

Support Local Rehousing and Shelter Efforts

To end homelessness, a cross-sector coordinated approach to delivering services, housing, and programs is needed. The LOC will support a comprehensive homeless response package to fund the needs of homeless shelter and homeless response efforts statewide, as well needed policy changes.

Investment in Rehousing and Shelter

Even with historic legislative investments in recent years, Oregon still faces a housing crisis with many Oregonians remaining unhoused. Oregon still lacks a coordinated, statewide shelter and homeless response system with stable funding. As Oregon continues to face increasing rates of unsheltered homelessness, the LOC is committed to strengthening a regionally based, intersectional state homeless response system to ensure all Oregonians can equitably access stable housing and maintain secure, thriving communities.

Groundwork for Local Coordination HB 4123 (2022)

Passed HB 4123 in 2022, creating 8 pilot local coordinating groups for homelessness, allowing cities and counties to work together to ensure best utilization in resources in their local community. These pilot groups have spent the last two years working together, forming the basis for some of the Local Planning Groups (LPGs) that exist today.

Funding Shelter and Rehousing Efforts

Funding should include baseline operational support to continue and strengthen coordinated regional homeless response and include a range of shelter types and services, including alternative shelter models, safe parking programs, rapid rehousing, outreach, case management, staffing and administrative support, and other related services. The LOC will also support capital funding for additional shelter infrastructure and site preparation. Oregon's homeless response system must recognize the critical role of cities in homeless response and meaningfully include cities in regional funding and decision-making, in partnership with counties, community action agencies, continuums of care, housing authorities, and other service provider partners.

This package must include funding for:

- All shelter types, including alternative non-congregate models, like safe parking programs and pod villages.
- Regional coordination, allowing cities and counties to work together to better serve their communities.
- Rapid rehousing, working to prevent new households from becoming homeless.
- Outreach and case management.

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