

Overview of Lane County Homelessness Prevention and Diversion Programs



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About this presentation

This presentation is intended to offer an overview of programs that help prevent individuals from becoming unhoused and help provide housing to those who are currently unhoused

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Definitions

Prevention

Programs for individuals who are housed with a rental agreement but at risk of losing their housing or doubled-up/couch surfing and can no longer stay in that situation

Diversion

Programs for individuals who are currently houseless



Definitions

Literally Homeless

- *Primary nighttime residence that is not meant for human habitation;*

- OR -

- *Is living in a shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs);*

- OR -

- *Is exiting an institution the individual has resided in for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.*

Source(s):

[HUD's Definition of Literally Homeless](#)

Definitions

Imminent Risk of Homelessness

- *An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:*
 - *Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;*
 - *No subsequent residence has been identified; and*
 - *The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing.*

Note: Includes individuals and families who are within 14 days of losing their housing, including housing they own, rent, are sharing with others, or are living in without paying rent.

Source(s):

[HUD's Definition of Literally Homeless](#)

Definitions

Unstably Housed (based on HUD Category 3)

- *Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with Category 3 children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:*
 - *Are defined as homeless under the other listed federal statutes;*
 - *Have not had a lease, ownership interest in permanent housing during the 60 days prior to the homeless assistance application;*
 - *Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during in the preceding 60 days; and*
 - *Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time due to special needs or barriers*

Source(s):

[HUD's Definition of Category 3](#)

Definitions

Chronically Homeless

- *A homeless individual with a disability as defined in section 401(9) of the McKinney-Vento Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(9)), who
 - *Lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter, and*
 - *Has been homeless and living as described for at least 12 months or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years**
 -*
- *An individual who has been residing in a care facility (jail, hospital, substance use, or mental health treatment) for less, or other similar facility, for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria of this definition before entering that facility*
- *A family with an adult head of household (or, if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all of the criteria of this definition, including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless.*

**see source below for further information*

Source(s):

[HUD's Definition of Chronic Homelessness](#)

Definitions

“Small a” affordable Housing

Housing costs are considered “affordable” if the monthly rent, plus utilities, add up to no more than one-third (or 30%) of gross household earnings. This can also mean Rental units that offer rent at or below the area’s Fair Market Rental Rate

“Big A” Affordable Housing

Rentals that generally serves those making under 80% the area median income where rent prices are adjusted based on income of the tenant. This may also be referred to as Lower Income housing

Source(s):

[City of Eugene's Website on affordable housing](#), [Homes for Good's Affordable Housing Resource List](#), [Homes for Good's open rental list](#)

Other Definitions

Additional Diversion Definitions:

- [FAQs from Lane County Human Services](#)

Additional HUD Definitions:

- [HUD's List of Standardized Categories of Homelessness](#)



Overview of Prevention and Diversion Programs Available in Lane County



All-In Oregon

Emergency Declaration in Oregon to help address houselessness.

Services Provided:

- Emergency Shelters
- Prevention Assistance
- Re-Housing Assistance
- Street Outreach

Source(s):
[All-In Lane County](#)

Coordinated Entry

*A centralized waitlist with standardized qualifications to provide resources based on identified needs. This does **NOT** include Section 8, public housing, or low-income housing. **Front door assessments must be completed to be placed on the waitlist***

Services Provided:

- Frontdoor Assessment (valid for 6 months, applicants must renew)
- Resource Connection to prevention/diversion programs
- Rapid Rehousing (RRH), Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Transitional housing (TH)
- Youth Programs (including RRH, TH, and Host Homes)

Source(s):

[Coordinated Entry Overview with List of Front Door Assessors](#)

[Lane County Coordinated Entry, What is Coordinated Entry - Lane County](#)

Barrier Busters

*Helps anyone considered **literally homeless** to cover move-in costs. Barrier Busters must be applied for by a referral agency approved to make requests*

Services Provided:

- Move-in Costs and more:
 - Rent and Utility Deposits
 - Rent due at move-in
 - Up to 6 months of rent arrears and utility arrears

Source(s):
email from Barrier Busters Program, located in Speakers notes

Oregon Law Center's Eviction Defense Project

*Provides free legal assistance to low-income tenants facing eviction court cases. Must be contacted before the first appearance date. Folks can then be referred to **Eviction Prevention Rapid Response (EPRR)** for rent assistance (when funds are available) if eviction is for nonpayment of rent*

