

# Healthy Homes Grant Program (HHGP)

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- HHGP Eligibility and Allowable Activities
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# Health-Housing Connection

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# Eight Tips for Healthy Homes (HUD)

1. Keep it Dry
2. Keep it Clean
3. Keep it Safe
4. Keep it Well-Ventilated
5. Keep it Pest-free
6. Keep it Contaminant-free
7. Keep it Well-Maintained



# Background for Healthy Homes Grant Program

- 2013 OHA Healthy Homes Strategic Plan
- 2020-2024 State Health Improvement Plan *Healthier Together Oregon*
- *OHA Strategic Goal: Eliminate health inequities by 2030*
- 2021 House Bill 2842; 2022 Senate Bill 1536
- 2022 Healthy Homes Grant Program Launches

# Healthier Together Oregon (HTO)

Oregon's State Health Improvement Plan, "Healthier Together Oregon" (HTO) recognizes safe and affordable housing as a key "economic driver of health."

- **"Housing and Food"** represents one of eight HTO implementation areas.
- Specifically, HTO prioritizes ensuring Oregonians have **equitable access to safe, affordable housing**.

# Healthy Homes Grant Program

HHGP provides “grants to **eligible entities** that provide financial assistance to persons in **low-income households** to **repair and rehabilitate** their residences and to landlords to repair and rehabilitate dwelling units inhabited by low-income households.”

- (Oregon [HB 2842](#), 2021; additions made with [SB 1536](#), 2022)



# Federal and State HH Programs- Differences

- Differences between OHA’s “Healthy Homes Grant Program” and other federal programs, such as HUD’s “Healthy Homes Production Grant Program”, “HOME Investment Partnerships Program”, and “Community Development Block Grants” (CDBG).
- HHGP is:
  - **State funded**
  - **Designed to be flexible**
  - **Intended as a supplement to existing programs (at least for initial round of grants)**

# Who is eligible to receive grant dollars?

- Local governments
- Local housing authorities
- Nonprofit organizations
- Federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon
- *Indian health centers \**
- Coordinated Care Organizations
- Community Action Agencies
- *Manufactured dwelling park nonprofit cooperatives \**
- Electric (company) *utilities \**
- Natural gas utilities

# Repair and rehabilitation actions covered

- Maximize energy efficiency of residences
- Extend the usable life of residences
- Improve the health and safety of the occupants of residences including radon abatement, lead abatement, mold and mildew abatement, safety improvements, etc.

# More specifics

*A **residence** is considered a “a dwelling that is intended for occupation by a single family and is occupied by one or more individuals who are members of low-income household as the individual's principal residence, including a site built home, manufactured home, residential trailer, mobile home, condominium unit or unit within multifamily housing.”*

**\* The funding can not be used for new construction.**

# Where have we been..

- HHGP staff hired Spring 2022-Spring 2023
- Interagency Task Force on Healthy Home convened; report from Task Force submitted to Legislature, Governor, and Environmental Justice Task Force Fall and Winter 2022-2023
- Consultation with Nine Federally Recognized Tribes of Oregon Fall-Summer 2022-2023
- Draft Oregon Administrative Rules written; Rules Advisory Committee met Winter-Spring 2023
- Public comment period for draft rules Summer, 2023; rules in place Fall 2023

# Highlights from Task Force

- Flexible funding
- Administrative cost caps were too low (original legislation)
- Improved coordination and education
- Renter focus
- Workforce development and training

# Highlights from Rules Advisory Committee

- Maintaining program flexibility
- Minimize grantee burden
- Remember to include renters in program design

# Background on Funding Decisions

- **Limitations**
  - ~\$15 million starting program budget.
  - Availability/ uncertainty of funding in future.
  - HHGP Staffing – 2 FTE.
- **Program funding goals and objectives**
  - Support organizations and projects that work to improve health outcomes for low-income people; with special consideration for OHA goal of eliminating health inequities.
  - Right-size funding available for a variety of project proposals/interventions for eligible entities.
  - Funds available to organizations of all sizes and levels of maturity; and to all regions of Oregon.
  - Award up to \$10 million for initial 3-year period of performance (includes tribal set aside).
  - Limit number of grantees to no more than 40 for initial period of performance.
- **OHA/PHD standard practice**
  - Award sizes and grant processes in-line with standard practices at PHD.
  - Staff-grantee ratios informed by conversations with OHA staff and community partners.



# What We Don't Know

- Total number of qualified and complete applications that will be received.
- Total amount of funding that will be requested- individually and in total.
- Nature of the applications submitted for consideration (ie: categories of allowable work being proposed).
- Geographic distribution of organizations applying.
- Future funding opportunities (state, federal, foundation, etc.).

# Planned Funding Amounts

Two Funding Tracks	
Total funding going out	Up to 10 million
Competitive \$ amount range	\$4.5 million to \$8.9 million
Tribal set aside – currently in negotiations with OHA Tribal Affairs (includes 9 Federally Recognized Tribes & NARA)	\$1,500,000
Small \$ track	Up to 15 awards \$25,000- \$200,000 each
Large \$ track	Up to 15 awards \$200,000- \$750,000 each
Total number of grantees	Up to 40 Grantees (including Federally Recognized Tribes & NARA)
Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Allows for scoring between similarly sized proposals</li><li>- More information for applicants on chances of selection</li><li>- Potential mismatch between tracks and applications</li></ul>

# Timeline and Next Steps

Next Steps	Timeline
Continue developing RFGA and Application	Fall 2023
RFGA and Application reviewed by internal and external partners	Fall 2023
RFGA and Application finalized	Late Fall 2023/early Winter 2023/24
RFGA opens	Early Winter 2024
Outreach “road show”	Late Fall 2023/early Winter 2023
RFGA Technical Assistance	Winter 2023/24
Applications due	Winter 2024
Review Committee recruited and trained	Winter 2023/24
Review Committee reviews; meets to score applications	Early Spring 2024
Award decisions made	Early Spring 2024
Grant agreements in place and post awardees on website	Early Summer 2024

# Questions and Answers



# Input from Group

## **Client Data (qualitative and quantitative):**

- What are you already collecting?
- What are the current barriers?
- What are the current concerns?
- How is the data collected?

# Thank you for your time

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