

# Welcome to the Housing Stabilization Webinar!

We will begin at 9:05 AM. In the meantime...

- This is being recorded, including the chat box conversations.
- Due to limited time together, we may not get to every question. We are eager to hear your thoughts via an online survey.
- Closed captions available during the presentation. Toggle located at the bottom of the screen.
- Recording and presentation will be posted on our website, including captioning

Oregon Housing & Community Services

# 2023 DRAFT Legislative Agenda: Housing Stabilization Division

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# Meeting Agreements

- Use the Q&A box for questions or comments.
- This is being recorded, including the Q&A comments.
- Refer to the *OHCS DRAFT 2023 Legislative Agenda Memo* for additional information on OHCS legislative priorities.
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# Message from Executive Director Andrea Bell

# Legislative Planning Process

- State agencies are required to plan next biennium budget advance using:
  - **Legislative Concepts** (change to statutes)
  - **Policy Option Packages** (resource asks)
- The next Governor must balance the state budget considering enterprise-wide needs, including vital health care, education, and others.
- Changes in leadership: unknown Governor, new legislative leadership, new agency leadership.

# Key Dates

**May 13** OHCS legislative agenda survey opens

**May 30** OHCS legislative agenda survey closes

**May 18** revenue forecast

**June 3** legislative concept details finalized

**September** budget details submitted to DAS

**January 2023** Governor's Recommended Budget released

**January 2023** Legislative Session begins

# Guiding Principles



**Breaking  
New Ground**  
OREGON'S STATEWIDE HOUSING PLAN

2019-2023

- This is the last legislative agenda informed by the current Statewide Housing Plan
- Push proven investments that are systemic, upstream, and right-size program delivery infrastructure
- Acknowledge and be accountable for government's role in creating and exacerbating housing disparities among communities of color and other marginalized communities by centering a racial justice and equity lens in agenda design

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# DRAFT 2023 Legislative Agenda

## Agency Wide Legislative Concepts

**This year our agency will be working to clarify statutory language within many references. Here is a quick summary:**

- Clarity for Procurement Purchase Authority and how the public contracting code applies to OHCS goods and services
- Revisions to Housing Stability Council Rulemaking Role – references advisory council as an advisory to rulemaking and not final approving authority
- General account statute clean up – removing empty account statutes, updating program names and removes unnecessary program guidance from within accounting statutes where they conflict with policy program statute
- Technical fixes to confirm income limits (Oregon Affordable Housing Tax Credit) and ensure tribal governments are eligible for to General Housing Account Program funds

# DRAFT 2023 Legislative Agenda

## Agency Wide Policy Option Packages

- **Training and Technical Assistance:** This investment will build the capacity of organizations, support their ability to move their mission-critical work forward, and ensure the system of housing providers, including OHCS, are effectively addressing the most pressing housing issues in each community.
- **Language Access:** This policy option package will help provide a consistent approach for the agency to better understand and develop materials to better meet accessibility needs.
- **Grant Management Solutions:** This investment is to modernize the grants management software by enhance the agency's ability to receive and deliver funds, to provide reports that allow for an accurate and current understanding of finances, and services to Oregonians effectively and efficiently.

# DRAFT 2023 Legislative Agenda Investments

Affordable Rental Housing		Homeownership		Housing Stabilization		Agencywide	
Local Innovation Fast Track (LIFT) Rental Program	\$200M – Bonds	Homeowner Protection Program	\$13M	Individual Development Account (IDA) Investment	\$40M	Language Access Resources	\$1.2M
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Program	\$10M + \$75M – Bonds	Affordable Homeownership Development Program	\$25M	Eviction Prevention Resources	\$60M	Training & Technical Assistance Support	\$25M
Affordable Housing Preservation Package	\$175M	Resources for Homeowners of Manufactured Housing	\$8M	Long Term Rental Assistance (Youth & Families)	\$39M	Grant Management Solutions	TBD
Co-Location (CARE)	\$20M	Foreclosure Counseling Resources	\$2M	Shelter Investments	\$70.5M	<b>Disaster Recovery &amp; Resilience</b> Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Admin Approval (no state funding request)	
Land Acquisition Program (LAP)	\$10M	Down Payment Assistance with Flex Lending	\$25M	Data Coordination (HMIS)	\$2M		

Authorize Family Self-Sufficiency for Section 8 Portfolio (no state funding request)

*Over \$800M in investments*

Refer to the [OHCS DRAFT 2023 Legislative Agenda Memo](#) for more information.



