



Deschutes County & the Cities of Bend, La Pine, Redmond, & Sisters - Coordinated Homeless Response Office (CHRO)

CHRO BOARD MEETING

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm on Monday, May 5, 2025

City of Redmond

City Hall – Executive Conference Room #141 (behind Council Chamber)

411 SW 9th St., Redmond, OR 97756

Click this link to access the meeting via [Zoom](#):

Meeting ID: 828 7956 1282 Passcode: 396835

AGENDA

Agenda (1hr & 15mins):

- 4:00 pm Call to Order
- 4:00 pm 3/31/25 Meeting Minutes Approval (Attached)
- 4:01 pm Public Comment (2 minutes each, 10 minutes total)
- 4:11 pm CHRO Budget Update (Attached)
- 4:15 pm \$193,000 unallocated Governor funding for Pods – Discussion
- 4:20 pm Deschutes National Forest Cabin Butte Project Area Closure for Forest Restoration
 - On the ground update from service providers: Co-chair Molly Heiss, Co-chair Eliza Wilson, REACH Executive Director Stacey Witte, and Deschutes County Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST) Supervisor Colleen Thomas
 - See Memo
- 4:35 pm New Pilot Street Medicine Program
 - Overview and future by Elaine Knobbs-Seasholtz, Chief Strategy Officer – Mosaic Community Health
- 4:45 pm Permanent Supportive Housing Need in Central Oregon
 - Ensuring on the CHRO Board's radar request from Elaine Knobs-Seasholtz, as CO FUSE Board member joined by CO FUSE Executive Director Colleen Sinsky
- 4:55 pm CHRO RFQ Phase 2 – Vote to award; discussion and possible action
 - \$25,000 Land Use Fee funding request from the Gales Family (Memo attached)
 - CHRO RFQ – Board discussion and possible action (Memo attached)
- 5:15 pm Adjourn

**DESCHUTES COUNTY AND CITIES OF BEND, LA PINE, REDMOND, AND SISTERS
COORDINATED HOUSELESS RESPONSE OFFICE (CHRO)**

Board Meeting Minutes

4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2025

City of Redmond City Hall Room #140, 411 SW 9th St. Redmond, OR

CHRO Board Members Attendance: Commissioner Phil Chang (Deschutes County Commissioner), Vice-Chair Megan Perkins (City of Bend Mayor Pro Tem), Councilor Cat Zwicker (City of Redmond Councilor), Mayor Jeannine Earls (City of La Pine), Jordan Wheeler (City of Sisters), and Eliza Wilson (HLC Chair).

1. Call to Order at 4:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from the December 19, 2024, and February 24, 2025, CHRO Board Meetings

Mickie Derting, City of Bend, let the group know that if they wish to approve the minutes from December, that anyone could, even if they weren't on the board at the time. Ms. Derting also let the group know that if they want to be more efficient, they can ask if there are any objections or edits to the notes, otherwise the chairs can approve.

The group agreed to this, and both sets of notes were approved.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. CHRO Budget Update

Co-Chair Perkins opened by asking the group if there were any comments on the budget. Co-Chair Perkins asked where the \$730,000 under the state grant came from. Erik Kropp said it is the carryover funds from the initial \$1M. The confusion is how it was categorized over the fiscal years.

Tammy Baney, Executive Director of the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC), brought to the attention of the group that the \$193,000 needs to be spent by June 30. Eligible expenses include anything associated with the costs of the pods, i.e. land prep or pod infrastructure. Councilor Zwicker suggested the group look at using some of these funds for the managed camp. Co-Chair Perkins asked if it needed to be allocated or spent by June 30. Ms. Baney clarified that the funds needed to be given to the group spending the money by June 30. Linda Cline, City of Redmond, asked about improving pods at Oasis Village. Service providers are aware of this funding and the deadline to spend it.

Mayor Jeannine Earls brought up a project brought to her attention this week regarding paying rents for RV spaces. Mayor Earls told Kathy DeBone to write up a request in the

next month. Ms. Baney explained this would be eligible for unspent Governor Executive Order also known as the Multi-agency Coordinator group (MAC) funds.

