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CAT Board Agenda
COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF TENANTS (CAT)
Monday, February 26, 2024
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

6:00 Welcome

Board introductions. check-ins and staff introductions

*Board role: Agenda approval, ground rules review, approval of January minutes.

6:10 CAT Staff Reports

*Board Role: Listen and ask questions

6:15 Finance Report

6:25 CAT Program reports hotline, administration, and tenant engagement.

Board Role: Listen, discussion

6:30 Finance Report:

Understand the update on CAT's financial issues including fundraising and timing of future resources. Also, understand what programming is possible until funds are increased. Hear possible cost containment and stabilization actions.

*Board role: Questions. Make decisions and other recommendations by the Finance Committee such as a motion to approve the Finance Committee report, a motion to approve an advance of \$300,000 from the OHCS reserve account, and a motion to approve paying off the \$150,000 line of credit.

7:00 Break

7:05 [Right to the City](#) Tenant Assembly: Jennifer De La Mancha, Coya Crespín and Delfina Andrade will represent CAT at the Tenant Assembly. Delfina will vote to approve RTTC leadership and the Policy Objectives. Enclosed are more details about the event.

Board Role: Listen to initial reports from our delegates.

7:30 Policy Report: The board voted to approve the Stable Homes for Oregon Families policy, the 1000 Friends letter What We Need to Build More Housing, Fair Shot the People's Budget, the Governors Bill for Housing Production, HB 2699 Housing Wage. Staff have also put efforts into the support of Housing Preservation because we thought it was in the Housing Omnibus SB 1530 and because it is tied the Tenant Engagement funding in SB 1530.

*Board Role: Make plans for any additional efforts of support or new endorsements including dates and membership for the Policy Committee and By-laws Committee.

7:40 Public comment and new business

Board role: Get information and ask questions

8:00 – Adjourn

*These are action items



Agenda de la Junta CAT
ALIANZA COMUNITARIA DE INQUILINOS (CAT)
lunes, 26 de febrero de 2024
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

6:00 Bienvenida

Presentaciones de la junta. registros y presentaciones del personal

*Función de la junta directiva: aprobación de la agenda, revisión de las reglas básicas, aprobación de las actas de enero.

6:10 Informes del personal del CAT

*Función de la junta directiva: escuchar y hacer preguntas.

6:15 Informe financiero

6:25 El programa CAT informa sobre la línea directa, la administración y la participación de los inquilinos.

Función de la junta directiva: escuchar, discutir

6:30 Informe financiero:

Comprenda la actualización sobre los problemas financieros del CAT, incluida la recaudación de fondos y el calendario de recursos futuros. Además, comprenda qué programación es posible hasta que se aumenten los fondos. Conocer posibles acciones de contención y estabilización de costos.

*Rol de la junta directiva: Preguntas. Tomar decisiones y otras recomendaciones por parte del Comité de Finanzas, como una

moción para aprobar el informe del Comité de Finanzas, una moción para aprobar un anticipo de \$300,000 de la cuenta de reserva de OHCS y una moción para aprobar el pago de la línea de crédito de \$150,000.

7:00 Descanso

7:05 Asamblea de Inquilinos Derecho a la Ciudad: Jennifer De La Mancha, Coya Crespín y Delfina Andrade representarán al CAT en la Asamblea de Inquilinos. Delfina votará para aprobar el liderazgo del RTTC y los objetivos de política. Adjunto se encuentran más detalles sobre el evento.

Función de la junta directiva: escuchar los informes iniciales de nuestros delegados.

7:30 Informe de política: La junta votó para aprobar la política de Hogares estables para familias de Oregón, la carta de 1000 amigos Lo que necesitamos para construir más viviendas, el proyecto de ley del gobernador para la producción de viviendas y el salario de vivienda HB 2699. El personal también se ha esforzado en apoyar la Preservación de la Vivienda porque pensamos que estaba en el Ómnibus de Vivienda SB 1530 y porque está vinculado a la financiación de Participación de los Inquilinos en la SB 1530.

*Función de la Junta: Hacer planes para cualquier esfuerzo adicional de apoyo o nuevos respaldos, incluidas las fechas y la membresía del Comité de Políticas y el Comité de Estatutos.

7:40 Comentarios públicos y nuevos negocios.

Función de la junta directiva: obtener información y hacer preguntas

8:00 – Clausura

*Estos son elementos de acción

Meeting started 6pm Pacific Start time 6:00 PM

President - Alexander Rhodes – Present

Vice president - Musonda Mwango – Not Present

Treasurer – Amanda Caffall – Present

Secretary – Delfina Andrade - Present

Attending: Steve lang, Matthew Edmonds, Alexander Rhodes, Tracy Baird, Betty Holladay, Ivonne Rivero (interpreter), Kim McCarty, Carolina Miori (Interpreter), Delfina Andrade, Amanda Caffall, Alexis Ames

6:00 Introduction

6:13 Staff Reports – see January board packet.

6:20 Amanda motions to approve the Revised personnel handbook, Betty 2nds.

6:25 Finance Report – See January board packet.

Motion to approve finance committee report, Amanda Motions, Alex 2nd Betty Abstains

Motion to assign officers with loan signing and other bank authority.

Betty Motions for Alex, Amanda, Kim and Dung signatories for C.A.T

Delfina seconds, do to not enough to vote without Alex and Amanda votes acknowledging the concern for conflict of interest.

6:55 Break

7:00 Return

Make an additional motion to support or oppose requested endorsements for HB 2699, LC 19, and LC 178, Fair Shot Budget, and Housing Alliance proposals. Summaries are included in the packet.

- HB 2699- Sponsored by Representative Gamba Provides minimum wage rate beginning July 1, 2024. Link Oregon’s minimum wage to the average rent for a one-bedroom apartment in a given region so that no full-time worker must spend more than 30% of their income on housing costs.
- LC 178- Allows Cities to impose Rent Control.
- LC 19 Land Use Adjustments, Urban Growth Boundary expansions, and appropriations for housing production including Middle-Income Housing

Alex motions to endorse HB 2699, LC 19, and LC 178, Fair Shot Budget, and Housing Alliance proposals, Betty Seconds (did not catch the whole motion. Please verify for correctness)

Meeting adjourned – Alex 8:09 pm

Board Report

Community Alliance of Tenants

For the period ended January 31, 2024



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Prepared by

Tracy Baird, Interim Finance Director

Prepared on

February 25, 2024

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Interim Finance Director commentary

Dear Board of Directors,

This packet represents the summarized reports that was reviewed in detail by the Finance Committee on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

Staffing and Program Work

Two coordinators were rehired and we directly hired the accounting manager position.

At this time, we are nearly staffed in accordance to the approved budget, which was based on our approved grant funding.

We are in compliance with our funders and, now that staff has returned later than anticipated, are now working with the funders to rescope the deliverables and budgets. More to come next month.

Accounts Payable

We continue slow repayment of past due balances, and have developed good rapport with our vendors. All other known bills are current.

Wages

Most employees were rehired with a minimum of a 2% increase. We assume that there will be another proposed increase from the Union based on the Collective Bargaining Agreements. The budget may have room for an additional increase once cash flow issues have been resolved.

Accounts Receivable

Invoices are now on a regular schedule, sending out by mid-month.

Funders are pleased with the detail provided and are approving the invoices and sending payments sooner than in the past.

Cash Flow

Increase in Personnel costs impacts cash flow, as does repayment of arrears bills. The need to spend money to receive money remains difficult, as all of our grants are reimbursement.

Unrestricted cash continues to be elusive and overall cash is not being replenished.

We have been awarded \$100,000 from Meyer Memorial Trust for General Support, which will help with our administrative burden, which is where our shortfall remains. The funds came in February for this grant.

Fundraising

Grant applications have gone out: other programmatic grants are being pursued for the following fiscal year. General Support funds and Donor-Advised Funds are being sought, and we are working with a service called Feathr to support the search.

