



## ***Request for Information***

*Informing the Homeless Leadership Coalition's (OR-503, Continuum of Care) planning process for programs, services, and other resources as part of a regional strategy to resolve homelessness*

**Date of Issue:** June 11, 2021

**Response Timeline:** Accepted until **Sunday, July 13, 2021 @ 3pm Pacific** Standard Time

**Issuing entity:** Homeless Leadership Coalition

### **Background**

On any given night, more than 1000 people live houseless throughout Central Oregon. According to the most recent Point in Time count, the number of individuals experiencing homelessness has risen 13% over last year. Many more are facing housing insecurity, paying too much for housing relative to their income, or are behind on rent and mortgage payments. With COVID-19 causing an economic crisis with a disproportionate impact on our lowest wage or unemployed community members, the number of individuals experiencing homelessness is at great risk of continuing to rise.

**Homeless Leadership Coalition has identified the following gaps in available community resources:**

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Transitional Housing
- Low-barrier shelter and shelter alternatives
- Navigation center(s)/ day centers
- Street outreach in rural communities
- Affordable housing for those at 0-60% area mean income

**Purpose of this RFI:** This Request for Information (RFI) is issued to gather input and obtain information to support the critical expansion of homeless services in Central Oregon.

**This Request for Information (RFI) has the following objectives:**

- Bolster our region's continuum of care for homeless services
- Connect service providers to resources to sustain and grow their programs/ services to meet community needs within the boundaries of Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- Provide organizations serving or wanting to serve the unhoused with information regarding identified community needs



- Solicit information to better assist the Homeless Leadership Coalition in advocating for sufficient funding for service provision and community resources at the local level across our region
- Help prepare agencies for potential and currently available funding opportunities

**Instructions to submit:** Please complete the included form and attach any supplemental materials in Microsoft Word or PDF format and send all documents via email to [info@cohomeless.org](mailto:info@cohomeless.org) **on or before Sunday, July 13, 2021 @ 3pm.** The HLC is seeking feedback and information through this RFI and will consider any information submitted including partial responses. Respondents are welcome to use materials submitted to other funders to save time.

**Responder Information:**

Responses provided to this RFI will be used only for general information purposes and will not be considered binding on any party. Responses provided to this RFI will also not have any impact on any RFP selection process. All costs associated with Responder's preparation and submission of this RFI is the sole responsibility of the Responder. Submission of materials implies consent for HLC to share materials with local, regional, and state stakeholders including private and government entities for funding and planning. Submission of this form does not obligate you in any way nor does it guarantee you funding.

***Frequently Asked Questions***

**Who should complete this RFI?:**

- Nonprofits, government entities, faith-based organizations, and others who serve those at risk of, or currently experiencing homelessness. This includes established and emerging organizations and those who are expanding their programs and services to provide new supports or resources to those at risk of, or currently experiencing homelessness.
- Those interested in housing individuals currently experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

**Why should you complete this RFI?:** HLC wants to make sure our region is growing services to meet critical community needs. HLC is also committed to encouraging cooperation and collaboration across agencies and sectors and strives to connect emerging programs with available resources.



- respondents will be connected to available resources including: funding, mentorship, best practices, and others operating or developing similar programs for collaboration, learning etc.
- information will be shared with funders and regional planning bodies such as Homeless Leadership Coalition, Central Oregon Health Council, the Regional Housing Council, and even local governments if interested to facilitate opportunities for funding and coordination.

**Will this RFI declare my interest in the annual HUD collaborative application process for FY 2022-23?:**

No, it will not. Later, those interested in receiving HUD CoC funding (new or renewal projects) through the annual collaborative application MUST be prepared to submit a separate letter of intent to apply by the deadline (TBA) to receive consideration. More info on this process will be posted under the grants page at [cohomeless.org](http://cohomeless.org) once materials are released by HUD.

**Need data or more information?**

- Oregon's Statewide Housing Plan, [click here](#)
  - Central Oregon Regional Health Improvement plan, [click here](#)
  - High Desert Home, Central Oregon's 10-year Plan to End Homelessness, [click here](#)
  - Learn about HUD program requirements and explore available resources at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/>
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## ***Request for Information Form***

### **Organization Information**

Organization Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Primary Contact: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Primary Contact Email: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Zip: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Tax ID: [Click here to enter text](#)

Secondary Contact: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Secondary Contact Email: [Click here to enter text.](#)

City: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Phone Number: [Click here to enter text.](#)

### **Project Area (check all that apply):**

- Prevention/Housing Retention
- Street Outreach
- Navigation Center or Day Center Operations
- Support Services
- Dignity Services (sanitation & hygiene)
- Shelter Operations or shelter alternatives (managed camping, safe parking)
- Transitional Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Permanent Housing
- Rapid Re-Housing

### **Population To Serve (check all that apply):**

- Chronically Unhoused
- Youth (aged 25 and younger)
- Medically Vulnerable/Fragile
- Veterans
- Families (1adult + 1 minor)
- Historically marginalized (communities of color and/or LGBTQ+)
- Victims of domestic violence
- Victims of human trafficking
- other, please describe



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**Geography Served** (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> La Pine | <input type="checkbox"/> Prineville   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sisters | <input type="checkbox"/> Madras       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Redmond | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Springs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bend    |                                       |

**Indicate if your program currently utilizes Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to record program data and outcomes.**

- Yes
- No
- Interested in learning more

**Please provide a description of your program or planned program and services. Respondents are strongly encouraged but not required to include the following details:**

- Program design and success measures
- Describe any support services or case management strategies the project/program plans to provide. [Providers are encouraged to focus on best practices.](#)
- Describe the duration and frequency of services provided.
- Describe partnerships that will support your work.
- Attach a draft budget or share information regarding total funding needs. Indicate if you would benefit from multi-year funding support.
- Include any other information about your program that you think HLC, regional planning bodies, or funders would find valuable.

***Optional questions to support HLC's regional strategy***

- What support or technical assistance does your organization/program need to develop, sustain, or expand services?
- What challenges do you have, or do you anticipate that could interfere with your success to launch or expand programs?