

Agency Request Budget (ARB) Update for Partners Self-Sufficiency Programs

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Today's conversation

- Welcome
- ODHS vision and Equity North Star
- 2025-27 budget process and updates
- Budget survey



ODHS vision

All who live in Oregon, regardless of race, identity, age, disability or place, have the needed supports to achieve **whole well-being for ourselves, our families and our communities.**





Inclusivity

We inclusively lead with race and intersectionality in order to address the roots of systemic oppression that impact all protected classes.

Equity

We are dedicated to making services, supports and well-being accessible to all.

Well-Being

Staff and communities will know services and supports are working when all who live in Oregon, regardless of identity or place, can achieve well-being.

Service

We are committed to partnering with communities to develop and deliver policies and programs that are equitable and improve community conditions.

**ODHS agency request
budget (ARB) is now
posted online.**

<https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/about/pages/budget.aspx>

Governor's approach to the state budget process

- **Earlier and ongoing collaboration** between state agencies, the Department of Administrative Services, and the Governor's Office
- Ensuring **greater alignment** of effort across the entire executive branch and making the best use of limited state resources
- Changes to agencies' **partner engagement timelines**



2025-27 budget outlook

- **Based on September's state revenue forecast, we anticipate a limited budget landscape ahead.**
- There remain many unknowns, including future revenue forecasts, 2025 legislative priorities and unforeseen events requiring a state response.



Budget parameters

- New investments will primarily support the Governor's **housing, behavioral health and education** initiatives.
- Agency budget proposals must otherwise stay within a **1% growth limit from 2023-25**.
- ARBs will inform but not dictate the Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB), which will likely be released in early December.



ODHS budget priorities

Safety

Enhancing client and worker safety through contracts, oversight and facilities improvements



Service Equity

Improving government-to-government relationships and advancing service equity at the Tribal and local levels.