We are currently scheduled to revise current grant budgets with our funders over the next three weeks, which may push out our funding into the fiscal year in order to meet deliverables.

Revenue strategies for unrestricted support is critical. In March, I'll produce a report reflecting our unrestricted costs and cash need to support business operations not covered with grants.

We need the Board and all hands to make light work of sourcing large undesignated donations, preference for non-grants but general donations from affinity corporations and individuals.

Reports

We anticipate the Statement of Financial Position to be reconciled and accurate at the next board meeting. The delays are due to the software conversion, reconciliation of prior software and financials, and the amount of daily work.

Auditing

We are currently being audited by OHCS CPA's for the ESG grant awarded in 2021-2022.

We have also received monitoring letters from PHB and Multnomah, which are being presented now for both Fiscal and Program, as part of their mid-year grant review.

We will keep you informed of any findings.

Training

We had discussed at the November board meeting about financial trainings being made available.

It is important that we train management and staff, and the board, to our financials.

Now that the implementation is complete, we will focus on these training presentations in the month of February.

We will send a few times of availability for mid-March, prior to the next committee and board meeting.

Tracy Baird, with Kim McCarty

Statement of Activity by Month

July 2023 - January 2024

	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Total
REVENUE								
4000 Contributions & Gifts	38.00	144.07	60.91	2,821.00	168.21	1,056.00	1,238.85	5,527.04
4110 Foundation Grants		5,000.00						5,000.00
4120 Government Grants	19,320.75	21,428.91	19,575.77	33,090.73	55,857.84	88,913.48	97,126.97	335,314.45
4135 Membership	931.10	2,067.45	3,233.80	968.30	1,789.80	1,478.30	1,233.30	11,702.05
4139 Refunds Given	-343.14	-306.04						-649.18
Total 4135 Membership	587.96	1,761.41	3,233.80	968.30	1,789.80	1,478.30	1,233.30	11,052.87
4140 Contracts	8,688.45	1,852.38	4,415.22	5,566.98			10,000.00	30,523.03
4150 Other Revenue	204.00	47.50	77.50	57.50	3,049.78	47.50	47.50	3,531.28
4160 Interest Income	4.45	4.46	4.17	4.61	6.15	5.97	6.80	36.61
4999 Release From Restriction	8,333.33	8,333.33	8,333.33	8,333.33	8,333.33	8,333.35		50,000.00
Total Revenue	37,176.94	38,572.06	35,700.70	50,842.45	69,205.11	99,834.60	109,653.42	440,985.28
GROSS PROFIT	37,176.94	38,572.06	35,700.70	50,842.45	69,205.11	99,834.60	109,653.42	440,985.28
EXPENDITURES								
6000 Salaries, Wages, & PTO	37,809.96	24,340.54	24,773.07	32,790.22	47,572.51	73,649.08	76,374.10	317,309.48
6100 Payroll Tax - Federal	2,892.15	1,861.31	2,099.20	2,508.44	3,629.83	5,951.26	5,894.65	24,836.84
6105 Payroll Tax - State/Local	151.45	97.80	99.31	131.32	177.29	260.69	807.15	1,725.01
6110 Payroll Tax - Unemployment	462.40	204.68	597.64	296.46	555.66	1,034.78	1,533.94	4,685.56
6120 Payroll Tax - Worker's Comp	7.86	0.31	0.36	8.37	618.23	17.14	28.20	680.47
6130 Benefits - Health	19,629.98	5,733.92	3,736.20	1,898.51	6,722.31	6,291.47	15,443.93	59,456.32
6140 Benefits - Dental	2,047.78	370.66	370.66	199.06	723.02	907.21	1,293.88	5,912.27
6180 Benefits - Telecom Stipend	160.00	40.31	80.00	320.00	440.00	680.00	680.00	2,400.31
6200 Payroll Related Expense	851.12	297.52	293.77	331.19	286.00	375.95	886.69	3,322.24
7110 Advertising-Promotional	164.49			2,880.55				3,045.04
7130 Bank Fees			30.00	29.97	30.00			89.97
7135 Merchant Fees	110.24	119.70	160.55	721.19	403.27	148.95	160.13	1,824.03
7150 Business Insurance	3,107.36				949.50	12,119.49	-1,424.00	14,752.35
7160 Interest Paid		813.22	205.99	614.69	1,267.69	1,270.94	1,313.30	5,485.83
7170 Licenses & Registrations	50.00	287.61	287.61	287.61	293.98	293.98	293.98	1,794.77
7200 Fundraising			449.00	3,657.33	3,771.60	3,918.03	4,031.04	15,827.00
7310 Office Lease	3,642.42	3,642.42	3,642.42	3,642.42	3,642.42	3,751.70	3,751.70	25,715.50
7345 Utilities	662.61	447.93	375.00	375.00	375.00	415.26	447.69	3,098.49
7400 Legal & Professional	17,565.88	26,137.57	18,310.74	20,029.38	16,016.32	17,123.13	13,050.63	128,233.65
7550 Dues & Subscriptions	50.00				495.00	535.00	330.00	1,410.00
7560 Supplies & Materials		37.55	73.80	10.20		109.07	156.26	386.88
7570 Technology & Software	5,303.90	4,266.90	2,172.91	3,470.92	5,540.90	3,913.34	3,030.34	27,699.21
7575 Telecommunications	2,139.71	2,077.06	1,973.36	1,977.03	1,678.04	2,083.24	2,025.94	13,954.38
7600 Program Direct Services		3,130.00	80.00	13,341.20	90.00	123.80		16,765.00
7720 Travel & Mileage					569.25	1,966.94	124.41	2,660.60
Total Expenditures	96,809.31	73,907.01	59,811.59	89,521.06	95,847.82	136,940.45	130,233.96	683,071.20
NET OPERATING REVENUE	-59,632.37	-35,334.95	-24,110.89	-38,678.61	-26,642.71	-37,105.85	-20,580.54	-242,085.92
NET REVENUE	\$ -59,632.37	\$ -35,334.95	\$ -24,110.89	\$ -38,678.61	\$ -26,642.71	\$ -37,105.85	\$ -20,580.54	\$ -242,085.92

Statement of Financial Position Summary - Preliminary Unreconciled

As of January 31, 2024

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	388,301.36
Accounts Receivable	202,978.79
Other Current Assets	1,625,252.45
Total Current Assets	2,216,532.60
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,216,532.60
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	88,852.22
Credit Cards	2,650.67
Other Current Liabilities	145,000.00
Total Current Liabilities	236,502.89
Total Liabilities	236,502.89
Equity	1,980,029.71
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$2,216,532.60

A/R Aging Summary

As of January 31, 2024

	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 and over	Total
Home Forward						0.00
Home Forward 2023	4,744.97	3,881.57	4,107.00			12,733.54
Total Home Forward	4,744.97	3,881.57	4,107.00			12,733.54
Metro						0.00
Metro 2023	2,960.11	47.73	272.30			3,280.14
Total Metro	2,960.11	47.73	272.30			3,280.14
Multnomah County						0.00
Mult Cty 2023 (GAP)		16,967.05	30,814.67			47,781.72
Mult Cty 2024	21,761.90					21,761.90
Mult Cty CDBG 2024	330.66	2,463.42	1,421.09			4,215.17
Total Multnomah County	22,092.56	19,430.47	32,235.76			73,758.79
OHCS						0.00
OHCS 2024	35,521.10					35,521.10
Total OHCS	35,521.10					35,521.10
PHB						0.00
PHB 2024	31,808.23	35,876.99				67,685.22
Total PHB	31,808.23	35,876.99				67,685.22
Unite Oregon	10,000.00					10,000.00
TOTAL	\$107,126.97	\$59,236.76	\$36,615.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$202,978.79

