



GOVERNING BOARD

COUNTY-CITIES COORDINATED HOUSELESS RESPONSE OFFICE PILOT

1:00 PM, FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022

Barnes Sawyer Rooms - Deschutes Services Bldg - 1300 NW Wall St – Bend

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AGENDA

MEETING FORMAT

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- I. INTRODUCTION (40MINS)
- II. HB 4123 – SUMMARY (5MINS)
- III. GOVERNING BOARD – ROLE (5MINS)
- IV. BOARD CHAIR – ELECTION (15MINS)
- V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – RECRUITMENT INFO/UPDATE (5MINS)
- VI. NEXT MEETING(S) – AGENDA CREATION (10MINS)
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT (10MINS)
- VIII. ADJOURN



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February 8, 2022

House Committee on Housing
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97031

RE: Support for House Bill 4123

Chair Fahey, Vice Chairs Campos and Morgan and Members of the Committee:

Deschutes County and the Cities of Bend, La Pine, Redmond, and Sisters join together to support House Bill 4123.

The \$1 million in funding dedicated to Deschutes County and its four cities offers an opportunity to establish a collaborative office that can help streamline the work of dozens of local organizations serving our regional houseless population as well as enable a community-wide approach to addressing houselessness under a shared set of principles, priorities, and strategies.

With unified governance and leadership, community stakeholders such as service providers, school districts, faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, neighborhood groups, business partners, landlords, culturally-specific organizations, housing developers, financing partners, and regional and state advocates and agencies will be better equipped to engage with and support county-wide efforts to address houselessness.

A coordinated houseless response would facilitate a shared service model; a model proven to increase efficiency, effectiveness, and yield the biggest impact on our houseless community members.

Furthermore, we support HB 4123 for empowering a diverse region like ours to have equal local government agency representation in overseeing the collaborative office and execution of a cohesive county-wide plan that reflects each community's specific needs.

Thank you from Deschutes County and Cities of Bend, La Pine, Redmond, and Sisters.

City-County Coordinated Homeless Response Pilots (HB 4123)

HB 4123 establishes locally led, regional housing coordination through 8 pilots across the state. Each pilot will receive \$1 million in state funding over two years to operationalize coordinated offices to strengthen their communities' homeless response. These pilots are not intended to be duplicative of existing work in the community, nor are they intended to take on the role of direct service delivery. Instead, these pilots will:

- Provide high-level coordination, centralized communication, and strategic visioning;
- Identify opportunities to more effectively leverage existing funds and access new resources; and
- Create a more equitable, accessible and responsive system for their residents experiencing homelessness.

HB 4123 sets out minimum standards for each pilot, including:

- Sign an IGA with regional partners to manage and facilitate the coordinated homeless response office;
- Establish an oversight board, consisting of members from each participating local government;
- Develop a 5-year strategic plan to identify gaps in their community's homeless services, in coordination with community partners and existing efforts;
- Commit to continued, sustained funding beyond the first 2 years of state funding; and
- Report back to the legislature and OHCS on local progress, opportunities, and challenges to inform future state homeless funding and policy decisions

These standards provide a basic structure for accountability and the reasonable use of funds while giving communities the flexibility to model local best practices and create efficiencies in their regional homeless response systems, all in the name of improving access to resources and services for Oregonians experiencing homelessness. The required coordination with existing community partners, culturally specific organizations, and state and federal systems intends to build on Oregon's developing homeless response strategy, including critical connections to permanent affordable housing.

HB 4123 requests \$8 million for 8 pilots in the following communities:

- Benton County/City of Corvallis
- Coos County/City of Coos Bay/City of North Bend
- Deschutes County/City of Bend/City of Redmond/City of Sisters/City of La Pine
- Hood River County/Wasco County/Sherman County/City of The Dalles/City of Hood River/Mid-Columbia Community Action Council
- Lincoln County/Lincoln City/City of Newport/City of Toledo
- Polk County/Falls City/City of Monmouth/City of Independence/City of Willamina/City of Dallas/Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde/Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency
- Tillamook County/City of Tillamook/Bay City/City of Garibaldi/City of Rockaway Beach/City of Wheeler/City of Manzanita/Community Action Resource Enterprises Inc. (CARE)
- Umatilla County/City of Hermiston/City of Stanfield/City of Echo/City of Umatilla



For more information, please contact: Representative Jason Kropf at rep.jasonkropf@oregonlegisature.gov
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Enrolled House Bill 4123

Sponsored by Representatives KROPF, WILLIAMS, Senator PATTERSON, Representatives EVANS, GOMBERG, HOY, SMITH G, ZIKA, Senators ANDERSON, ARMITAGE, GELSER BLOUIN, HANSELL, KNOPP, THOMSEN; Representatives ALONSO LEON, CAMPOS, DEXTER, FAHEY, GRAYBER, HIEB, LEVY, MARSH, MOORE-GREEN, NOBLE, NOSSE, REYNOLDS, SOSA, WEBER (Pre-session filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to coordinated homeless response systems; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas the lack of available housing, high rents and high home prices are driving rapid increases in housing instability and homelessness in Oregon; and

