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Community Alliance of Tenants
Community Development Network
Community Housing Fund
Community Partners for Affordable Housing
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Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.
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Homeless Families Coalition
HOST Development, Inc.
Housing Advocacy Group of Washington Co.
Housing Development Center
Interfaith Committee on Homelessness
Jackson County Housing Coalition
Lane County Legal Aid and Advocacy Center
League of Women Voters of Oregon
Lincoln County
Manufactured Home Owners of Oregon, Inc.
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Multnomah County
Neighborhood Economic Development Corp.
Neighborhood Partnership Fund
Network for Oregon Affordable Housing
Northwest Community Land Trust Coalition
Northwest Housing Alternatives
Oregon Action
Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities
Oregon Coalition on Housing & Homelessness
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Local Solutions to Homelessness

Promoting Local Solutions to Homelessness: \$750,000 to support development and implementation of community-based solutions to homelessness.

- **\$576,000 for capacity grants to assist local community efforts to design and implement 10-Year Plans to End Homelessness.**
- **\$174,000 for technical assistance to support the local plans.**

Each year more Oregonians become homeless. On any given night, **13,020 individuals are provided emergency shelter** across the state, while an estimated 4,655 Oregonians are left to the streets, forest roads and public right of ways. Moreover, the face of homelessness is changing. ***Families and children now comprise 72% of those being turned away from shelters due to lack of space.***

And it's getting worse. Over 15,000 school children were homeless during the 2006-2007 school year - an 18% increase over the previous year. Children and families deserve an opportunity to succeed in school and life, which is tied to having a stable home.

To end this disturbing trend and successfully combat the challenges presented by homelessness, we must encourage all partners in the homeless system to work together locally to design innovative, efficient and comprehensive solutions.

Recognizing the need to build a strong network of providers to look holistically at homelessness, addiction, mental illness, hunger and other causes and conditions of poverty, Governor Kulongoski created the Ending Homelessness Advisory Council (EHAC). This was a significant first step but it's not enough. Now is the time to build on this strategy and strengthen local efforts to end homelessness.

Creating Local Incentives - \$576,000 in capacity grants will assist local community efforts to design and implement 10-Year Plans to End Homelessness throughout Oregon. This one-time funding will allow Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to establish an incentive-based program to help communities create and implement a local homeless strategy.

Each participating community will be eligible to apply for up to \$16,000 in grant funding to support local efforts with the collection of data, organization, planning and implementation of a homeless strategy. As opportunities emerge, it is possible for participating communities to join together and use resources collectively to develop multi-county strategies to end homelessness.

Our success in defeating homelessness depends on our ability to create a strong coordinated statewide approach tailored to individual communities. Investing in local efforts with the creation of capacity grants will help:

- Showcase best practices and successful solutions being implemented locally

- Strengthen capacity in rural communities currently lacking the resources to design and
- implement local homeless strategies;
- Create a strong, local network of providers;
- Complement Governor Kulongoski's statewide strategy;
- Build strong local networks among service providers; and
- Identify opportunities within communities to leverage private, local and federal resources to maximize Oregon's investment in homelessness. In 2006, \$6.4 million generated more than \$13 million in local communities through matching or leveraging a combination of state, federal, local and private resources.

Statewide Technical Assistance – To ensure a coordinated approach, OHCS and EHAC will set criteria for funding technical assistance for local communities. The one-time allocation of \$174,000 will allow OHCS to contract a consultant to facilitate regional workshops and offer individualized technical assistance to help local communities with the development of 10-Year Plans to End Homelessness.

Specifically, OHCS will provide the following technical assistance to local communities:

- Travel to counties and work with local planners in their communities;
- Ensure that all plans are outcome driven;
- Share successful national best practices and proven local models;
- Provide guidance to ensure local plans do not conflict;
- Provide information about state initiatives that may impact local plans; and
- Provide guidance so that local plans can capture information/data needed statewide.

In summary, the Housing Alliance is requesting \$750,000 in capacity grants and technical assistance to create incentives and to support local communities with the development of 10-Year Plans to End Homelessness.

2007 Status of 10-Year Plans to End Homelessness in Oregon

* From the US Interagency Council on Homelessness

| Counties with completed plans or in development | Counties considering developing a plan | All other Oregon counties | |
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| Coos | Benton | Baker | Malheur |
| Clackamas | Clatsop | Columbia | Morrow |
| Multnomah | Crook | Curry | Sherman |
| Marion | Deschutes | Douglas | Tillamook |
| Jackson | Jefferson | Gilliam | Umatilla |
| Washington | Josephine | Grant | Union |
| Lincoln | Linn | Harney | Wallowa |
| Lane | Polk | Hood River | Wasco |
| Yamhill | | Klamath | Wheeler |
| | | Lake | |