A/P Aging Summary

As of January 31, 2024

	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 and over	Total
Abila			80.00			80.00
Adobe				19.99		19.99
Carolina Miori		140.00				140.00
CFS	6,689.38	5,871.25	2,069.38	6,954.06	16,788.93	38,373.00
COPYTRONIX		45.07				45.07
Everyaction					2,245.00	2,245.00
Feathr				5,125.00		5,125.00
Golden Solutions					6,000.00	6,000.00
Minuteman Press Powell			-800.00			-800.00
Moda Health			4,579.63		3,172.03	7,751.66
Neighborhood Partnerships, Inc	330.00					330.00
NIA	2,370.54					2,370.54
Ogletree Deakins					7,490.00	7,490.00
Oregon Saves	1,718.54	1,444.37				3,162.91
Paychex	412.50					412.50
Ronald Smith	350.00					350.00
T Mobile	904.04					904.04
Upward Technology			3,261.20	2,376.00	8,015.27	13,652.47
Workplace Change					1,225.00	1,225.00
YoyoDyne LLC			-24.96			-24.96
TOTAL	\$12,775.00	\$7,500.69	\$9,165.25	\$14,475.05	\$44,936.23	\$88,852.22

CAT Program Report

Community Alliance of Tenants

For the period ended January 31, 2024



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Prepared by

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Prepared on

February 26, 2024

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Program Narrative Hotline and Tenant Education and Engagement

This narrative summarizes the program outcome tables and the advocacy goals that will be presented at the full Board meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024.

Staff and Service Updates

Three employees were added in January: two community engagement coordinators and an accounting manager.

Hotline

CAT is on track to meet our monthly hotline goals of 200-400 calls.

Tenant Engagement

Tenant Engagement staff were hired in January. They are in the midst of hotline training, and workplan development for workshops, outreach, and partnership development with culturally specific organizations.

Tenant Membership and Volunteers:

The Membership Coordinator was hired in December. They are working on reconnecting with tenant leadership members, and a workplan for contacting people that call our hotline, recruitment of hotline volunteers, improved online services, and planning for a summer membership meeting.

Tenant Advocacy

Tenant Engagement staff are working on a menu of advocacy services including civic engagement training, building organizing support, letter writing, policy committee support, legal services referral statewide.

Program Monitoring

PHB concluded a program audit of the hotline and tenant education and protection programs for the City of Portland. We will get a final report in February. Multnomah County will conduct their annual program monitoring in March.

CAT Policy Advocacy

The board voted to approve the Stable Homes for Oregon Families policy, the 1000 Friends letter What We Need to Build More Housing, Fair Shot the People's Budget, the Governors Bill for Housing Production, HB 2699 Housing Wage. Staff have also put efforts into the support of Housing Preservation because we thought it was in the Housing Omnibus SB 1530 and because it is tied the Tenant Engagement funding in SB 1530. The Policy Committee will reconvene in March to start new initiatives and hear from the Right to the City participants from CAT.

Advocacy and Engagement

Quarterly Board Report

DATE OF REPORT: 2/26/2024

DIRECTOR: IANDA ALLEN

<p>JAN- FEB GOALS:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin the process of the [three Rs]: recruitment, re-engagement, retention • Have a minimum of (3) outreach events, helping CAT get to its goal of 500 tenants reached (By end of February reach 75-150 as a department); 9 needed for OHCS • Feb. 8th civic engagement recruitment. • Begin department exclusive [tenant rights] training. • Begin reach out to external organizations • Equipment distribution to members
<p>FEB ACHEIVEMENT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy and Engagement department reached 75 new tenants through in-person, community presentation and education training (Vesper); helping us reach our 500 (OHCS deliverable) goal within 60 days. • Department is working and beginning a series of tenant based education workshops with [Molalla Garden] tenant union (Ianda and Alexis); helping overall apartment building union development. • 3 members have received technology as requested. • 3/9 work shops have been completed (per OHCS objectives)
<p>DELIVERABLES:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Department still has (6) more work shops to execute per OHCS objectives. 2. There is still a need to develop cohorts that are served and educate across the state. 3. Collaboration with culturally specific organizations for [new] membership outreach and work shop presentations being offered; as a part of collaboration with CAT. 4. 1/2 buildings have begun process of being educated and organized by department, we are looking to add one more building/tenant group
<p>MAR. OUTLOOK</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Department is within the process of facilitating (3) more work shops, with 2/3 being in-person based on tenant education and engagement (6 by end of the month) 2. Molalla Gardens Tenant Union gone through every series of departmental trainings for their unionization and education progression, ultimately inviting them to join as members.

Preserving Existing Affordable Housing \$30 million [HB 5201](#)

- Assist housing providers in acquiring and/or renovating existing affordable housing units with expiring affordability restrictions.

- **Address Oregon's Housing Supply Crisis** ([SB1537](#)) \$500 million

Supports cities and tribal governments to address barriers to housing production, establish a housing production and accountability office, and implement four land-use reforms.

- **Allow Cities and Counties to Regulate Rents** ([HB4126](#))

Grants local governments the authority to implement rent regulation policies tailored to their communities, promoting housing stability and homelessness prevention.

The Peoples Budget - [Fair Shot for All](#)

- **Tell lawmakers to fund the People's Budget**

<https://secure.everyaction.com/BI9wJtOaEUeOG1yuHKWskA2>

The People's Budget provides Oregon state legislators with a clear set of funding priorities that should be included in the 2024 state budget to advance racial, gender, and economic justice.

- Legal Justice \$7.5 million
- Housing and Rental Assistance \$63 million
- \$45M in homelessness prevention rental assistance
- \$10M to the Urban League
- \$6M to Oregon Worker Relief Home Fund to provide culturally specific housing stability programs that include rental assistance.
 - Universal Health \$.5 million
 - Climate Justice \$9
 - School Health \$8.2-\$10 million
 - Student Aide \$6 million
 - Childcare \$150-\$225 million

Find more details about the Stable Homes for Oregon Families and the Peoples Budget – [FairShot for All Here](#)

[COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF TENANTS](https://www.oregoncat.org/)<https://www.oregoncat.org/>

[RENTERS RIGHTS HOTLINE 503-288-0130 MWF: 1-5 PM TUES: 6-8 PM SAT: 1-5 PM](#)

**Draft Program Report Format
Tenant Education, Tenant Engagement
and Membership**

Education Department Hotline Progress (Quarter 3-4)

Contracts	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Monthly Goal
OHCS	✓	☀					157
PHB	✓	☀					130
Mult. Co. YFS	✓	☀					125
Mult. Co. CDBG	✓	☀					3



Met term goal



In progress

Tenant Engagement Progress (Quarter 3-4)

Contracts	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Annual Goal
Workshops	✓	☀️					9
Outreach Events	NA	☀️					9
New Culturally Specific Partnerships	NA	☀️					2-4
Direct Advocacy (legal services, letter writing)	NA	☀️					50
Member Survey and 2 focus groups	NA	☀️					4000
Training Series	NA	NA					2



Met term goal



In progress

Membership/Volunteer Progress (Quarter 3-4)

Contracts	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Annual Goal
Members Renewals	☀️	☀️					2000
Hotline Volunteers	☀️	☀️					4
Committee Volunteers	☀️	☀️					4
Summer Member Meeting	☀️	☀️					50
inclusion of hotline records into Every Action	☀️	☀️					6000















Met term goal



In progress

Education and Engagement. Workshop/Outreach Progress (Quarter 3-4)

Contracts	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Quarterly Goal
OHCS							Annual Goal: 500
PHB							1
Mult. Co. YFS							1-2
Mult. Co. CDBG							1-2
Energy Trust: Phase 1/Curriculum Planning	NA						N/A

 Met term goal

 In Progress

 Met annual goal

Education Department Tenant Protection Team (TPT) Progress (Quarter 3-4)

TPT Referrals	Jan.	Jan. (Legal)	Feb.	Feb. (Legal)	Mar.	Mar. (Legal)	Apr.	Apr. (Legal)	May	May (Legal)	Jun.	Jun. (legal)
SEI	✓	☼	☼	☼								
APANO	✓	☼	☼	☼								
IRCO	✓	☼	☼	☼								
Hot-line	✓	☼	☼	☼								

✓ Met term goal

☼ In progress

Regional Engagement Progress (Quarter 3-4)

Contracts	Partner ships	Training Series	Energy Trust	Outreach	Work shops	Annual Goal
Metro Oregon	✓	☀️	4			9
Mid-Valley Oregon	☀️	NA				1
Southern Oregon	☀️		4			2
Central Oregon	☀️	Na				1



Met term goal



In progress



2024 RTTC Governance Body Elections FAQ

When are the 2024 RTTC Governance Body Elections happening?

