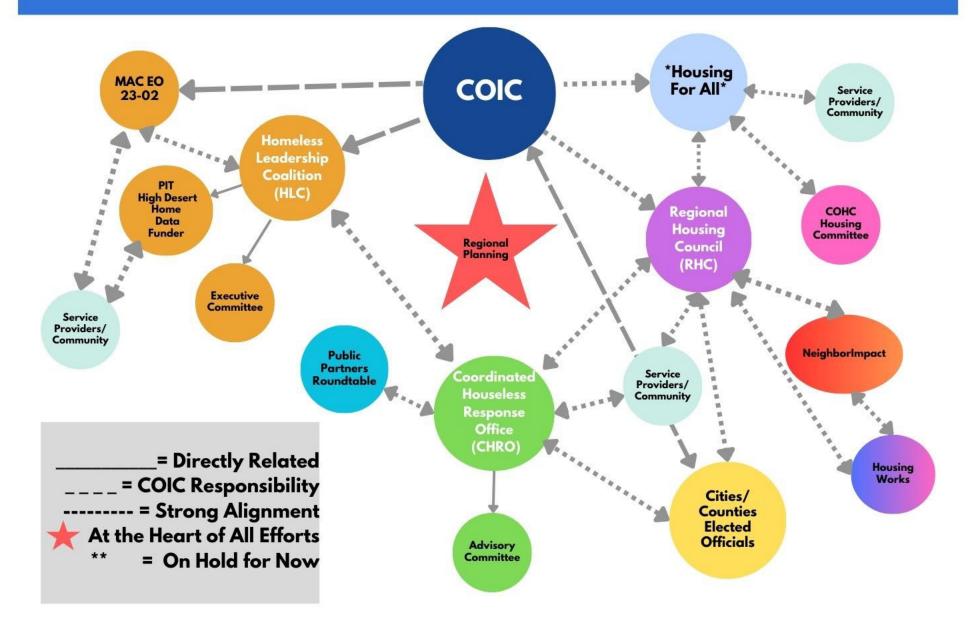
Housing Authority of Lincoln County, Administrative Office of HB4123 and lead agency for HB5019.



Shelter & Transitional Housing Unit counts May 2023: **129 beds/units**

Shelter & Transitional Housing Unit counts April 2024: **283 beds/units**

Aligning Efforts Within Central Oregon



81st OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY--2022 Regular Session

Enrolled

House Bill 4123

Sponsored by Representatives KROPF, WILLIAMS, Senator PATTERSON, Representatives EVANS, GOMBERG, HOY, SMITH G, ZIKA, Senators ANDERSON, ARMITAGE, GELSER BLOUIN, HANSELL, KNOPP, THOMSEN; Representatives ALONSO LEON, CAMPOS, DEXTER, FAHEY, GRAYBER, HIEB, LEVY, MARSH, MOORE-GREEN, NOBLE, NOSSE, REYNOLDS, SOSA, WEBER (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to coordinated homeless response systems; and declaring an emergency. Whereas the lack of available housing, high rents and high home prices are driving rapid increases in housing instability and homelessness in Oregon; and

Whereas Oregon has experienced a significant increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness and unsheltered homelessness; and

Whereas funding, resources and services to address homelessness in Oregon are not scaled to meet this need; and

Whereas the lack of housing affordability and availability in Oregon cannot be addressed with out cross-jurisdictional collaboration: and

Whereas communities require coordinated leadership and governance to identify local needs and centralize communication, policy and services to end homelessness; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

<u>SECTION 1.</u> The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide grants to local governments and neurofit corporations that agree to, within 90 days of receipt of grant funding, enter into an agreement among the member governments and nonprofit corporations, if any, to create a coordinated homeless response system that consists of, at a minimum:

(a) The establishment of a coordinated homeless response office;

(b) An advisory board with representation from the governing body of each member government;

(c) Specific roles of each member to support the advisory board and office;

(d) Plans for coordination with any local continuum of care receiving funding under 24 C.F.R. part 578; and

(e) The establishment of a centralized point of contact for the office.

(2) Grants provided under this section shall be used by the coordinated homeless response system to:

(a) Hire necessary staff for the office;

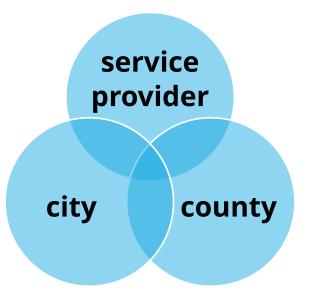
(b) Support coordinated communications and public engagement;

(c) Support community outreach and policy development, including stipends for people with current or recent lived experience of homelessness;

Enrolled House Bill 4123 (HB 4123-A)

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A total of \$8 million to pilot 8 regional collaboratives to provide coordinated homeless response



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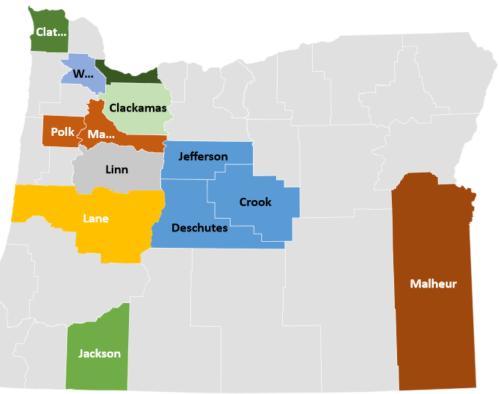
- Benton County, Corvallis
- **Coos County**, Coos Bay, North Bend
- **Deschutes County**, Bend, Redmond, Sisters, La Pine
- Hood River County, Wasco County, Sherman County, The Dalles, Hood River, MCCAC
- Lincoln County, Lincoln City, Newport, Toledo, Waldport, Yachats, Siletz, Confederated Tribes of the Siletz
- Polk County, Falls City, Monmouth, Independence, Willamina, Dallas, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, MWVCAA
- Tillamook County, Tillamook, Bay City, Garibaldi, Rockaway Beach, Wheeler, Manzanita, CARE
- **Umatilla County,** Hermiston, Stanfield, Echo, Umatilla