Commissioner Chang brought up the Gales' Property, which could be a very large safe parking area and micro-shelter. Commissioner Chang asked if pod funding could be used for this property. Ms. Baney said they would have to go to the Governor's Office to ask.

5. Service Provider Spotlight: Outreach & Case Management

Co-Chairs Perkins and Molly Heiss decided they wanted to highlight the incredible work service providers do. This month, the focus is on outreach and people going into the community to engage with people. Eliza Wilson, Chair of the Homeless Leadership Coalition (HLC), provided details on the kinds of outreach being done, including forming relationships and providing needs to people in a variety of weather conditions. They all work together and coordinate schedules for coverage.

6. CHRO Agencies' Projects & Correlation to the CHRO Strategic Plan (See Memo) & Summary of Projects and Resources

Mickie Derting and Erik Kropp provided updates on Juniper Ridge and the Managed Camp. Mr. Kropp started with Juniper Ridge, just north of the City of Bend, between City and County owned land. This is the Temporary Safe Stay Area (TSSA) that includes basic hygiene stations, dumpsters, and security patrols. Outreach and housing-focused case management services started in February 2025. The City-owned property to the east is scheduled to close May 31, 2025, and the TSSA is set to close December 31, 2026.

The County started fuels reduction out at Juniper Ridge on County-owned property, scheduled to be done at the end of May. There is no burning, because people are living out there. The City is also doing a fire break on their property.

Both Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID) and Swalley Irrigation District have canals in that area, and in order to protect the underground canals, there are large cement eco-blocks out there to prohibit driving across the canals.

The Managed Camp in Redmond is a part of the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) Land Exchange. The DSL owns 140 acres near the current fairgrounds. The County owns land just south that DSL would like. Since there are people living on the County-owned land, they must be moved before the land swap happens. Service providers suggested waiting until Shepherd's House Redmond, Oasis Village, and Bethlehem Inn came online to allow for easier movement of people.

The Managed Camp timeline is dependent on the construction of 21st Street, a gravel road, and bringing water up. There will be port-o-potties, electricity in a central kitchen area, and water. Fire hydrants were added due to two loops of camping spots.

Long-term, after construction, an RFP would be put out for a service provider to run the camp.

The group also discussed the closure of China Hat Road, including that an update at the next meeting would be helpful, especially in light of the ADA (American with Disabilities Act) requirements.

7. CHRO Strategic Plan Progress

The group reviewed the progress on the strategic plan and acknowledged that some pieces may never be done, and that's okay. But the group can see where progress is being made and where collaboration is happening.

8. Data Dashboard Project Update on CHRO Investment & Point-In-Time Count Report Guide

CHRO invested \$46,000 for the data project. Co-Chair Heiss wrote the memo to explain where they are at with the dashboard and data. Ms. Wilson encouraged everyone to share this memo with their colleagues and elected officials to fully explain the reason why data sharing takes extra time.

Ms. Baney let the group know that pods can be improved if they were touched by this funding. If it goes over the CHRO's cap per pod, then the provider will need to ask for approval.

Finally, the group decided to keep the pod conversation going, get an update on Cabin Butte, China Hat, the next stage of the RFQ process, and circle back on the Managed Camp.

Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jenn Greco, Program Assistant II, COIC

DESCHUTES COUNTY - DEPARTMENT BUDGET LEVEL
FISCAL YEAR 2026

4/24/2025

ACCOUNT NUMBER - DESCRIPTION	FY 2023 ACTUALS	FY 2024 ACTUALS	FY 2025 ADJ BUDGET	YTD END OF JUN'25	FY 2026 DEPARTMENT	\$ BDGT CHG FR FY 2025	% BDGT CHG FR FY 2025
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FUND - 205 Joint Houselessness Task Force							
ORG 2051150 Joint Houselessness Task Force							
2051150 301000 - BEG NET WORKING CAPITAL	0	13,337	36,679	36,679	62,480	25,801	70.34
2051150 334012 - State Grant	192,705	100,542	730,000	706,753	519,000	-211,000	-28.90
2051150 343013 - Other Revenue - Misc	10,633	37,772	2,000	0	0	-2,000	-100.00
2051150 361011 - Interest-Pooled Investments	13,337	23,341	20,000	20,060	20,000	0	0.00
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** ORG - 2051150 RESOURCES	216,676	174,993	788,679	763,491	601,480	-187,199	-23.74