Right To The City Alliance governance body elections are happening in the fall/winter of 2023. The nomination deadline for organizational nominees is November 1, 2023.

Nominees to represent translocal committees and regional hubs on governing bodies will be elected by their respective bodies in December 2023 or January 2024. General membership nominees to the governing bodies will be ratified at the 2024 Membership Assembly in February 2024.

What is the purpose of the governing body elections?

Our governance body elections are a practice aligned with RTTCs core principles of **grassroots democracy** and **leadership of those most impacted**. RTTC alliance is governed by membership bodies that guide and create the direction, strategy and purpose of the alliance.

The goals of the RTTC Governance Body elections are to:

- elect representatives to serve on our 3 governing bodies: the RTTC 501c3 Board of Directors, the Homes For All Leadership Assembly and the RTTC-Action Fund 501c4 Board of Directors.
- Invite membership organizations to clarify which translocal organizing committees and/or regional hubs they intend to participate in.

What is the deadline for governing body nominations?

Organizations must complete nominations for governance body nominees by November 1, 2023 by filling out this [governance body nominations & committee participation](#) form.

Will nominees automatically get a seat on the governing body?

No. Some governing body roles are elected by translocal committees or regional hubs to rep their respective bodies on the HFA Leadership Assembly or RTTC Board. For these roles, committee/regional hub members will vote on nominees during elections that will be held in those committees in December 2023 or January 2024.

For general membership nominations to the RTTC Board & HFA Leadership, nominees will be ratified at the February 2024 RTTC Membership Assembly in New Orleans.

For nominees to the RTTC-Action Fund Board, nominees will be ratified by the current board members of RTTC-AF.

What are the Right To The City Governing Bodies?

The Right To The City and Right To The City Action Fund ecosystem are made up of 3 governing bodies, democratically elected by the membership of RTTC and RTTC-AF.

- **The HFA Leadership Assembly (HFA LA)** is responsible for coordinating across the translocal infrastructure committees, translocal organizing committees and regional hubs to guide the overall political & organizing strategy of Homes For All. It is a representative body that consists of elected representatives from all translocal organizing & infrastructure committees and the current HFA regional hubs.
 - The **HFA Executive Organizing Committee** is a body of 4-6 leaders from across the alliance elected by the HFA Leadership Assembly that works with staff to guide the work of the HFA LA, make time sensitive decisions to advance the HFA LA priorities and provide political leadership to Homes For All.
- **The Right To The City Alliance (501c3) Board of Directors** sets overall priorities for Right to the City and serves as the fiduciary & legal board for the Right To The City Alliance, including approving the annual budget, managing the RTTC executive director and overseeing the organization's overall health, policies and well-being.
- **The RTTC Action Fund 501c4 Board of Directors** sets overall priorities for the RTTC-Action Fund and its electoral strategy. The RTTC-AF Board of Directors is the fiduciary & legal board for RTTC-Action Fund.

Can any member organization nominate a representative to a governing body?

All member organizations in good standing can nominate a representative to a general membership governing body role on the RTTC 501c3 Board, Homes For All Leadership Assembly or the HFA Executive Organizing Committee.

Member organizations that are active in translocal committees or regional hubs can nominate a representative to represent that translocal committee or regional hub in a governing body.

Governing body representatives are organizational representatives not individual representatives, and must be supported by their entire organization to serve in the role.

Can 501c3 member organizations nominate a representative to the RTTC-Action Fund 501c4 Board?

No. Only organizations who have 501c4 status or a 501c4 sibling organization can nominate a representative to the RTTC-AF 501c4 Board.

Who gets to nominate reps to the HFA Leadership Assembly?

Member organizations in good standing can nominate a representative to represent a translocal organizing or infrastructure committee or a regional hub that they actively participate in to HFA Leadership Assembly.

The HFA LA consists of:

- 2 representatives from each of the HFA Regional/State Hubs (HFA South, HFA California, Colorado HFA, HFA Massachusetts, HFA DC) elected by their respective regional hub.
- 2 representatives from each of the 2 translocal organizing committees (Our Home Our Land / Development Without Displacement / Renters Rights) elected by their respective committee
- 1 representative from each of the 5 translocal infrastructure committees (Political Training, Communications, Legal, Resource Development and Policy & Research) elected by their respective committee

Who gets to nominate reps to the RTTC 501c3 Board?

Member organizations in good standing can nominate a representative as a general body representative OR to represent a translocal infrastructure committee they actively participate in to the RTTC Board of Directors. The RTTC 501c3 Board consists of:

- 5-7 General Body Representatives [nominated by any member organization]
- 1 representative from each of the translocal infrastructure committees elected by their respective committee (Political Training, Communications, Legal, Resource Development and Policy)

Who gets to nominate reps to the RTTC-AF 501c4 Board?

Member organizations with 501c4 sibling organizations can nominate a representative to the RTTC-AF 501c4 Board. The RTTC-AF Board is made up of 3-5 general body representatives.

What are the terms for governing body representative roles?

All governing body representatives serve 2-year terms. Representatives elected in the 2024 elections will have a 3-month orientation period March - June 2024, and then serve in their roles from July 2024 - June 2026.

What is the role of a governing body representative?

Representatives are expected to represent their organization (and if applicable their translocal committee or regional hub) on governing bodies. On average, governing body representatives should expect to do 5-10 hours per month of work, and are responsible for:

- Participate protagonistically in the regular meetings of the governance body and take on work to advance the work of the governing body.
- Representing their home organization or translocal/regional body on the governance assembly, including reporting back, providing updates and reviewing proposals with the organizations/bodies they are accountable to.
- Work with RTTC Staff leads to developing and facilitating agendas and supporting member organization participation in translocal / regional bodies.

What happens if someone steps down from their elected position before the end of their term?

Organizations will be invited to identify another representative from their organization to continue to serve their organizational role. If an organization cannot or chooses not to have someone else represent them, then the seat will be vacant and interim elections will happen to identify a new representative.

What are the HFA Translocal *Organizing* Committees?

HFA Translocal Organizing committees develop strategy assessments, campaign & policy proposals, coordinate shared interventions to advance Homes For All's vision, and implement strategies adopted by the leadership assembly. Translocal organizing committees meet monthly. They include:

- **Our Homes Our Land / Development Without Displacement Committee** that coordinates campaigns and strategies relating to land stewardship, decommodification and community control of land, and develops strategies for democratic and community-led development to build power and serve the people and planet.
- **Renters Rights Committee** that coordinates organizing, campaigns, interventions and strategies relating to organizing the renter nation, tenant unions and advancing campaigns for renters rights. For more information on the Renters Rights committee [click here](#).

What are the RTTC Translocal *Infrastructure* Committees?

