

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

Applicant: Shawn Cardwell
Organization: Executive Director, Forest Grove Foundation
CoC Board Position: Citizen At-Large or Outreach

Professional or lived experience in:

- Training/Education
- Homelessness Services

My career has primarily been in education (high school and college/university) but have also served on executive leadership teams of faith organizations. Throughout, both professionally and personally, I have always been engaged with poverty issues at the community/neighborhood/relationship level. I have participated in homeless outreach in various seasons of my career, most recently with the Forest Grove Foundation.

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

I am currently the Executive Director of the Forest Grove Foundation which serves Forest Grove and the surrounding rural areas (Gaston, Banks, Gales Creek, Buxton, etc.) providing homeless outreach and case management services. Additionally, we have a Food Program that sustains capacity for local pantries, and is growing. My career has been in higher education, faith-based organizations, and small business ownership and start-ups. I grew up and live in Washington County, have generations of family that live here, and am glad to be serving those that suffer the effects of poverty in the area.