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FUND - 205 Joint Houselessness Task Force							
ORG 2051150 Joint Houselessness Task Force							
2051150 410101 - Regular Employees	125,566	70,479	80,285	0	0	-80,285	-100.00
2051150 410201 - Extra Help (Temp Employee)	0	442	0	188	0	0	0.00
2051150 410301 - Overtime	2,366	6,901	4,000	0	0	-4,000	-100.00
2051150 410401 - Time Management	11,841	1,769	0	0	0	0	0.00
2051150 420101 - Health-Dental Ins (ISF)	19,010	21,240	27,393	0	0	-27,393	-100.00
2051150 420201 - PERS Employee-Employer	11,068	17,713	5,882	1,472	0	-5,882	-100.00
2051150 420202 - PERS - Fund 575 for D-S	960	1,165	1,916	0	0	-1,916	-100.00
2051150 420301 - FICA	11,127	5,820	16,360	14	0	-16,360	-100.00
2051150 420401 - Workers' Comp Insurance	157	42	118	0	0	-118	-100.00
2051150 420501 - Unemployment Insurance	487	268	570	2	0	-570	-100.00
2051150 420601 - Life-Long Term Disability	353	278	782	0	0	-782	-100.00
2051150 420801 - Paid Leave Oregon	383	306	825	1	0	-825	-100.00
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* JHTF PERSONNEL	183,317	126,425	138,131	1,678	0	-138,131	-100.00
2051150 430620 - ISF Facilities	0	714	785	654	0	-785	-100.00
2051150 430625 - ISF Administration	0	2,981	4,327	3,606	5,345	1,018	23.53
2051150 430628 - ISF BOCC	0	717	1,669	1,391	0	-1,669	-100.00
2051150 430630 - ISF Finance	0	4,400	5,408	4,507	4,639	-769	-14.22
2051150 430631 - ISF Finance-HR Proj Reserve	0	80	0	0	0	0	0.00
2051150 430650 - ISF Human Resources	0	2,903	3,360	2,800	0	-3,360	-100.00
2051150 450091 - Recruitment	10,812	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

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ORG 2051150 Joint Houselessness Task Force							
2051150 450094 - Program Expense	1,796	1,186	350,000	54,733	500,000	150,000	42.86
2051150 450098 - Dept Employee Recognition	0	0	50	0	0	-50	-100.00
2051150 450820 - Travel-Accommodations	409	276	500	0	0	-500	-100.00
2051150 450850 - Travel-Ground Trans-Parking	54	17	50	0	0	-50	-100.00
2051150 450860 - Travel-Meals	29	102	150	0	0	-150	-100.00
2051150 450870 - Travel-Mileage Reimb	705	295	500	0	0	-500	-100.00
2051150 460320 - Meeting Suppl (Food etc.)	80	0	200	0	0	-200	-100.00
2051150 460610 - Computers & Peripherals	6,135	(1,781)	0	(1,176)	0	0	0.00
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* JHTF MATLS & SVCS	20,021	11,890	366,999	66,514	509,984	142,985	38.96
2051150 521851 - Reserve for Future Expenditu	0	0	283,549	0	91,496	-192,053	-67.73
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* JHTF RESERVE FOR FUTURE	0	0	283,549	0	91,496	-192,053	-67.73
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Budget

CHRO \$1M Budget Expenditures (Fiscal Agent: Deschutes County):

\$788,679 balance as of March 18, 2025

- (\$150,000) to COIC to use as unrestricted/flexible funding for CHRO RFQ projects (CHRO Board approved on 6/20/24)
- (\$ 85,000) to NeighborImpact to replace equipment at Stepping Stone Shelter (CHRO Board approved on 2/24/25)

\$235,000 total expenses

\$553,679 unallocated funds

Governor's \$1.1M Budget for Pods Expenditures (Fiscal Agent: COIC):