RTTC translocal infrastructure committees build and develop movement infrastructure and resources to support HFA and RTTCs ability to advance our priority strategies and campaigns. They include:

- The **Political Training Committee (PTC)** is responsible for guiding the development and implementation of political training programs and curricula to train organizers and strategists within the movement ecosystem; and developing political training infrastructure to serve the movement.
- The **Resource Development & ReDistribution Committee (R2D2)** is responsible for developing strategy and assessments of the national resource landscape; ensuring alignment between our national resource development strategies/tactics and broader RTTC/HFA strategies/tactics; coordinating our alliance and network-wide approach toward funding opportunities, and guiding RTTCs approach to democratic and equitable redistribution of resources to the membership.
- The **Communications & Narrative Committee** a) provides training, support and peer-mentorship to alliance members to develop communications and narrative strategies for local and regional campaigns b) coordinates alliance wide narrative strategies to contest for the battle of ideas and win the public over to our movement's beliefs about land, housing and development.
- The **Policy & Research Committee** will provide and coordinate strategic research to local and translocal campaigns and the broader movement. The research committee is also responsible for developing and coordinating relationships with strategic research partners and allies to serve grassroots movement organizations and social movements.
- The **Legal Committee** guides the development of legal infrastructure to support the organizing of the renter nation and the coordination of local, state and national legal strategic partnerships to advance the goals and organizing of the movement.

What are the Homes For All Regional Hubs?

Regional / Statewide Hubs are networks of local (mostly city/neighborhood based) Homes For all member organizations that coordinate campaigns, infrastructure, political training/education, resource generation and strategy assemblies across statewide or multi-state geographies.

State/Regional Hubs were initiated following the 2018 membership assembly as part of our collective goals to build infrastructure to support growing our movement from thousands of people to millions of people organizing across cities, states and regions. The current regional/statewide hubs that have been approved by the HFA Leadership Assembly and have 2 seats on the HFA Leadership Assembly are:

1. HFA South (HFA S)
2. HFA California (HFA CA)
3. Colorado HFA (COHFA)
4. HFA Washington DC (HFA DC)
5. HFA Massachusetts (HFA MA)



INVESTMENTS NEEDED TO PREVENT EVICTION AND HOMELESSNESS - SB 1530

Rent assistance and eviction prevention measures are critical interventions to keep our homelessness crisis from getting even worse. While prioritization of new development of affordable housing units is a key strategy to address our affordability crisis, these interventions will take years to have impact. In the meantime, hardworking Oregonians are struggling to make ends meet, facing eviction and homelessness as a result. We must invest in proven strategies to protect housing stability and prevent homelessness while we work towards long-term solutions.

\$45 million in rent assistance in OHCS Budget for rent assistance through community action agencies and community-based organizations.

\$6.5 million to the Urban League of Oregon for culturally specific housing stability services.

\$6 million to the Home Fund at Oregon Worker Relief for housing stability services for immigrant Oregonians.

\$2 million for outreach services for residents of expiring affordable housing units.

86% of eviction filings are against people who have fallen behind on their rent. There are close to 2000 eviction filings a month.

Eviction Prevention is Smart Investment



Prevent increased homelessness while saving money. No one should lose their home because they are temporarily short on their rent. And prevention of homelessness costs 10x less than responding to homelessness.



Help children stay stable in school. Oregon already has the highest rate of families living outside. We must keep every family who has a home in their home.



Prevent more housing disparities. Because of historic disparities in access to jobs and housing, Black, Indigenous and Latinx Oregonians are more likely to be renters, more likely to experience financial hardship, and more likely to face eviction and homelessness.

Oregon renters can't wait. Fund prevention now.



Oregon Alliance to End Violence Against Women



FARMWORKER HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
A HOME IS JUST THE BEGINNING





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Our Vision in Action

- Prevent displacement and homelessness with resources and navigation support.
- Support culturally specific organizations and programming
- Scale up affordable housing production
- Allow local governments to regulate rent
- Prioritize state spending that advances racial, gender, and economic justice.

Empowering Communities for a Better **Tomorrow**



CAT supports SB 1530, SB 1537, HB4126, and the Peoples Budget -Fair Shot for All

Omnibus SB 1530 (shelter to homeownership)

Emergency Rent Assistance (SB1530) \$40 million

○ Given the insufficiency of previous funding, this initiative aims to keep Oregonians housed by providing crucial financial assistance to those struggling with unaffordable rents, thereby preventing homelessness and housing insecurity.

Tenant Outreach, Education, and Resource Navigation \$ 2 million

Supports community-based organizations in connecting with residents facing the loss of affordability protections.

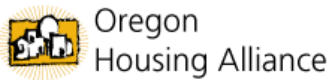
Culturally specific housing stability services. \$12.5 million [SB1530](#)

- \$6.5 million to the Urban League of Oregon for culturally specific housing stability services.
- \$6 million to the Home Fund at Oregon Worker Relief for housing stability services for immigrant Oregonians.

Maintaining Homeless Shelter Operations ([SB1530](#)) \$65 million

○ Ensures the continued operation of homeless shelters funded by the state and local government.

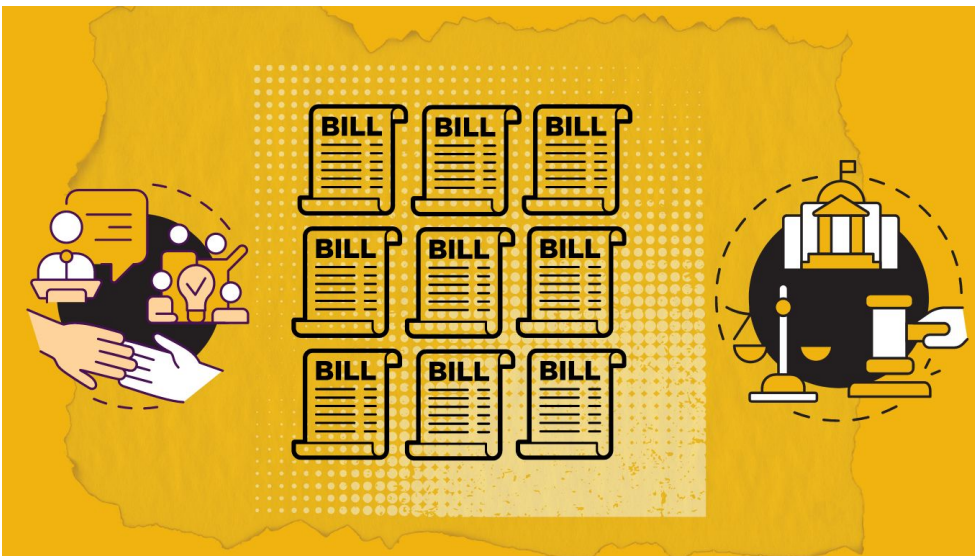
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2024 Legislative Agenda



Welcome to the Oregon Housing Alliance’s 2024 Legislative Agenda page, where we outline our collective focus and goals for advancing equitable housing solutions in Oregon. Together, we are committed to promoting homeownership, preserving affordable housing, and preventing homelessness to create a more inclusive and thriving community for all.



Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) ([HB4131](#))

- This initiative allocates \$10 million from the general fund to facilitate matched savings accounts and financial education for approximately 600-700 households across Oregon. These resources are designed to assist individuals and families in saving for various goals, including homeownership, small business ventures, higher education, and other financial objectives.

Building New Affordable Homes for First-Time Buyers

- With a proposed budget of \$15 million, this effort aims to address the housing affordability crisis by leveraging LIFT bonds to construct new homes accessible to first-time buyers in both urban and rural areas of the state. By expanding housing supply and promoting homeownership, this initiative seeks to enhance housing equity and stability for Oregonians.

Mortgages for Homebuyers with Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs)

- The Housing Alliance seeks to identify legislators and stakeholders who will join us to craft legislation for 2025 that removes barriers to homeownership for borrowers who use an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), rather than a social security number, to establish credit.

Regulate Predatory Real Estate Practices ([HB4058](#))

- Establishes three new areas of real estate industry regulation to increase consumer transparency and protect homeowners and homebuyers from predatory practices.