# Housing Stabilization Division

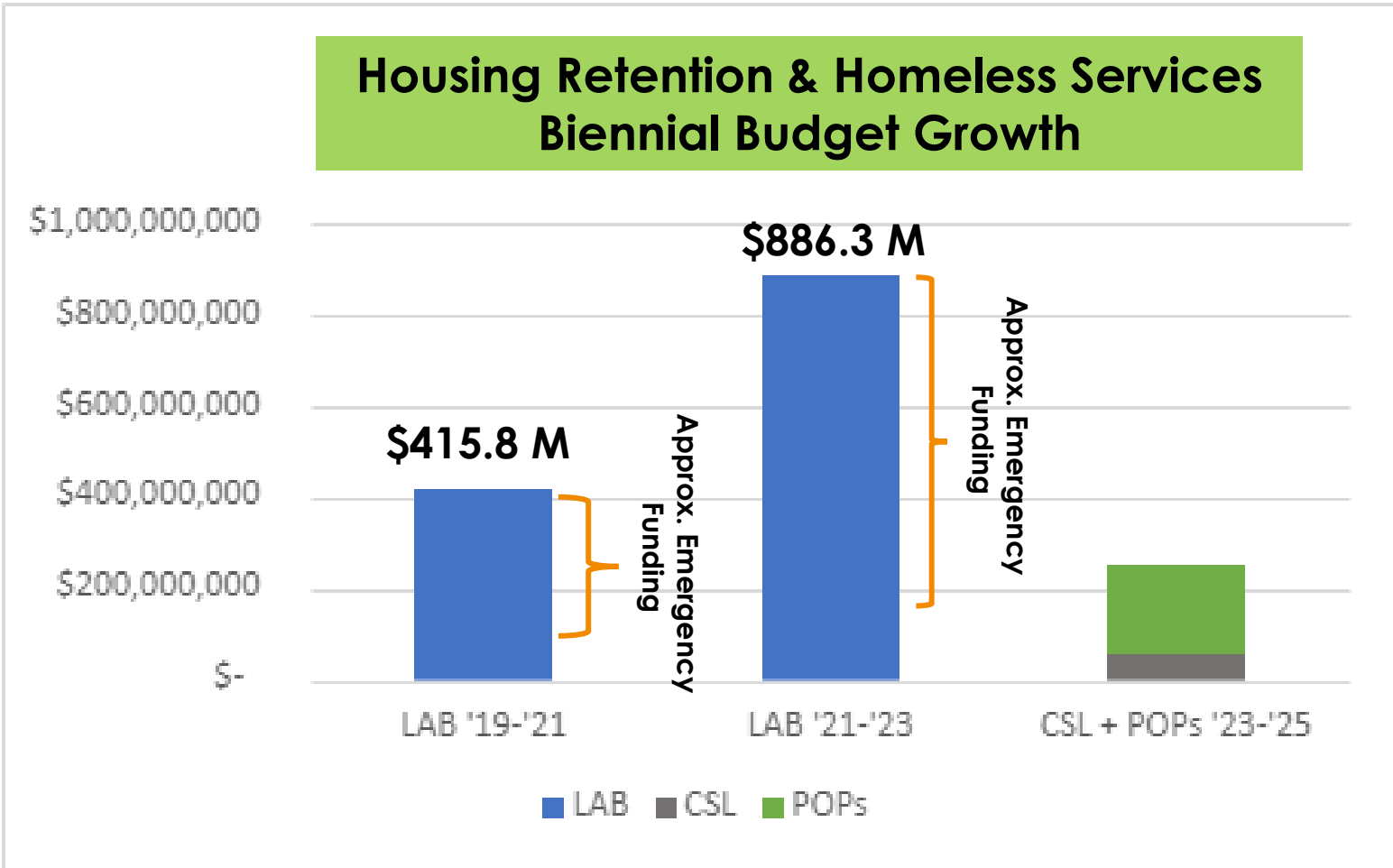
## 2023 DRAFT Legislative Agenda

# Legislative Concepts

- **Taskforce/Interagency Council on Homelessness Recommendations**
  - Placeholder pending recommendations from Taskforce on Homelessness and Racial Disparities and/or the Interagency Council on Homelessness
  - Recommendations are expected into the Fall of 2022 and beyond.
- **Repeal of Housing Choice Advisory Council (HCAC)**
  - OHCS is considering the repeal of statute that establishes the HCAC to avoid eliminate duplicative reporting efforts and streamline processes, alleviating administrative burden for a program OHCS does not oversee.
- **Individual Development Accounts**
  - This placeholder may not be introduced if statutory updates are not needed to achieve the goals of the IDA POP.

# DRAFT 2021 Legislative Agenda Investments

## Comparing 2019-21 Budget to 2023-25 Proposals



Important to Note:

- Ongoing (CSL) funds not included: Emergency Housing account (EHA/SHAP), Emergency Solutions Grants and other federal programs
- **More than \$1.4 BILLION** in emergency funding were deployed by this division from 2020 through the end of this biennium



# Housing Stabilization Strategy

- In our Statewide Housing Plan, OHCS has made a commitment to build a **coordinated and concerted** statewide effort to **prevent and end homelessness**
- Invest in culturally specific partnerships with strategies that work for their communities.
- Keep families in their homes
- Prioritize Housing focused shelter and services.
