

City-County Coordinated Homeless Response Pilots (LC 218)

LC 218 establishes locally led, regional housing coordination through 8 pilots across the state. Each pilot will receive \$1 million in state funding over two years to operationalize coordinated offices to strengthen their communities' homeless response. These pilots are not intended to be duplicative of existing work in the community, nor are they intended to take on the role of direct service delivery. Instead, these pilots will:

- Provide high-level coordination, centralized communication, and strategic visioning;
- Identify opportunities to more effectively leverage existing funds and access new resources; and
- Create a more equitable, accessible and responsive system for their residents experiencing homelessness.

LC 218 sets out minimum standards for each pilot, including:

- Sign an IGA with regional partners to manage and facilitate the coordinated homeless response office;
- Establish an oversight board, consisting of members from each participating local government;
- Develop a 5-year strategic plan to identify gaps in their community's homeless services, in coordination with community partners and existing efforts;
- Commit to continued, sustained funding beyond the first 2 years of state funding; and
- Report back to the legislature and OHCS on local progress, opportunities, and challenges to inform future state homeless funding and policy decisions

These standards provide a basic structure for accountability and the reasonable use of funds while giving communities the flexibility to model local best practices and create efficiencies in their regional homeless response systems, all in the name of improving access to resources and services for Oregonians experiencing homelessness. The required coordination with existing community partners, culturally specific organizations, and state and federal systems intends to build on Oregon's developing homeless response strategy, including critical connections to permanent affordable housing.

LC 218 requests \$8 million for 8 pilots in the following communities:

- Benton County/City of Corvallis
- Coos County/City of Coos Bay/City of North Bend
- Deschutes County/City of Bend/City of Redmond
- Hood River County/Wasco County/Sherman County/City of The Dalles/City of Hood River/Mid-Columbia Community Action Counsel
- Lincoln County/Lincoln City/City of Newport/City of Toledo
- Polk County/Falls City/City of Monmouth/City of Independence/City of Willamina/City of Dallas/Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde/Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency
- Tillamook County/City of Tillamook/Bay City/City of Garibaldi/City of Rockaway Beach/City of Wheeler/City of Manzanita/Community Action Resource Enterprises Inc. (CARE)
- Umatilla County/City of Hermiston/City of Stanfield/City of Echo/City of Umatilla



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