**Preserving Existing Affordable Housing**

- This priority allocates \$30 million to assist housing providers in acquiring and/or renovating existing affordable housing units, including manufactured housing parks and properties with expiring affordability restrictions. By preserving affordability, this initiative aims to prevent displacement and maintain stable housing options for low-income individuals and families across Oregon.

Address Oregon's Housing Supply Crisis ([SB1537](#))

- Supports cities and tribal governments with \$500 million in investments to address barriers to housing production, establish a housing production and accountability office, and implement four land use reforms.

Defer Developer Fees to Reduce the Cost of Housing Production ([HB4099](#))

- Allows cities to defer system development charges (SDCs) for new housing until after construction, reducing expenses for developers and potentially increasing affordable housing production.

Study Options to Reduce Infrastructure Development Costs ([HB 4155](#))

- Directs the Oregon Business Development Department to evaluate tools to lower the cost of infrastructure projects, including those required for the production of new housing.

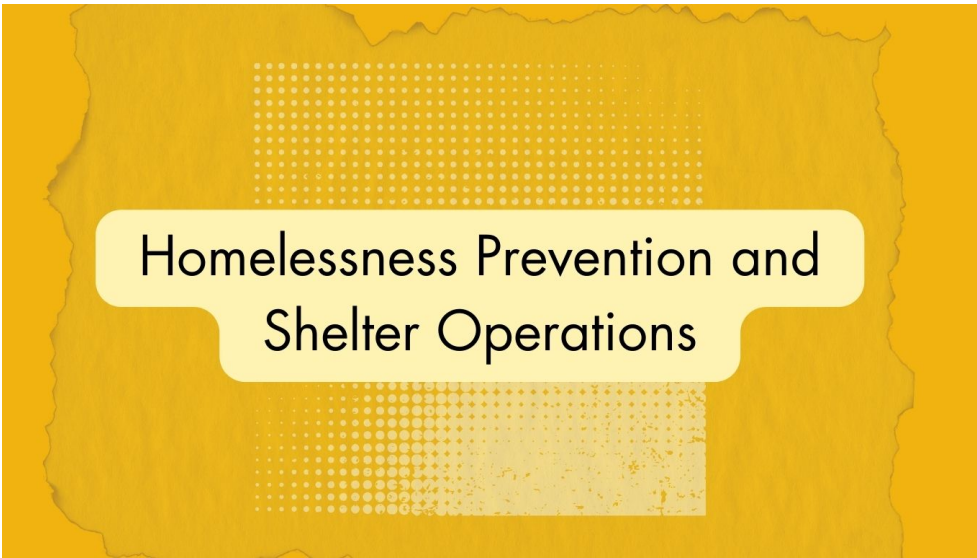


Tenant Outreach, Education, and Resource Navigation ([SB1530](#))

- With a budget of \$2 million, this initiative supports community-based organizations in connecting with residents facing the loss of affordability protections. These grants enable organizations to educate residents about their rights and options, provide access to resources, and facilitate connections with housing providers to secure long-term affordability. By empowering tenants with knowledge and support, this effort seeks to mitigate displacement and promote housing stability.

Allow Cities and Counties to Regulate Rents ([HB4126](#))

- Grants local governments the authority to implement rent regulation policies tailored to their communities, promoting housing stability and homelessness prevention.



Homelessness Prevention and Shelter Operations

Emergency Rent Assistance (SB1530)

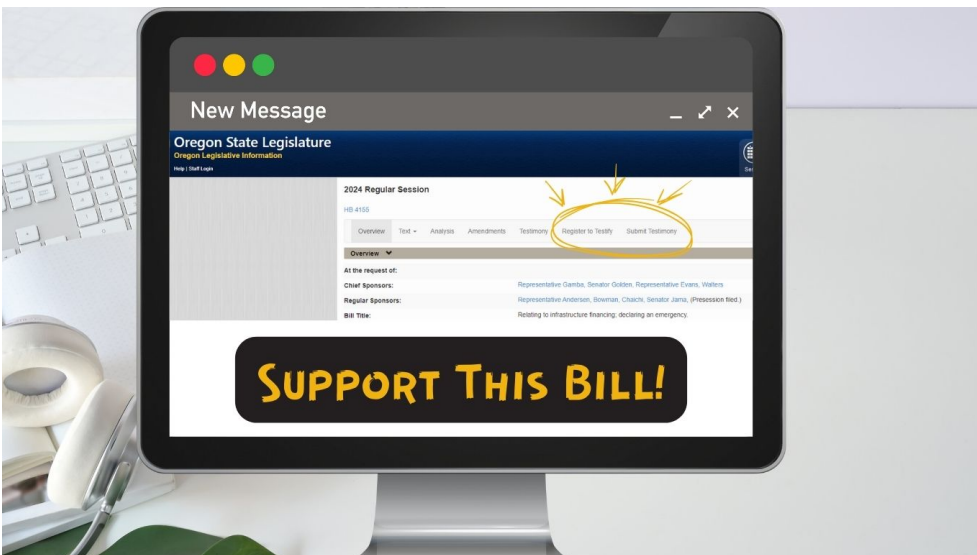
- Allocating \$40 million, this priority addresses the urgent need for rent support, with over 80% of evictions occurring due to non-payment. Given the insufficiency of previous funding, this initiative aims to keep Oregonians housed by providing crucial financial assistance to those struggling with unaffordable rents, thereby preventing homelessness and housing insecurity.

Maintaining Homeless Shelter Operations (SB1530)

- With a budget of \$65 million, this priority ensures the continued operation of homeless shelters funded by the state, as well as locally-funded shelters established using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) resources. By providing essential operating funds, this initiative supports shelters in providing critical services and assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness across various communities in Oregon.

Family Financial Protection Act (SB1595)

- Protects Oregonians' ability to maintain their housing and financial stability while paying off debts in collection, enhancing consumer protections during debt collection lawsuits.



Your voice matters! Click on the links to each bill to learn more about how they can impact

housing equity in Oregon. Take action by submitting testimony for bills with upcoming hearings and help shape policies that promote affordable housing, prevent homelessness, and expand homeownership opportunities for all Oregonians.

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2024 Legislative Priorities

- ✓ Budget Priority / \$30 million to preserve affordable housing
- ✓ [SB 1530](#) - Housing Investment Package
 - ◆ Preventing the closure of homeless shelters: \$65 Million
 - ◆ Eviction Intervention and Homeless Prevention: \$57.5 Million
 - ◆ Land Acquisition Revolving Loan Fund: \$20 Million
 - ◆ Affordable Homeownership for first time buyers: \$15 Million
 - ◆ Tenant outreach, education and resource navigation: \$2 Million
- ✓ [HB 4065](#) - City Revolving Loan program & Preservation Tenant Support
- ✓ [HB 4099](#) - Municipal Development Protection Fund
- ✓ [SB 1537](#) - Gov. Kotek's Housing Production Package
- ✓ [HB 4131](#) - \$10 Million for Individual Development Account Funding



State of the Housing Industry in Oregon - 2024: Navigating Through Storms

Oregon's affordable housing industry is navigating through a period of unprecedented challenges. The crisis of housing affordability has been a longstanding issue, but recent events, such as the devastating ice storm on January 13, 2024, have highlighted the fragility of our housing infrastructure and the vulnerability of our communities. While the full cost of repairs is unknown, according to the Oregon HUD Field office there will likely be \$50 million dollars in insurance claims across the region. Over one hundred affordable housing residents had to be relocated to hotels or other units due to damaged homes that were unsafe to return to. Providers report staff worked 90–115-hour weeks during the storm incurring hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional expenses. Not all these costs will be eligible for insurance coverage.