Whereas Oregon has experienced a significant increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness and unsheltered homelessness; and

Whereas funding, resources and services to address homelessness in Oregon are not scaled to meet this need; and

Whereas the lack of housing affordability and availability in Oregon cannot be addressed without cross-jurisdictional collaboration; and

Whereas communities require coordinated leadership and governance to identify local needs and centralize communication, policy and services to end homelessness; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide grants to local governments and nonprofit corporations that agree to, within 90 days of receipt of grant funding, enter into an agreement among the member governments and nonprofit corporations, if any, to create a coordinated homeless response system that consists of, at a minimum:

- (a) The establishment of a coordinated homeless response office;
- (b) An advisory board with representation from the governing body of each member government;
- (c) Specific roles of each member to support the advisory board and office;
- (d) Plans for coordination with any local continuum of care receiving funding under 24 C.F.R. part 578; and
- (e) The establishment of a centralized point of contact for the office.

(2) Grants provided under this section shall be used by the coordinated homeless response system to:

- (a) Hire necessary staff for the office;
- (b) Support coordinated communications and public engagement;
- (c) Support community outreach and policy development, including stipends for people with current or recent lived experience of homelessness;

FUNDING

Per lobbyist: funding is estimated to be dispersed 90 days [from effective date of March 23, 2022].

Per AOC Legislative Director: "In terms of next steps, DAS will be working to get a grant agreement with each of the grantees receiving funds. As a result of the 2022 legislative session, DAS has a number of grant agreements it will be working through each of these in order to distribute funds to recipient. This process also involves DOJ legal sufficiency, which also adds to the timeline a bit. DAS will be in contact with each recipient as they work through these grants. Overall these grant agreements tend to be fairly straight forward and not overly burdensome."

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT

- Establish Office
- Form Board
- Adopt IGA
- Coordinate with HLC
- Hire Executive Director

CONTINUUM OF CARE

Homeless Leadership Coalition (HLC) : Partnership, alignment, and support all throughout in the Emergency Homelessness Task Force Strategic Plan

ELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS

- Hire staff
- Communications & Public Engagement
- Community Outreach & Policy Development
- Stipends for People with Lived Experience
- Technical assistance & capacity building including consultants
- Other expenses necessary to meet requirements

(d) Acquire technical assistance and capacity building, including contracting with consultants; and

(e) Pay for other expenses reasonably necessary to meet the requirements under this section.

(3) Within one year of receiving a grant under this section, a coordinated homeless response system, through the advisory board or each member government to the agreement, shall adopt a five-year strategic plan that will identify and set goals for addressing:

(a) Funding to support the ongoing operations of the coordinated homeless response system;

(b) Increasing or streamlining resources and services to people at risk of or experiencing homelessness within the participating cities and counties;

(c) Incorporating national best practices for ending homelessness;

(d) Eliminating racial disparities within homeless services within the service area; and

(e) Creating pathways to permanent and supportive housing that is affordable to local populations experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

(4) No later than November 15, 2023, and September 15, 2024, each coordinated homeless response system shall provide a report to the Housing and Community Services Department, Oregon Housing Stability Council and one or more appropriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 on:

(a) The goals adopted in the five-year strategic plan and the progress made in implementing the plan;

(b) Other changes in homelessness services, ordinances of member governments relating to homelessness and partnerships or programs established that are specifically related to member government actions arising out of the agreement; and

(c) Identified challenges and opportunities relating to:

(A) Regional coordination of homelessness services and planning;

(B) Needs for technical assistance regarding program development or other programs from the Housing and Community Services Department; and

(C) Addressing racial disparities through partnerships with culturally specific and responsive organizations serving populations overrepresented in experiencing homelessness, including Black, Indigenous, People of Color, federally recognized tribes and tribal members and outreach and engagement with these populations.

(5) In performing tasks under this section, a coordinated homeless response system shall coordinate with and develop partnerships with local and regional stakeholders, including, but not limited to:

(a) Advocates for people experiencing homelessness and for people with lived experience of homelessness;

(b) Community action agencies;

(c) Housing authorities;

(d) Affordable housing providers;

(e) Behavioral health providers;

(f) Law enforcement;

(g) Educational agency liaisons for homeless children as described in 42 U.S.C. 11432;

(h) Local Department of Human Services offices;

(i) Courts;

(j) Legal aid;

(k) Coordinated care organizations, as described in ORS 414.572;

(L) Emergency shelter providers;

(m) Homeless service providers;

(n) Organizations serving and advocating for veterans, homeless youth, youth exiting the foster care system, individuals exiting the criminal justice system, people with disabilities and aging adults, health care systems, domestic violence and sexual assault survivors,

Adopt a 5-yr Strategic Plan within 1yr of grant receipt:

The Strategic Plan must address:

1. Funding for Office's ongoing operations
2. Increase/Streamline Resources & Services
3. Eliminate Racial Disparities
4. Create pathways to affordable permanent & supportive housing

Note: 2 & 4 are in the EHTF Strategic Plan; 1 & 3 might need to be further emphasized. It's in the Plan but not as prominent.