Services Provided:

- Legal Assistance for Eviction Hearings
- Referral to EPRR for Rent Assistance if there's no eviction defense

Source(s):

[Eviction Defense Project - Oregon Law Center](#)

Section 8 Housing Vouchers

Provides rent vouchers for housing in the private market. This program is for low-income individuals, families, the elderly and the disabled. It is the largest assisted housing program administered by HUD. Homes for Good manages the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher programs for Lane County

Services Provided:

- Tenant-Based Vouchers that move with the tenant
- Project-based vouchers attached to units and buildings
- [Family Self Sufficiency program](#)
- [Section 8 Homeownership program](#)

Source(s):

[Homes for Good - Section 8 Waitlist](#)

[Homes for Good - Section 8 Details](#)

Public Housing

Public Housing options are apartments that are managed by a Public Housing Authority (Homes For Good in Lane County). Public housing offers apartments and homes generally below the market rate for those with low-income. Most services are for families with children and individuals who are elderly or disabled. There are some limited options for students or individuals that don't meet other requirements

Services Provided:

- Apartments/homes with rents based off 30% adjusted gross income
- Apartments with flat rate rents
- Connect residents with several different holistic care services

Source(s):

[Homes for Good - Public Housing Waitlists](#)

[Homes for Good - Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Accessing Prevention Programs



Methods for Seeking Rent Assistance

1. Contact a prevention provider

- a. Catholic Community Services - 541-345-3628
- b. Looking Glass - 541-686-4310 (for youth up to 24 years old)
- c. Community Sharing Program - 541-942-2176 (for South Lane County residents)
- d. Siuslaw Outreach Services - 541-997-2816 (for West Lane County and Coast residents)

2. Get a referral for Lane County All-In Funds through calling 211

- a. Dial 211, enter your 5-digit zip code
- b. Press #1 for housing/shelter/rent assistance
 - i. press 1 if you are currently homeless or soon to be homeless
 - ii. press 2 if you are housed and seeking rent assistance or foreclosure assistance

3. Insurance Providers (only for members)

- a. Trillium Flexible Services Members (Flex Funds) - 1-877-600-5472
- b. Pacific Source (only for Community Solutions Members through Medicaid) - 800-431-4135

Accessing Diversion Programs



Methods for Seeking Diversion Assistance

1. Emergency Shelters
 - a. [Lane County's Shelter Finder](#)
 - i. There is currently no centralized waitlist. Those seeking services should connect with individual shelters
 - ii. Some Shelters are currently not on the Shelter Finder site
 - b. [Printable List of Emergency Shelters](#)
 - c. [Overnight Parking Program](#)
2. 211, Coordinated Entry, Day Access Centers, and Street Outreach teams can also assess needs for diversion assistance

Source(s):

[Homeless Shelters in Lane County - Lane County](#)

Affordable and Low Income Housing



Affordable and Lower Income Housing Lists*

1. City of Eugene - [Affordable Housing Providers List](#)
2. Homes for Good
 - a. [Current Open Rentals List](#) - (Rentals at or below [HUD's Fair Market Rental Rates](#))
 - b. [Affordable Housing Resource List](#) - (Rentals generally serving those making under 80% [Area Median Income](#))
 - c. [Homes For Good Housing Map](#) - (Combined list of Homes for Good/3rd party managed properties, and PBVs)
 - d. [Public Housing Waitlists](#) - (Waitlist for properties managed by Homes for Good)
3. HUD's Subsidized Multifamily Rental Units
 - a. [Nationwide Resource Locator](#)
 - b. [HUD Subsidized Properties List](#)
4. USDA's Rural Development Multi-family Housing Rentals - [USDA Housing Locator](#)

**Many properties are located on several of these lists*

Source(s):

[Community Resources \(homesforgood.org\)](#), [HUD's Oregon Rental Help Site](#)

Additional Resources



Additional Housing Resources not on previous lists

1. Oxford Houses *(for individuals in Recovery)*
 - a. [** Oxford House Oregon **](#)
 - b. [or.pdf \(oxfordhouse.org\)](#)

2. Sponsors, Inc *(for individuals with criminal histories)*
 - a. [Sponsors, Inc. - Sponsors \(sponsorsinc.org\)](#)

Data, Information, and Reports

Lane County Human Services Division: [Tableau Public](#)
Springfield Eugene Tenant Association: [Hotline Reports](#)

