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Request for Behavioral Health Housing Investment Funds



Request for Application

Posted Date: May 9, 2022

Deadline: Applications must be received by June 20, 2022.

1. Background and Behavioral Health Housing Investment Program Description:

The purpose of this investment is to implement the budget note from HB 5202, i.e. "to expand the availability of housing and residential treatment beds for people with behavioral health issues". To this end, the funding will be distributed by an equitable formula to Community Mental Health Programs through new Grant Agreements/Intergovernmental Grant Agreements.

Program Goals:

- Provide an array of supported housing and residential treatment to people who experience mental health and substance use disorders.
- Help relieve "bottle neck" issues at Oregon State Hospital by increasing the number of Aid & Assist clients who are housed and participate in community restoration.
- Help address health inequities and housing access disparities experienced by communities of color and people experiencing mental illness and substance use disorders.
- Leverage existing funding streams to maximize investment impact.
- Increase residential treatment facility and supported housing capacity across the state.
- Decrease the number of people with behavioral health disorders who are houseless.
- Create low or no barrier safe shelter bed options.

2. Grant Eligibility.

Community mental health programs (CMHPs) described in ORS 430.640.

3. Requirements of the Applicants:

In developing the proposed Project description, Applicant must have included community representatives through OHA Infrastructure Planning Grant, Community Mental Health Planning Advisory Committee, and/or specifically related to this BH Housing investment, e.g., directly impacted and culturally diverse groups from the community (culturally specific community-based organizations, people who experience mental illness or substance use disorders, people who have experienced houselessness, people who have experienced criminal justice system involvement), Housing Authorities, housing/residential treatment providers, Community Action agencies, other Social Service agencies, CCOs, Local Mental Health Authorities

In developing the proposed Project description, Applicant must have relied on the following planning processes for assessing housing gaps and addressing needs:

- o Community/Regional health improvement plan – see link
- o OHA Infrastructure Planning Grant
- o Other local/regional planning entity/process

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Applicants interested in providing services under the Behavioral Health Housing Investment Program must apply for grant funding by submitting a Project(s) description and budget, substantially in the form attached as Attachment #1, which includes how investment will be used to leverage other funding

4. Allowable Grant Activities

- Repurpose or build new secure residential treatment facilities, residential treatment homes, adult foster homes, supported housing units, and supportive housing units.
- Operational and administrative costs to manage housing
- Support services
- Planning, coordination, siting, purchasing buildings/land (pre-build or renovation activities)
- Subsidy for short term shelter beds
- Long term rental assistance
- Outreach and engagement items such as food or clothing to meet immediate needs for houseless individuals

5. Funding Availability

\$100,000,000.00 GF. See attached for each county's allocation.

6. Grant Process

Entities interested in providing services under the Behavioral Health Housing Investment Program may apply for grant funding by submitting the document described in Section 3 by June 20, 2022.

7. Application Submission, Evaluation, and Selection Process:

RFA Sole Point of Contact (SPC):

All communications concerning this RFA must be directed only to the sole point of contacts named below. Any unauthorized contact regarding this RFA with other State employees or officials may result in Application rejection. Any oral communications will be considered unofficial and non-binding.

Jon Collins
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500 Summer St NE
Salem, Oregon 97301
Telephone: (503) 569.0044
Email: jon.c.collins@dshoha.state.or.us

Closing Date for Submittal of Applications:

OHA must receive Applications by June 20, 2022 11:59 pm (PST). Applications received after the closing date and time are late and will not be considered. Applications must be sent via email to the RFA SPC at jon.c.collins@dshoha.state.or.us.

Application Evaluation:

OHA will receive Applications on an ongoing basis between May 9, 2022 and June 20, 2022 As Applications are received the applications will be reviewed for evaluation and award.

Final Selection:

OHA will review applications as they are submitted and award grants upon satisfaction of the terms of this application.

Negotiable Items:

OHA may negotiate the following items, with an apparent successful Applicant:
The description of Program Activities to be provided; and
The approved budget line items of the grant award.

Changes/Modification and Clarifications:

When appropriate, OHA will issue revisions, substitutions, or clarifications as addenda to this RFA. Changes and modifications to the RFA shall be recognized only if in the form of written addenda issued by OHA.