- (\$175,500) to City of Bend for Safe Parking with 1. Dean Swift (CHRO RFQ Tier 1) & 2. Mtn View Dev (CHRO RFQ Tier 2)
- (\$197,500) to City of Redmond for Tiny Homes/Micro-shelters with Oasis Village
- (\$234,000) to City of Bend for two additional sites. Approved by CHRO Board.
- (\$300,000) to City of Redmond for MVCD SafeSites

\$907,000 total expenses

\$193,000 unallocated funds



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MEMO

Date: May 5, 2025
To: CHRO Board of Directors (Board)
From: Mickie Derting, City of Bend Strategic Initiatives Manager; COIC Staff
Regarding: Cabin Butte Project Area – Forest Restoration

Update on Service Provider Response

Co-chair Megan Perkins requested an update on the Cabin Butte Project Area closure due to forest restoration work and the service provider network's response.

Appreciation

First, we are deeply grateful for the dedication and perseverance of our local service providers. Their commitment, compassion, and collaborative spirit have helped countless individuals avoid or exit homelessness despite mounting challenges.

Today, we welcome an overview and update from the service providers network regarding their response to help unhoused individuals at China Hat:

- Molly Heiss, CHRO Co-chair & Deputy Executive Director of the Central Oregon Community Action Agency, NeighborImpact
- Eliza Wilson, CHRO Board Member, Board Chair of the Central Oregon Continuum of Care or Homeless Leadership Coalition, and Senior Director of J Bar J Youth Services
- Colleen Thomas, Deschutes County Behavioral Health – Homeless Outreach Services Team Supervisor
- Stacey Witte, Executive Director, REACH

We appreciate the invisible, tireless work happening behind the scenes. These leaders—and their teams—have helped hundreds of individuals avoid or exit homelessness. They're also here

to share what it takes to continue meeting this need amid ongoing closures across Central Oregon.

To hear the update live, please email Mickie Derting at mderting@bendoregon.gov for site location, online access, or video replay link. You may also view the agenda once published by Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at Deschutes.org/meetings.

CHRO's Role

Next, we want to clarify CHRO's role in relation to this project. The CHRO:

- Does not have jurisdiction over Deschutes National Forest or the unincorporated areas of Deschutes County.
- Does not govern service providers
- Does not speak on behalf of federal, state, or county agencies or the service provider network
- Acts as a convener, bringing together the appropriate stakeholders—including elected officials, agency leaders, community members, service providers, and other key stakeholders—to collaborate and seek solutions.
- Supports resource development, including funding

Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) Public Partners Roundtable (PPR)

Since Summer 2024, the Deschutes National Forest and COIC Public Partners Roundtable teams have convened or participated in cross-agency meetings to discuss the Cabin Butte Project Area closure due to forest restoration and the need to support the transition of campers into housing. These collaborative discussions have included representatives from federal, state, county, and city governments, service providers network, and the Central Oregon Continuum of Care or Homeless Leadership Coalition. Together, these partners have shared best practices, aligned new and existing resources (including the 76 new rapid rehousing units at Old Mill Apartments, 33 new beds at Cleveland Commons permanent supportive housing, and expanded shelter capacity), and outlined coordinated strategies for housing-centered outreach and impact mitigation.

How the Community Can Help

Community members and organizations can support this work through:

- Say thank you to a service provider for the work they do and the difference they make.
- Provision of housing units, safe parking, or designated safe camping areas
- Donated vehicle repair services or funding for mechanical needs

- Secure storage for personal belongings and vehicles

To make a donation, please contact:

- Homeless Leadership Coalition at info@cohomeless.org
- NeighborImpact at <https://www.neighborimpact.org/donate-online/>

Thank you for your ongoing support of this critical work.

CHRO Strategic Plan Alignment

Priority 2:

- Align with the Continuum of Care
- Enhance and grow partnerships with providers, local and regional governments, and key stakeholders

Priority 3:

- Develop and increase funding streams
- Support service providers
- Expand Access to Services
 - Streamline resources/services: facilitate regional partnerships
- Support Development of Authorized Camping Spaces
 - Support participating communities in their efforts to create camping programs and connect them with subject matter experts and providers.

