

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

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**Applicant:** **Bambi Grant**  
**Organization:** **Washington County Parole and Probation**  
**CoC Board Position:** **Community Corrections or Jail**

**Professional or lived experience in:**

- Food Assistance
- Employment Services
- Transportation Assistance
- Mental Health Supports
- Affordable Housing
- Rent/Energy Assistance
- Training/Education
- Homelessness Services
- Legal Services

Bambi shared in her professional role as Probation and Parole, she is often asked if she can provide assistance in various areas. While working in Texas, Bambi created a resource booklet which provided all county resources broken into focus areas. It was easy to provide contact information and assist people with applying for services; especially if there were deadlines associated with the services. It's so helpful knowing what is available and how to access these resources.

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

I work with sex offenders and believes it is a human being's right to have a roof over their head - it may not be the best roof, but a roof. There is no designated homeless housing available for level 3 sex offenders in Washington County. It is difficult for an individual to work toward rehabilitate if they are worried about meeting their basic needs. There is also a population of individuals that are homeless with mental health concerns, with limited resources which becomes more complicated when add a sex offense background. Over many years working as a parole officer, I have encountered a number of homeless individuals, some who prefer living out of a tent instead of a being in a building, but they were still provided a space close to the shelter. The system in Texas included counselors, social workers, and mental health providers all located within reach. I seek the opportunity to participate on the CoC Board to support the work in developing a systemic response to preventing and ending homelessness, to include addressing the housing and service needs of sex offenders and other justice-involved people experiencing homelessness.