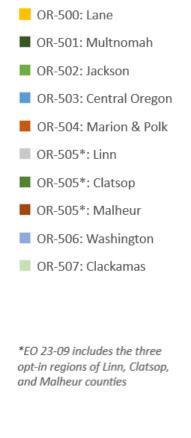
Emergency Homelessness Response





Multi Agency Coordination Groups





Each Continuum of Care region named in EO 23-02 established MAC group responsible for achieving its goals through:

- Interagency planning and coordination and identifying resources
- Development and implementation of community plan

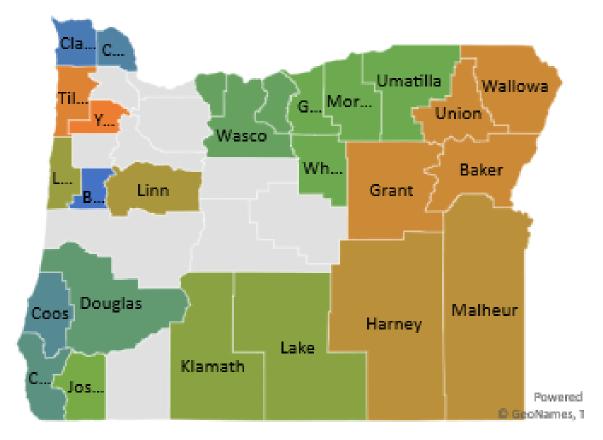
MAC Groups submitted Community Plans that include strategies to reach regional goals.

Local Planning Groups

- Baker, Union, Wallowa
 & Grant Counties
- Benton County
- Clatsop County
- Columbia County
- Coos County
- Curry County
- Douglas County
- Hood River, Wasco & Sherman Counties
- Josephine County



- Klamath & Lake
 Counties
- Lincoln County
- Linn County
- Malheur & Harney
 Counties
- Tillamook County (HB 4123 Planning Group)
- Umatilla, Morrow, Wheeler & Gilliam Counties
- Yamhill County



Addressing Disparities

- Community planning workbook included disparities analysis for each EO region (race/ethnicity)
- Plans required to include strategies to address homelessness while centering race/equity
- Funding to support capacity of culturally specific organizations in implementation of EO 23-02
- Technical Assistance
- Data dashboard with services disaggregated by race
- Accountability:
 - Tracking outcomes each month (households served, demographics)
 - Engagement with communities if off track on outcomes, including racial equity

Key Trends



Achievements







1,047 low-barrier shelter beds created,

surpassing the original goal by 447 beds (175%)

1,426 households were rehoused,

exceeding the original goal by 226 households (119%)

9,023 households prevented from homelessness,

exceeding the original goal by 273 households (103%)



Executive Order 24-02

- On Jan. 9, 2024, Governor Kotek signed Executive Order (EO) 24-02 to:
- **Maintain** the added capacity to the state's shelter system;
- Rehouse additional households experiencing homelessness;
- Prevent homelessness for additional households;
- Merge and extend EO 23-02 and EO 23-09.

Office of the Governor State of Oregon



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24-02

MERGE AND EXTEND EXECUTIVE ORDER 23-02 and EXECUTIVE ORDER 23-09

In response to significant increases in unsheltered homelessness in the State of Oregon, Governor Kotek declared a homelessness state of emergency on January 10, 2023, in Continuums of Care regions that experienced an increase in unsheltered homelessness of 50% or greater between 2017 and 2022.

The federal government created the Continuum of Care program to promote a community-wide commitment to end homelessness. The program provides funding to state and local governments and nonprofits to rehouse and provide services to people experiencing homelessness. The federal government has recognized eight Continuums of Care (CoC) across Oregon, that cover the entire geography of the state. These CoC regions directly receive federal resources to address homelessness and play a critical role in coordinating funding and services toward ending homelessness within each service area. Oregon's eight CoC regions are: Eugene, Springfield/Lane County; Portland, Gresham/Multnomah County; Medford, Ashland/Jackson County; Central Oregon; Salem/Marion, Polk counties; Hillsboro, Beaverton/Washington County; Clackamas County; and the Balance of State. Three CoC regions are located within the Portland Metro region: Portland, Gresham/Multnomah County; Hillsboro, Beaverton/Washington County; and Clackamas County (collectively, the "Metro region"). For the purposes of evaluating changes in unsheltered homelessness over time, the data for the Metro region has been combined for reporting in this Executive Order.

At the time of the emergency declaration EO 23-02 on January 10, 2023, the most recent data available was the 2022 Point in Time Count (PTT), which estimated the number of people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January 2022, almost a full year prior. The 2022 PTT estimated that:

- The number of people experiencing homelessness in Oregon had increased by 29% since 2017;
- An estimated 18,000 people were experiencing homelessness across the state;
- From 2017 to 2022, there was a particularly dramatic increase in those who were experiencing unsheltered homelessness, increasing by 39%;



Audience Q&A Discussion