The affordable housing sector, reeling from the economic pressures of rising interest rates and cost increases, also faces significant headwinds in 2024 due to the state reaching its Private Activity Bond Volume cap. This might lead to a decrease in production at a crucial time when there is a heightened need for new construction in Oregon. It is imperative that the Legislature take the opportunity of the 2024 legislative session to make critical investments in infrastructure, which comes up time and again as a barrier to projects getting across the finish line and into service. Assisting affordable housing projects with upgrading sewers, sidewalks, and roads, helps unlock additional buildable parcels and spurs economic growth.

Affordable housing providers are still facing operational challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic and wildfires, such as loss of rental income and increased operating expenses. The pandemic has led to greater wear and tear on properties, as residents spent more time indoors. The recent ice storm serves as a poignant example of the everyday risks and challenges faced by the affordable housing sector. It underscores the vital role that these providers play in ensuring safe, stable, and affordable housing for Oregon's most vulnerable populations.

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Longer Term Needs and Opportunities for Investment in Oregon Affordable Housing

- ✓ **Predevelopment Support:** Our members have created and sustained thousands of homes for Oregonians. We are poised and ready to be part of the next wave of housing creation, but we can't do it alone. We need pre development funds to build capacity for nonprofit developers, especially culturally specific and rural CDCs.
- ✓ **Affordable Homeownership:** Continuing to invest in affordable homeownership opportunities through a variety of flexible funds and down payment assistance and wealth building programs
- ✓ **Preservation:** Investing in the preservation and rehabilitation of existing affordable housing is crucial to maintaining these valuable assets. By proactively enhancing and updating these properties, we not only extend the life of these buildings and improve living conditions, but also ensure they continue to serve as affordable options, preventing their transition to market-rate housing.
- ✓ **Safeguarding properties:** It's vital to continue providing secure homes for high-need residents, particularly those recovering from the trauma of homelessness. Focused investment in the upkeep of existing properties, especially those housing individuals with intensive support needs, is a key part of this commitment.
- ✓ **Addressing the Soaring Cost of Insurance and Operations:** A significant challenge we face is the escalating cost of insurance and operational expenses. We propose the creation of a state-backed insurance pool or similar risk mitigation strategies by the state.

Who is Housing Oregon?

Housing Oregon is a vibrant, member-driven association that brings together over 90 diverse organizations committed to fostering nonprofit affordable housing and community development throughout the state. This robust network comprises nonprofit community development corporations (CDCs), various financial institutions, and a range of service providers, all united in their mission to support and enhance affordable housing efforts.

Our members are deeply involved in various aspects of affordable housing, from construction and financing to providing essential support services. The CDCs within our coalition serve a wide spectrum of residents, including low-income seniors, farmworkers, culturally specific groups, veterans, and many others. These organizations do more than just offer housing; they enrich communities with vital services such as food banks, career support, Independent Development Accounts, after-school programming, behavioral health, and other innovative initiatives designed to meet the specific needs of their residents. A 2022 study looking at our member's portfolios shows average rents are affordable to 42 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), underlining our member's pivotal position in providing the bulk of the inventory of housing with below market rents in Oregon.

Housing Oregon members play a significant role in Oregon's construction sector economy. Their development activities are estimated to contribute over \$100 million annually in construction payroll. This economic impact is bolstered by the thousands of jobs generated through ongoing front line services, property management, and other operations throughout Oregon.



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Prioritize the People

Each year, our coalition creates the Fair Shot Priority Agenda and the People's Budget to provide Oregon legislators with a clear set of policy and funding priorities to advance racial, gender, and economic justice in our state. Despite harmful walkouts that threatened our families and communities, our legislative champions and supporters held strong to advance forward-thinking policies and investments. We are grateful to legislators for passing Fair Shot's 2023 priority agenda and for supporting many of the smart, community-led policies, programs, and workforce supports from the [2023 People's Budget](#).

While we celebrate our progress, we know that our communities are still bearing the brunt of the economic impacts of the pandemic and inflation. The high costs of housing, groceries, and bills affect all Oregonians, but not equally. A legacy of disinvestment has created economic disparities in our state that persist today for Black people, Indigenous people, people of color, women, LGBTQ+ people, immigrants, and working families.

In the upcoming legislative session, Oregonians are counting on legislators to make meaningful progress on the state's toughest challenges through strategic investments of our growing budget surplus. There is more work to do to ensure every Oregonian has access to housing, child care, health care, food, and justice, and to strengthen our workforce. **The Fair Shot for All coalition is highlighting some of the most pressing unfinished business for this biennium from the 2023 People's Budget.**

By prioritizing these investments in economic, racial, and gender justice, we continue to strengthen our overall economy and create lasting prosperity for all Oregonians.

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Unfinished Business: Strategic investments to promote shared prosperity in Oregon

Priority	Estimated Investment	Description
<p>Housing and Rental Assistance</p> <p><i>Stable Homes for Oregon Families, Community Alliance of Tenants, Oregon Worker Relief, Urban League of Portland, Oregon Law Center</i></p>	<p>\$63M</p>	<p>As we work towards new production goals and to address homelessness, we must ensure that we turn off the spigot to the street.</p> <p>As our housing affordability crisis continues, more than 80% of all evictions happen because someone is behind on their rent. Each of these cases represents an Oregon household at risk of homelessness, and these numbers are just the tip of the iceberg – studies show that approximately five times the number of people in eviction court suffer displacement outside of Court.</p> <p>Rent assistance is the single most effective tool at preventing eviction and homelessness– making sure that landlords get paid and tenants stay housed. While legislators made important investments in 2023 to address the housing crisis, rent assistance programs were inadequately funded.</p> <p>Rent and other housing stability assistance programs by community-based and culturally-specific organizations and coalitions doing housing stability work are critical to reaching the Oregonians in every county in the state who are most vulnerable.</p> <p>Oregon should invest at least \$45M in homelessness prevention rental assistance and \$10M to the Urban League and \$6M to Oregon Worker Relief Home Fund to provide culturally specific housing stability programs that include rental</p>

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		<p>assistance and critical wrap-around services. In addition, \$2 million is needed for outreach and navigation services to help tenants living in expiring affordable housing units avoid homelessness.</p>
<p>Childcare for Oregon</p> <p><i>Family Forward Oregon, APANO, Unite Oregon, PCUN</i></p>	<p>\$150-225M</p>	<p>Oregon families and employers rely on the availability and accessibility of high-quality childcare in every corner of the state. However, federal dollars have been pulled back and Oregon's 23-25 biennium budget does not adequately fund this essential infrastructure. At the beginning of 2023 DELC's request for ERDC was \$250M, and the legislature allocated only \$23M.</p> <p>Oregon families have already been shut out of enrollment in Employment Related Day Care. These subsidies are critical for Oregon children and families, child care providers, and employers.</p> <p>Without investments in child care, parents must cut their working hours or quit their jobs to care for their kids. This has devastating impacts for all Oregonians, but especially for women of color, who are most impacted by the failures of our current system and who also disproportionately work as child care providers in our state.</p>
<p>Universal Representation</p> <p><i>Oregon Worker Relief</i></p>	<p>\$7.5M</p>	<p>Universal legal representation helps keep Oregon families and communities whole by safeguarding against unjust deportation. Without representation, immigrant Oregonians are more likely to be deported, regardless of the merits of their case.</p> <p>One in eight workers in Oregon is an immigrant, making up a vital part of the state's</p>

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		<p>labor force. Oregon employers bear the high turnover costs of hiring, training, and lost productivity when their employees are unnecessarily detained and deported.</p> <p>One in 15 children in Oregon live with a family member who is undocumented. If a family's breadwinner is deported, family members face housing and food insecurity and children must cope with the incredible trauma of family separation, with long-lasting psychological impacts. Children's school attendance and performance are also negatively affected, increasing their likelihood of dropping out and earning significantly less as adults.</p> <p>Legislators can build upon the success of the 2022 Universal Representation bill by investing \$7.5M to maintain Equity Corps of Oregon, the statewide collaborative of community-based organizations, nonprofits, and attorneys that provides no-cost immigration legal services.</p>
<p>Climate Change Fund</p> <p><i>Oregon Worker Relief, PCUN, Oregon Law Center</i></p>	<p>\$9M</p>	<p>Oregonians increasingly face extreme heat waves, wildfires, and unhealthy air, but the dangers of the climate crisis are not evenly distributed.</p> <p>Agricultural workers are often forced to work in dangerous smoke and heat because they cannot afford to miss out on what are already extremely low wages. Many of Oregon's agricultural workers are immigrants, Indigenous, or Latinx and low-income and do essential work including farming, tree-planting, dairying, raising livestock, food processing, and nursery work.</p>