Reservation of OHA Rights:

OHA reserves all rights regarding this RFA, including, without limitation, the right to:
Amend or cancel this RFA without liability if it is in the best interest of the OHA to do so;
Waive any minor informality or non-conformance with the provisions or procedures of this RFA;
Seek clarification of any Application;
Negotiate the Program Activities described in this RFA;
Amend or extend the term of any Agreement that is issued as a result of this RFA;
Engage Applicant(s) by selection or procurement for different or additional Program Activities independent of this RFA process and any agreements entered into pursuant hereto;
Enter into direct negotiations to execute a Grant Agreement with a successful Applicant, in the event that the Applicant is the sole Applicant to this RFA, and OHA determines that the Applicant satisfies the minimum RFA requirements;
Enter direct negotiations to execute a Grant Agreement with an Organization, in the event that no successful Applicant applies for a service described herein, that would leave a gap in coverage, and OHA determines that the organization satisfies the minimum RFA requirements; and
Reject any Application upon finding that to accept the Application may impair the integrity of the solicitation process or that rejecting the Application is in the best interest of OHA.

Selection Notice:

The apparent successful Applicant(s) shall be notified in writing by the OHA.

Release of Information:

Except as required by the Oregon Public Records Law, no information shall be given to any Applicant (or any other individual) relative to its standing in relation to other Applicants during the RFA process.

Public Information:

After the Recipients are notified, the grant solicitation file is subject to public disclosure in accordance with the Oregon Public Records Law (ORS 192.311–192.478). If any part of a Application is considered a trade secret as defined in Oregon Revised Statutes 192.501(2) or otherwise exempt from disclosure under Oregon Public Records Law, the Applicant shall submit one additional copy of their Application that redacts only the exempt language. Any person may request copies of public information. However, copies of Applications will not be provided until the evaluation process has been completed and the Recipients are notified. Requests for copies of public information shall be in writing. Requestors will be charged according to the current OHA policies and rates for public records requests in effect at the time OHA receives the written request for public information. Fees, if applicable, must be received by OHA before the records are delivered to the requestor.

Cost of Applications and Obligation:

All costs incurred in preparing and submitting a Application in response to this RFA will be the responsibility of the Applicant and will not be reimbursed by OHA. All Applicants who submit a Application in response to this RFA understand and agree that OHA is not obligated to select any Applicant and, further, has absolutely no financial obligation to any Applicant arising from this RFA.

Grant Agreement Documents:

The completed application after any required changes negotiated between applicant and OHA shall act as the template for the grant agreement.

Attachment 1

Projects or Services	Description and Use of other Funds	Expected Impact	Cost Estimate	Any Other Funding
<p>Repurpose or build new secure residential treatment facilities, residential treatment homes, adult foster homes, supported housing units, and supportive housing units.</p>				
<p>Operational and administrative costs to manage housing</p>	<p>Transitional Treatment Recovery Services stabilization house expansion with 24/7 on site recovery support. Non-congregate transitional housing with on-site support services expansion. Congregate sheltering with on-site behavioral health support and services expansion.</p>	<p>Provide needed staffing and supports for people in the programs which includes wrap around supports, case management, mental health treatment and substance use disorder treatment.</p>	<p>\$1,335,000</p>	
<p>Housing support services</p>	<p>Barrier removal support to pay for deposits, previous unpaid fines, basic furniture support.</p>	<p>Support for approximately 90-120 individuals or families to secure rentals who would not otherwise be able to due to financial barriers.</p>	<p>\$180,000</p>	
<p>Planning, coordination, siting, purchasing buildings/land (pre-build or renovation activities)</p>	<p>Transitional Treatment Residential Services expansion. Non-congregate transitional housing with on-site support services expansion. Congregate sheltering with on-site behavioral health support and services expansion. Peer Assisted Crisis House renovation to ensure is ADA accessibility and security improvements.</p>	<p>Double capacity for stabilization housing. Increase non-congregate sheltering for roughly 30 people. Increase congregate sheltering by 11-20 beds. Ensure ADA accessibility within the Peer Assisted Crisis House.</p>	<p>\$1,255,000</p>	
<p>Subsidy for short term shelter beds</p>				
<p>Long term rental assistance</p>				
<p>Outreach and engagement items such as food or clothing to meet immediate needs for houseless individuals</p>	<p>portable shower food clothes battery operated fans blankets hygiene kits</p>	<p>Provide needed concrete supports for people</p>	<p>\$58,947</p>	