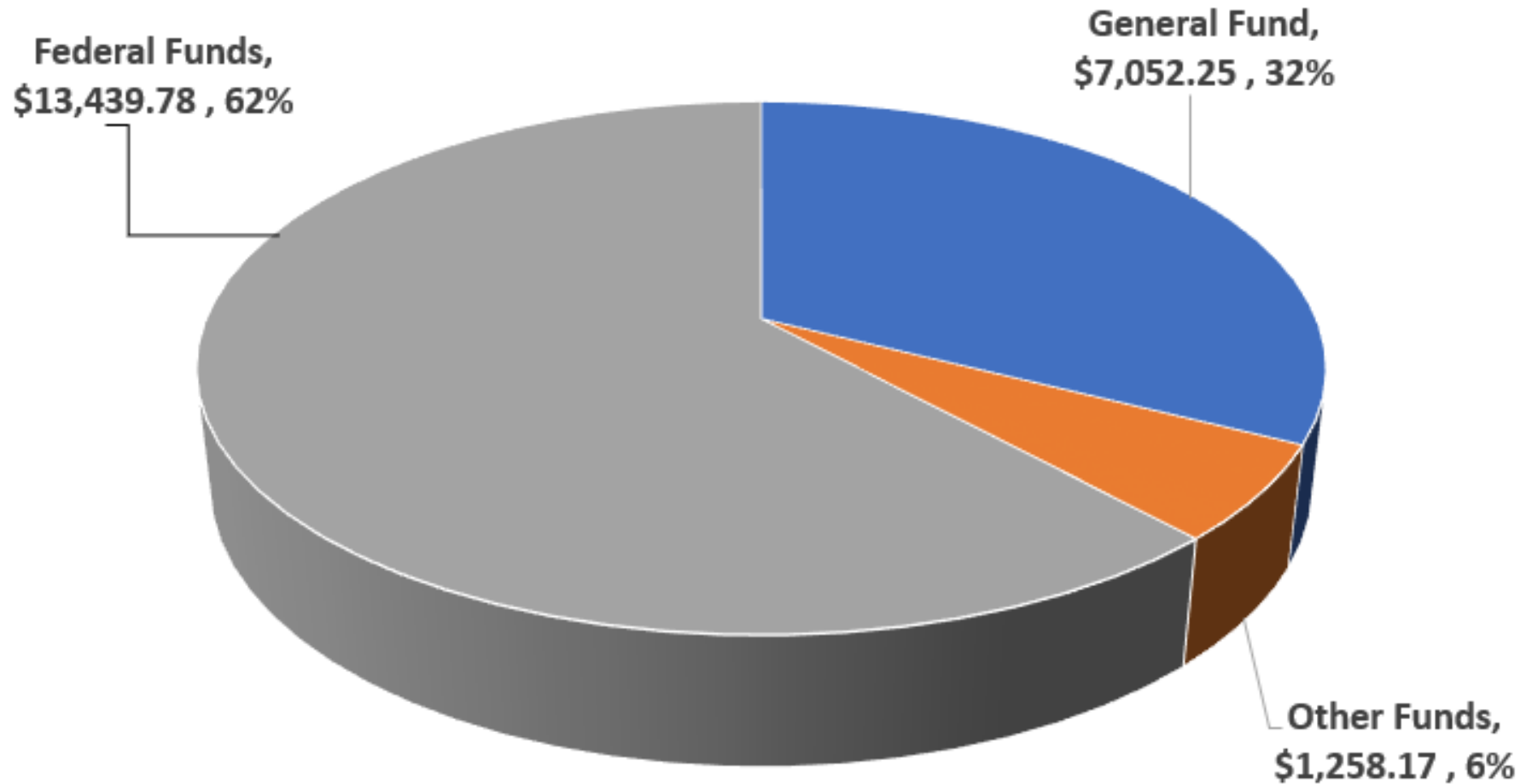


Stewardship

Building contracting and oversight capacity to ensure optimal use of state and federal investments



ODHS ARB by fund type*



*in millions



Self Sufficiency Programs

SSP policy option packages (POPs)

Governor's housing initiative



- Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program (YEHP) core services maintenance
- Aligning and strengthening the youth homelessness continuum

1% POPs



- Increase in payments for Job Participation Incentive (JPI)
- SNAP Elderly Simplified Application Process (ESAP)

POP 107 – SSP – Job Participation Incentive Increase



Problem: The Federal Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 mandates that families receiving less than \$35 in monthly assistance cannot be counted in states' TANF Work Participation Rate (WPR). Currently, Oregon's Job Participation Incentive (JPI) offers only \$10, putting the state at risk of failing to meet the required WPR, which could result in a reduction of up to \$35 million in federal TANF funding.



Solution: Increase the JPI payment to \$35 per month to ensure continued inclusion of these families in the WPR calculation, thereby maintaining Oregon's compliance with federal TANF requirements and avoiding financial penalties.



Outcomes: Continued full federal TANF funding for Oregon, improved financial support for participating families, and maintained compliance with federal WPR requirements.



DEIB impact: Ensuring full TANF funding is critical for supporting families in deep poverty, who are disproportionately from communities of color, thus helping to mitigate structural inequities in access to basic needs.

Data

Failure to meet the WPR could lead to a 21% reduction in federal TANF funding, potentially costing Oregon up to \$35 million annually

Resources

GF: \$5,183,325 **OF:** \$0 **FF:** \$0
Pos.: 0 **FTE:** 0

POP 108 – SSP – SNAP Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP)



Problem: Older adults and people with disabilities face barriers in accessing SNAP benefits, leading to lower participation rates. Current processes are cumbersome, particularly for those with mobility or technological challenges, increasing the risk of SNAP churn due to procedural issues rather than financial ineligibility.



Solution: Implement the Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP), which includes a simplified 2-page application, extended certification periods to 36 months, and specialized staff support through a dedicated call center, improving access and reducing administrative burdens for these populations.



Outcomes: Improved SNAP access and customer service for older adults and people with disabilities, reduced churn, and streamlined workload for eligibility staff.



DEIB impact: This POP addresses the unique barriers faced by older adults and people with disabilities, promoting more equitable access to essential nutrition benefits.

Data

Over 165,000 SNAP households in Oregon include a member aged 60 or older or with a disability.

Resources

GF: \$648,842

OF: \$0

FF: \$648,842

Pos.: 2

FTE: 2.00

POP 502 – SSP – Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program Core Services Maintenance



Problem: Oregon has the highest percentage of unsheltered youth experiencing homelessness in the nation. Current funding for YEHP, which supports homeless youth through services like shelter, housing, and crisis intervention, is set to expire in June 2025, risking a 75% reduction in the program’s budget and a significant reduction in service availability.



Solution: Invest in sustaining and expanding YEHP’s core services, including the continuation of Direct Cash Transfer (DCT) initiatives, to maintain current service levels and expand into underserved communities, thereby preventing youth homelessness and supporting long-term stability.



Outcomes: Continued and expanded access to critical services for youth experiencing homelessness, including safe housing, crisis intervention, and long-term stability through DCT initiatives.



DEIB impact: This POP specifically targets support for disproportionately affected populations, including Black youth, youth of color, LGBTQIA2S+ youth, and Native American youth, ensuring they have access to essential homelessness prevention and intervention services.

