

**OR-506CoC Hillsboro/Beaverton/Washington County  
Continuum of Care (CoC) Board  
Applicant Summary**

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Applicant: Lauren Thomas  
Organization: Housing & Community Development Specialist, WC Office of  
Community Development  
CoC Board Position: ESG/CDBG/HOME: County of City Agency

**Professional or lived experience in:**

- Other (Please describe)

I have worked for the Washington County Office of Community Development for 4 years, assisting staff with their work on CDBG, ESG, and HOME projects as well as the Housing Rehabilitation Program. For the last 6 months I have been working on developing the HOME-American Rescue Plan Allocation which directly benefits homeless populations and seeks to increase housing stability. My new role with the Office of Community Development is overseeing the CDBG and ESG programs for the Washington County consortium.

**Experience and willingness to serve on behalf of and advocate for people experiencing homelessness:**

I have been developing the allocation plan for the HOME-ARP program, which seeks to increase housing stability for those who are homeless, at-risk of homelessness, and fleeing domestic violence. I have been consulting with community partners to identify the greatest needs for these populations to ensure alignment in our allocation plan. In my current position, I manage the CDBG and ESG programs. The ESG program directly benefits individuals and families who are homeless through street outreach, emergency shelter, homeless prevention, and rapid re-housing. My experience with the Office of Community Development managing these programs includes coordinating and preparing for application cycles, preparing and reviewing reports such as the CAPER, Action Plan, and Consolidated Plan, and communication with government agencies.