

2024 Eugene State Priorities

The City of Eugene top priorities advance the City Council's vision and goals of Safe Community for Community Wellbeing; Sustainable and Accountable Development; Accessible and Thriving Culture, Parks and Recreation; Equitable, Effective, Accountable Municipal Government; and Fair, Stable and Adequate Financial Resources.

1. **Secure one-time funding to provide community response due to PeaceHealth University District closure.**

The City seeks funding for two specific efforts, the first is one-time 'bridge' funding to address the unbudgeted financial requirements for Eugene/Springfield Fire to increase Emergency Response services. The second is one-time funding to pilot innovative programs that can provide longer term remedies to the decrease in local emergency services. These two concepts are being developed in cooperation with Rep Nathanson, and in partnership with local governments and health care providers.

2. **Long term direct funding to cities for unhoused emergency response.**

Eugene seeks direct funding to cities from the State of Oregon to address the unhoused crisis, specifically, Eugene requests \$4-5.25M for the remainder of the 23'-25' biennium. State funding will provide financial support for: acquisition and rehabilitation for emergency shelter and safe sleep sites, operations for emergency shelter and safe sleep sites, sanitary services, debris removal from abandoned camps, support services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, including housing navigation, medical, behavioral health, and mental health care, resource enhancement for cities and non-profit partners for houseless service provision, culturally appropriate programs that stabilize individuals and families through food assistance, supportive service information and referrals, and support for community engagement and education

3. **Seek Funding for Priority Project(s)**

- a. [Crow Road Infrastructure](#). Requesting \$3.5M to extend infrastructure to serve housing production.
- b. [Clear Lake Road Infrastructure](#). Requesting \$8.5M for Phase One to extend infrastructure to serve economic development, housing, future recreation, and future fire station needs.

4. **Support increased state investment in mental health and behavioral health systems.**

The City of Eugene supports an increased level of investment from the state to address the systemic challenges within the mental and behavioral health systems, and an expansion of eligible entities receiving state funding for mental health and crisis support services. Specifically, Lane County's Crisis Stabilization Center.