Data

Oregon's youth homelessness response currently serves 26 counties and 42 providers, with a significant risk of service reduction without sustained funding.

Resources

GF: \$19,904,693 **OF:** \$0 **FF:** \$19,904,693
Pos.: 6 **FTE:** 6.00

POP 503 – SSP – Aligning and Strengthening the Youth Homelessness Continuum



Problem: Oregon has the highest rate of unsheltered youth homelessness in the nation, with significant service gaps across the state. The current fragmented system lacks alignment and comprehensive outcome measures, making it difficult to effectively support and track the progress of youth experiencing homelessness.



Solution: Conduct a youth homelessness landscape scan and needs assessment, develop equity- and housing-focused outcome measures, explore opportunities for alignment across state-funded youth programs, and expand the Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program (YEHP) to address these gaps.



Outcomes: Improved understanding of the demographics and needs of youth experiencing homelessness, better alignment of services, development of meaningful outcome measures to track progress, and expanded access to youth homelessness services, particularly in underserved areas.



DEIB impact: This POP aims to address disparities among youth of color, LGBTQIA2S+ youth, and other marginalized groups by ensuring that policies and programs are tailored to their specific needs, ultimately improving access to and outcomes of homelessness services for these populations.

Data

Oregon's unsheltered youth homelessness rate is the highest in the nation, with nearly 8,300 youths needing housing supports annually.

Resources

GF: \$7,193,579

OF: \$0

FF: \$118,643

Pos.: 5

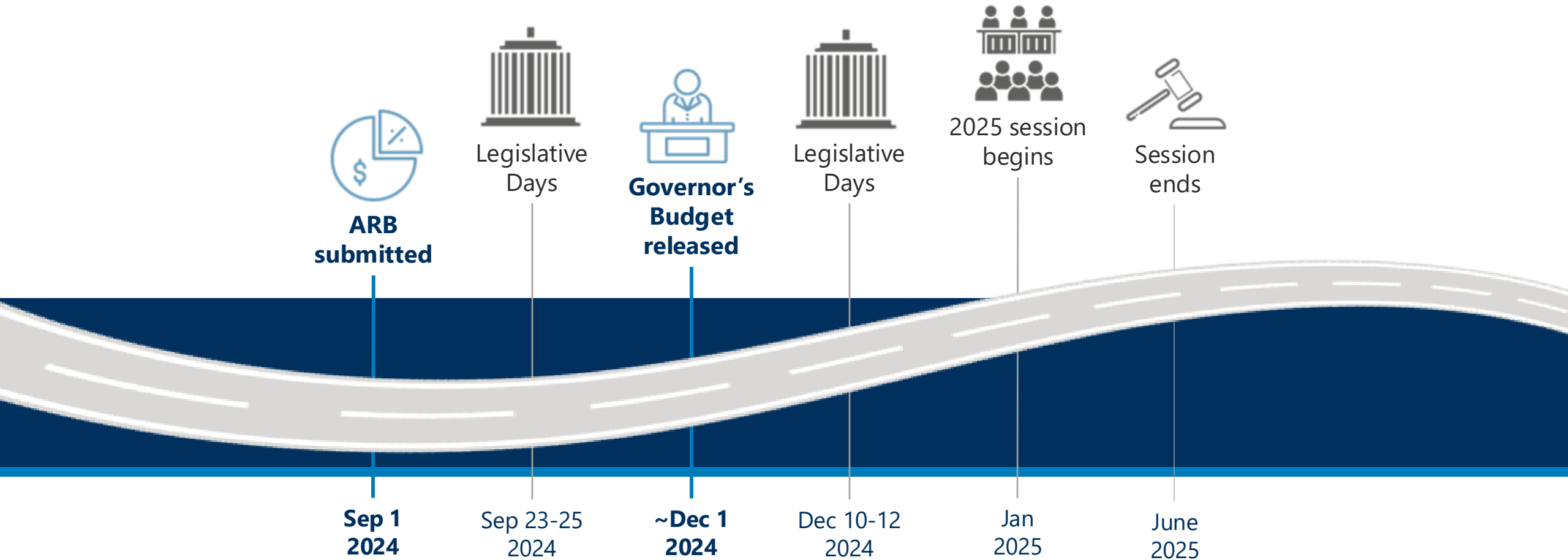
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Challenges

- Increasing caseloads and decreased staffing
- Budget constraints
- Maximizing community resources



ODHS 2025-27 budget process: The road ahead



Share your thoughts

- ODHS has developed a [survey](#) to gather your feedback.
- The feedback will help inform the Governor's Office as it further considers agency requests and develops the Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB), which will be released this winter, likely in early December.



Stay in touch

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Thank you!

