

# Department of Housing Services





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To share Washington County's Project 360 proposal and gather any feedback from the Solutions Council.

Does this program design meet the identified need for improved coordination between behavioral health services and housing for individuals experiencing homelessness?





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- Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) was allocated funds for a statewide rehousing program, Oregon Rehousing Initiative (ORI).
- Growing need for specialized resources to support individuals experiencing homelessness who also have a behavioral health diagnoses.
- \$3.4 million of those funds have been set aside, statewide, for a **Housing 360 Behavioral Health Pilot**.
- Objective is to improve housing and behavioral health outcomes and reduce racial disparities.



#### Proposal Overview



- **Starting January 2025**, County to contract with community-based behavioral health providers and fund up to three credentialed housing service coordinators.
- **By May 2025**, County to ensure housing navigation and coordination services are delivered to eligible participants.
- Coordinators will support bi-directional connections:
  - 1. Conduct outreach and engagement and referral for Shelter Plus Care enrollment.
  - Facilitate Community Connect (Coordinated Entry) assessment and housing program enrollment for participants in behavioral health programs that meet eligibility and housing program prioritization.
  - 3. Provide behavioral health navigation services for participants in housing programs and have an identified behavioral health need.

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### Equity Improvement Plan



#### Engagement with:

- Lived Experience Advisory Committee (LEAC)
- Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN)
- Goal: Increased representation in decision making spaces for communities of color and people with lived experience of homelessness and behavioral health needs









Collage of photos from provide equity training with Red Stone, a consulting firm



## Collaboration & Key Partnerships



- Behavioral Health Division
- Behavioral Health Providers
  - Lifeworks NW
  - New Narrative
  - Sequoia Mental Health Services
- Coordinated Care Organizations
  - Health Share
  - Care Oregon





### Regional Strategies



- Household Assistance & Behavioral Health Services: Provision of housing navigation and service coordination to bridge the connection between systems, resulting in improved access to Shelter Plus Care and increased housing placements.
- **Evidence-Based Services:** Provision of services including medically assisted treatment, intensive case management, assertive community treatment services, peer support.
- Cross Sector Collaboration: Leverage existing initiatives such as Healthcare Case Conferencing and Medicaid 1115 Waiver for Health-Related Social Needs.



### Measuring Success



#### **Proposed Total Budget: \$848,010**

Housing Service Coordinators: \$627,900

Financial Assistance: \$109,500

Administration: \$110,610

#### Goals to achieve by June 2026:

Bi-annual engagement with LEAC and BHRN networks

45 new households are housed

30 additional households with behavioral health navigation

15% increase in service engagement in behavioral health services

Housing retention is maintained at 90% or more throughout the pilot





What questions do you have about this program design?

Does the program proposed meet the identified need?

Have we missed any key elements in this program design?







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