



In the last three biennia, the Oregon Legislature has dramatically increased resources to address Oregon's homeless crisis. As a funder OHCS has the responsibility to build a coordinated and concerted statewide response that focuses on outcomes for vulnerable Oregonians, ensures equitable services for all, and brings more seats to the table. House Bill 2100 opens the door to a new system that is inclusive and aligns with Oregon's Statewide Housing Plan.

	Current statute	HB 2100: Modernizing Oregon's Homeless System
Who can provide advice to OHCS and the Housing Stability Council on homeless services resources?	Community Action Partnership of Oregon	Community Action Partnership of Oregon, Oregonians with lived experiences of homelessness, tribes, public housing authorities, continuums of care, local governments, nonprofits, homeless service providers, culturally specific organizations, Veteran serving organizations, housing providers, and more.
What do the Oregon Revised Statutes governing homeless services say about racial equity?	Silent	HB 2100 includes multiple approaches to move toward racial equity in the homeless services system. The bill creates performance expectations for culturally responsive services and codifies performance standards for Community Action Agencies to engage culturally specific service providers in their planning. It also opens pathways for culturally specific service providers to advise OHCS on homeless service programs, and to apply directly for homeless service dollars within regional set-asides.
Who has direct access to OHCS homeless resources?	18 Community Action Agencies, exclusively and noncompetitively	Community Action Agencies, culturally specific organizations, Veteran serving organizations, youth homeless providers, senior housing providers, domestic violence shelter providers, cities, counties, school districts, and others.
How does the statute address the use of best practices and desired outcomes for homeless services?	Silent	HB 2100 would require outcome-oriented contracting for all homeless services funds and builds on years of work to center the end user—the Oregonian experiencing homelessness or housing instability. It would also create expectations for homeless service providers to use nationally and regionally recognized best practices for preventing and ending homelessness.
How does the statute address unsheltered homelessness?	Silent	HB 2100 establishes, for the first time in statute, the State Homelessness Assistance Program (SHAP) to serve all people experiencing homelessness,

		particularly unsheltered homelessness. SHAP is an existing program without statutory guidance.
How can OHCS drive resources to shelter solutions?	Silent. Shelter solutions are implied within formula funding to Community Action Agencies but are not expressly discussed in statute.	HB 2100 creates opportunities for intentional initiatives to end unsheltered homelessness and allows OHCS to directly provide resources to shelter providers, which could include campaigns to end unsheltered family and youth homelessness and support for Veterans and seniors facing homelessness.
What is the geographical reach of homeless services funds?	Statewide. OHCS uses a needs-based formula to allocate resources to 18 Community Action Agencies	Statewide. OHCS will continue to use a needs-based formula to resources to all regions of the state. Within these regions, 80% will flow noncompetitively to Community Action Agencies. Within these regions, 20% of these funds will be available to all providers, including but not limited to Community Action Agencies, for concerted efforts to address populations experiencing disproportionately high rates of homelessness.

House Bill 2100 Includes Key Statutory Updates

If approved, this change would be the first major statutory modernization for Oregon's homeless services system in more than 30 years.

- Advances racial equity in homeless services programs: Defines culturally specific organization, culturally responsive organization, and culturally responsive services, sets performance standards for grantees to engage Oregon's diverse communities and allows access to state dollars for the purpose of addressing disproportionate homelessness amongst BIPOC communities.
- Confirms and clarifies CAPO and OHCS roles in administering federal antipoverty programs and distinguishes these from state homeless assistance dollars.
- Codifies the State Homelessness Assistance Program and Emergency Housing Assistance as programs under the Emergency Housing Account, and confirms a focus on outcomes for both programs
- Establishes local innovation initiatives to address homelessness (up to 20% of EHA/SHAP starting in FY22)
- Expands partners working with OHCS to address and end homelessness to bring more seats around the table to address the crisis.
- Recognizes local planning processes needed for a successful homeless services system, including integration with culturally specific providers
- Provides OHCS the ability to administer federal programs with the advice of the Housing Stability Council

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