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		<p>Prioritizing relief to the members of our communities who are most impacted is key to developing an equitable response to climate disasters.</p> <p>The Climate Change Fund by Oregon Worker Relief provides financial assistance to agriculture workers when extreme heat or smoke pollution prevents them from working so they can take care of themselves and their families.</p> <p>The Climate Change Fund's initial funding was quickly distributed to 9,569 agricultural workers in 34 counties. We urge legislators to invest in the Climate Change Fund in 2024 to protect workers from climate extremes. This investment plays a crucial role in supporting agricultural workers in Oregon who contribute to the nourishment and wellbeing of our state.</p>
<p>Restorative Justice</p> <p><i>Restorative Justice Coalition of Oregon</i></p>	<p>\$4M</p>	<p>Restorative justice is a survivor-centered approach to accountability that focuses on promoting healing for those who have been harmed and on fostering true internal accountability for those who have caused harm.</p> <p>This community-based approach to harm serves as an alternative to prosecution. Restorative justice thereby creates a mechanism for relieving the pressure on Oregon's overburdened court and public defense systems and reducing the state's reliance on incarceration, while also making communities safer.</p> <p>In 2021, the Oregon legislature allocated \$4 million to the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) to develop the Restorative Justice</p>

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		<p>Grant Program.</p> <p>This led to eight programs serving over thirteen counties receiving funding to initiate and/or expand restorative services. In the 2024 session, the Oregon Legislature has the opportunity to allow these programs to continue by appropriating \$4 million for this critical program.</p>
School Based Health Centers	<p>\$8.2M for programming</p> <p>\$10M for capital construction</p>	<p>School-based health centers (SBHCs) in Oregon deliver quality, affordable, cost-effective health care to young people and function like a doctor's office located on school grounds. They offer a range of medical and health services, enjoy broad community support, and help keep kids healthier, in school, and ready to learn. Investments in SBHCs benefit schools, families, communities, and serve thousands of Oregon youth every year.</p> <p>Many young people in Oregon still lack adequate access to the health care they need — and mental health care in particular — due to stigma, a lack of health insurance, an insurance policy with limited coverage, a lack of understanding about how to access care, poor access to transportation (especially in rural areas), and a lack of medical providers providing care under the Oregon Health Plan. SBHCs address each of these barriers by providing all school-aged youth with the care they need, whether they have private insurance, public assistance, or no insurance.</p> <p>In 2024, legislators can increase the availability of mental health services statewide by investing \$18.2M in our vital SBHCs. Mental health services embedded within school-based health centers create a continuum of integrated care that</p>

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		improves children’s mental health, physical health, and educational attainment.
<p>Student Emergency Package</p> <p><i>Oregon Student Association, Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon, Basic Needs Oregon, Open Oregon Educational Resources, Swipe Out Hunger</i></p>	\$6M	<p>College and university students in Oregon are reporting increased rates of food insecurity, housing instability, and challenges affording and accessing textbooks, transportation, childcare, and other basic needs.</p> <p>In 2021, the Oregon State Legislature took a critical step in addressing student basic needs insecurities by passing HB 2835, the Benefits Navigator Bill. This legislation was designed to close opportunity gaps and facilitate economic mobility by increasing access to federal, state, and local benefits for low income students at community colleges and public universities.</p> <p>The 2024 Student Emergency Needs Package is a bipartisan, student-centered effort to support Oregon’s Basic Needs Navigators and Textbook Affordability Program with \$6 million dollars in one-time, emergency funding.</p> <p>This policy will further support the legislature’s work of addressing students basic needs and textbook affordability by allowing every institution to pinpoint the programs/solutions that work best for their student body to better access housing, food, clothing, technology, textbooks, transportation and other student needs.</p>
<p>Universal Healthcare Governance Board</p> <p><i>Healthcare for All Oregon</i></p>	\$0.5M	A significant barrier to advance so many issues related to racial, gender, and economic justice is the current system’s complexity and inequitable access to health care. This is why

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		<p>we need universal healthcare.</p> <p>In the 2023 Legislative Session, SB1089 established the Universal Health Plan Governance Board to put Oregon on a path to realizing the recently codified constitutional right to health care. The Universal Health Plan Governance Board will design a detailed, publicly funded, single payer universal health care system for recommendation to the Oregon Legislature for implementation to start as soon as 2027.</p> <p>The legislature should continue the immediate work of the Universal Healthcare Governance Board with an additional \$500,000 this biennium. This funding will help create and develop the positions and systems needed to work with the public, employers, and other stakeholders to achieve success.</p>
<p>Healthy Homes</p> <p><i>Oregon Just Transition Alliance, APANO, Verde, Community Energy Project, and Climate Solutions</i></p>	<p>\$15M</p>	<p>54% of Oregonians live in housing built before 1978 that is energy-inefficient and in need of repairs and weatherproofing.</p> <p>Families with low incomes, families living in rural and tribal communities, and individuals that identify as Black, Indigenous, or people of color are the most at risk due to decades of redlining and other discriminatory practices. Consequently, these communities are most harmed by sick days and hospital visits caused by mold, cold weather, and the inability to take refuge from bad outdoor air quality.</p> <p>The 2021 Oregon Legislature enacted groundbreaking legislation to help achieve</p>

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		<p>Healthy Homes for low-income households and communities impacted by environmental justice factors. The Healthy Homes program provides grants to trusted nonprofits to provide financial assistance to eligible homeowners and landlords to repair and rehabilitate dwellings to address climate and other environmental hazards, ensure accessible homes for disabled residents, and make general repairs needed to maintain a safe and healthy home.</p> <p>Funding for Healthy Homes is expected to run out in 2024. Oregon should build on its initial investment from 2021 to make sure that all Oregonians can be healthy in their homes.</p>
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Fair Shot for All is an economic justice coalition of grassroots organizations and labor unions across the state who work together to create opportunities for all working families to thrive, build power with our communities, and dismantle historic and systemic economic inequities in our state. We are organized across race, class, and gender and center those of us who have been impacted most: Oregonians who are Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and/or people of color; LGBTQ+; women; and/or working class families. There is incredible strength in our numbers and our fierce belief in the future we are fighting for.

February 2024 Board Blurb

Hotline

In January, we completed 158 hotline calls across the state and 15 Live calls. The top calls were about repairs and deposits.

FY 23-24 OHCS Hotline Goal: 1,500-2,000 callers

FY 23-24 PHB Hotline Goal: 1,000

TPT

Annual Goal for TPT referrals with each partner:

APANO: 30-40

IRCO: 30-40

SEI: 30-40

Annual Goal for Legal Referrals through TPT: Up to 100

1 SEI workshop completed in January.

HCV

The HCV contract is due to end in February 2024.

Fitsum, the Education Coordinator for Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) continues to join and participate in the Home Forward HCV orientation every Tuesday, Wednesday and sometimes on Thursday.

Weekly, Fitsum presented a CAT mini-presentation focusing on Documentation, Hotline Renters Rights, Screening and Deposits at the Home Forward orientations. He attended 12 Home Forward HCV orientations. Overall, 71 eligible tenants were in attendance at these Home Forward workshops.

Fitsum conducted 2 HCV presentations over the phone and on Zoom and 3 eligible tenants completed the HCV class to receive their \$200 security deposit voucher to help with their move.