- Measure and report outcomes, commit to measurement and improvement.

# DRAFT Investment Asks

## General Fund Requests

- Long Term Rental Assistance (Youth and Families)
- Housing Retention Resources
- Housing Focused Shelter and Service Resources
- Data Coordination and Reporting (HMIS)
- Individual Development Account (IDA) Investment

**\$211.5 M Total**



# Data Coordination (HMIS)

- Continue funding Homeless Information Management System (HMIS) implementation
- Fund additional staff to facilitate data coordination
- Provide additional HMIS licenses to partner organizations



**\$2 Million General Fund**

# Housing-Focused Shelter and Services



This investment will include:

- Project Turnkey
- Out of the Cold
- Navigation Centers
- 9 Tribes of Oregon
- Built for Zero
- Continuums of Care
- Youth experiencing homelessness, and more

*OHCS anticipates these investments will shift as we hear from community*

**\$70.5 Million General Fund**

# Housing Retention: Long Term Rental Assistance (Youth and Families)

- Expands pilot program to further establish a long-term statewide youth rental assistance program
- Supporting individuals and families younger than 25-years-old and transitioning out of foster care, homelessness, behavioral health or treatment facility, and corrections, or detention
- Considering alignment with Permanent Supportive Housing



**\$39 Million General Fund**

# Housing Retention Strategies (contd.)

## Best Practices for Eviction Prevention Program

Investments will include:

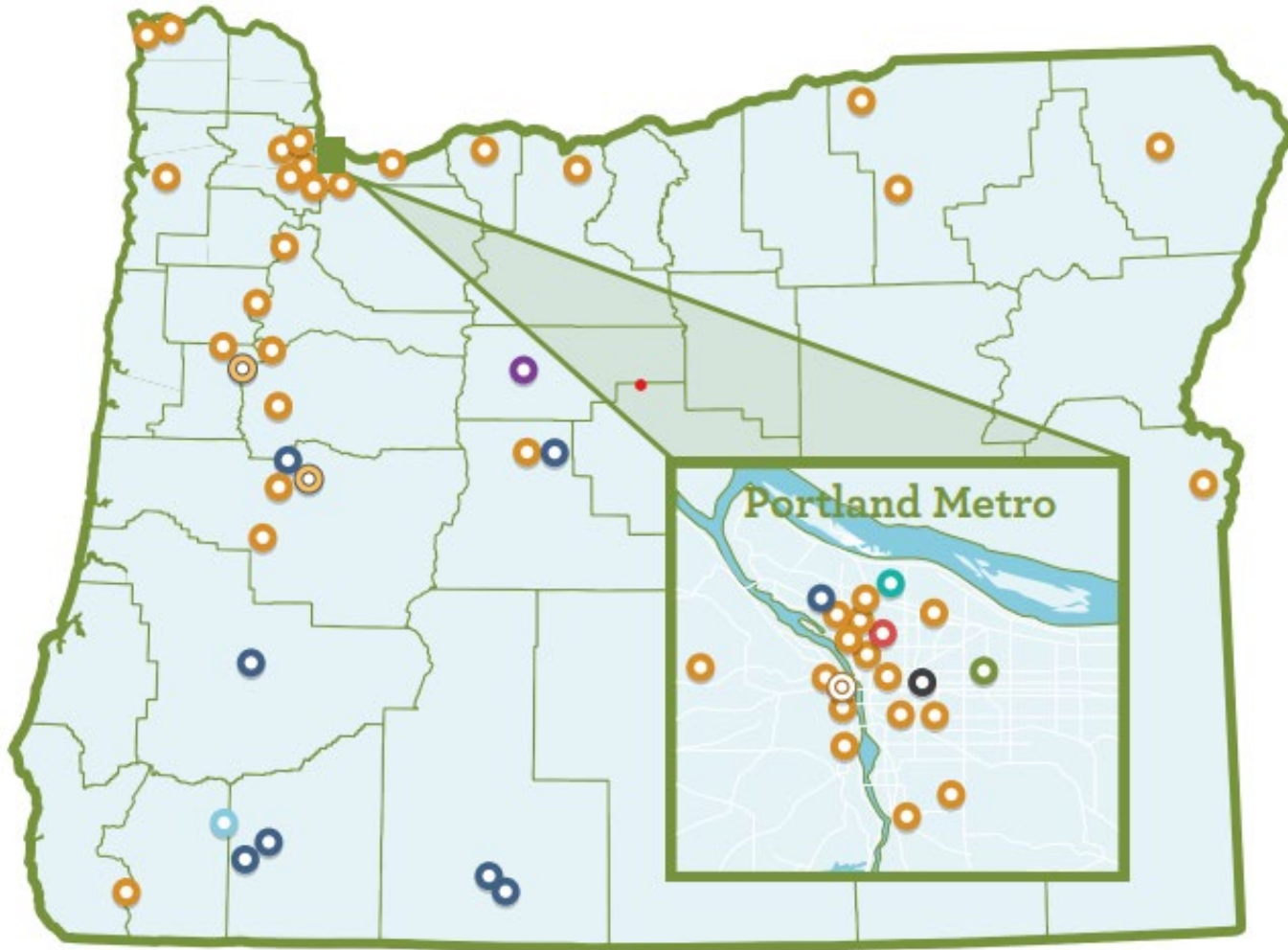
- Local rental assistance funds via ORE-DAP
- Legal & Mediation Services
- Investments in culturally-responsive partners, and more.



OHCS will continue to focus investments on the four key, data-backed, areas of need for successful Eviction Diversion programs.

**\$60 Million General Fund**

# Individual Development Account (IDA) Investment



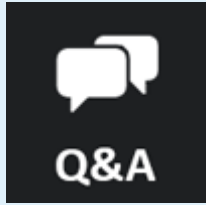
OHCS is considering investments in the IDA Program which could allow flexibility to address the high demand for the program, expand providers & simplify administration.

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**\$40 Million General Fund**

# Next Steps

- Survey will be released by Friday, May 13 and responses are due Monday, May 30.
- OHCS will post updates and additional materials to: <https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/about-us/Pages/government-relations.aspx>
- Sign up for the legislative updates [mailing list!](#)



# Questions?

Use the Q&A function to share your questions, and OHCS staff will respond!

Visit our [website](#) for more information.

Survey will be open Friday,  
May 13 to Monday, May 30.

# Thank You!

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