Reporting Requirement

Partnership with Regional Stakeholder Requirement

members of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning (LGBTQ) communities, people experiencing behavioral health and substance use disorders, faith communities and business communities; and

(o) The Housing and Community Services Department.

(6) In performing its duties under this section, a coordinated homeless response system shall coordinate with law enforcement, service providers and governing bodies to implement safe and humane processes to maintain public and environmental health and safety, balancing important individual and community rights.

(7) A coordinated homeless response system may use grant funds in excess of those funds needed by the system to accomplish the requirements of the system under subsections (1) to (6) of this section to support the delivery of homeless services and shelter consistent with the five-year strategic plan, including through contracts with service providers.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2022 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium ending June 30, 2023, out of the General Fund, to provide grants under section 1 of this 2022 Act for a coordinated homeless response system:

(1) \$1,000,000 to Benton County for a response system consisting of Benton County, the City of Corvallis and any other parties to the agreement forming the response system.

(2) \$1,000,000 to Coos County for a response system consisting of Coos County, the City of Coos Bay, the City of North Bend and any other parties to the agreement forming the response system.

(3) \$1,000,000 to Deschutes County for a response system consisting of Deschutes County, the City of Bend, the City of La Pine, the City of Redmond and the City of Sisters.

(4) \$1,000,000 to Lincoln County for a response system consisting of Lincoln County, the City of Lincoln City, the City of Newport, the City of Toledo and any other parties to the agreement forming the response system.

(5) \$1,000,000 to the Mid-Columbia Community Action Council for a response system consisting of the Mid-Columbia Community Action Council, Hood River County, Sherman County, Wasco County, the City of The Dalles, the City of Hood River and any other parties to the agreement forming the response system.

(6) \$1,000,000 to Polk County for a response system consisting of Polk County, the City of Dallas, the City of Falls City, the City of Independence, the City of Monmouth, the City of Willamina, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency and any other parties to the agreement forming the response system.

(7) \$1,000,000 to Tillamook County for a response system consisting of Tillamook County, the City of Tillamook, Bay City, the City of Garibaldi, the City of Rockaway Beach, the City of Wheeler, the City of Manzanita, Tillamook County Community Action Resources Enterprises, Inc. and any other parties to the agreement forming the response system.

(8) \$1,000,000 to Umatilla County for a response system consisting of Umatilla County, the City of Umatilla, the City of Stanfield, the City of Echo, the City of Hermiston and any other parties to the agreement forming the response system.

SECTION 4. This 2022 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2022 Act takes effect on its passage.

Coordination among Law Enforcement, Services Providers, and the Office’s Board of Directors

If excess in funds available, eligible use:

- To support the delivery of homeless services and shelters consistent with the 5yr Strategic Plan, including through contracts with service providers.

Recipients

Chapter 70, (2022 Laws): Effective March 23, 2022.
Source: [HB4123 2022 Regular Session - Oregon Legislative Information System \(oregonlegislature.gov\)](https://legislature.oregon.gov/legislation/bills_2022.aspx?bill=4123)

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June 17, 2022

Board Meeting

County-Cities Coordinated Houseless Response Office Pilot



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3. **Governing Board – Role** (5mins)
4. **Board Chair – Election** (15mins)
5. **Executive Director – Recruitment Info/Update** (5mins)
6. **Next Meeting(s) – Agenda Creation** (10mins)
7. **Public Comment** (10mins)

INTRODUCTION



County Chair
Patti Adair



City Councilor
Megan Perkins



City Councilor
Colleen Scott



Mayor
George Endicott



City Councilor
Andrea Blum

HB 4123 – UPDATE

Minimum Standard

- ✓ Establish Office
- ✓ Form Board
- ✓ Adopt IGA
- ✓ Coordinate with Continuum of Care
- ✓ Hire Executive Director

	May	June	July	August
Office	Secured			Move-in
Board	Done! Identified	1 st Meeting		
IGA		Adopted		
CoC	Yes & in EHTF Strategic Plan			
Executive Director				Hired

BOARD – ROLE

- Policy Direction
- Strategic Plan
 - Input & Direction
 - Approval & Commitment
 - Political Leadership in Implementing
- Serve as a Liaison to their Governing Body

ELECT YOUR CHAIR



County Chair
Patti Adair



City Councilor
Megan Perkins



City Councilor
Colleen Scott



Mayor
George Endicott



City Councilor
Andrea Blum

RECRUITMENT UPDATE

NEXT MEETING(S)

MONTH	AGENDA
July	Executive Director – Interview Sessions
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•••

PUBLIC COMMENT

THANK YOU