Attachment or Link:

- Deschutes National Forest News Releases, "[Cabin Butte Project Area to Close for Restoration](#)" Released: January 16, 2025

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MEMO

Date: May 5, 2025
To: CHRO Board of Directors (Board)
From: Mickie Derting, City of Bend Strategic Initiatives Manager; COIC Staff
Regarding: \$25,000 Land Use Application Fee – Funding Request from the Gales Family

The Lori and Craig Gales family (Gales) is requesting funding to cover a \$25,000 Deschutes County land use application fee for their property located at 62150 Hamby Road, Deschutes County, OR 97701.

This parcel is currently zoned Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) and located in unincorporated Deschutes County outside of the City of Bend Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).

The Gales paid \$8,000 for a soil study, which concluded that the 8-acre property is not suitable for farming.

The Gales Proposed Use Upon Rezone Approval:

Per Mr. Craig Gales, the Gales are requesting a rezone to Rural Commercial to enable the following vision:

- 7 Acres: An outdoor shelter for the unhoused, modeled after existing programs such as Central Oregon Villages (COV), for which the Gales have previously constructed micro-shelters ("pods"). This would include:
 - A community center
 - Spaces for RVs to diversify sheltering options
 - The property would be leased to a non-profit service provider to operate, following models like COV or Mountain View Community Development, with monthly rent capped at 30% of resident income (estimated \$250–\$300/month), which would help fund operations.

- Residents would enter via the region's Coordinated Entry System and would receive wrap-around services and supports.
- 1 Acre: Reserved for a medical or childcare facility, or other use that addresses identified community service gaps.

Originally, the Gales intended to request rezoning to Rural Residential, but pivoted to Rural Commercial after discussions with community members revealed a greater need for service-based infrastructure.

The Gales' next step is to request for a pre-application meeting with Deschutes County – Community Development Department to discuss the rezoning of the property for the desired use of land.

2024 Point-in-Time Count and Upcoming Encampment Closures:

Key takeaways from the Homeless Leadership Coalition 2024 Point-in-Time count completed January 23, 2024:

- 2024 Point in Time Count shows a 9% increase in homelessness over prior year of 2023
- 1,799 people experienced literal homelessness in Central Oregon on January 23rd, 2024
- 69% of people counted were unsheltered
- 66% of question respondents have lived in Central Oregon for 5 years or longer
- 68% of question respondents have been homeless for more than 12 months
- 10% of chronically homeless were age 65 or older
- 35% of chronically homeless were age 55 or older
- 18% of those surveyed were under the age of 25 (21% last year)
- 24% of those surveyed were POC, up 4 pct pts from 20% last year

Upcoming encampment closures:

- May 1, 2025 – Cabin Butte Project Area Restoration Closure due to Forest Restoration
- May 31, 2025 – Juniper Ridge (JR) – Temp Safe Stay Area (TSSA) Phase 1: narrow area to east side of US 97
- Fall 2025 – DSL Land Swap – Managed camp opening goal by Thanksgiving
- December 2025 – JR TSSA reducing camp areas from 40 acres to 20 acres
- December 2026 – JR TSSA full closure

Background Timeline:

- September 19, 2024 – The Gales presented the funding request at a CHRO Board meeting. The Board supported the concept but requested a formal proposal and supporting documentation. Concerns included how to ensure long-term commitment to the proposed use. [\[Video replay available – jump to timestamp 2:02:00\]](#)

- March 12, 2024 – The Gales submitted a managed camp proposal in response to a CHRO RFQ. The review committee did not recommend it to move forward due to:
 - Concerns over rezone timing relative to ARPA deadlines
 - Need for stronger, confirmed partnerships
 - Lack of a “Plan B” if a public agency would not operate the Safe Parking site
- September 25, 2024 – At the Joint Deschutes County Board of Commissioners and City of Bend City Council meeting, adopted to “*supporting the request for the Gales property and other projects identified by the CHRO procurement process in providing additional outdoor living options that provide a more permanent solutions for managed camps*”. [[Video replay available](#) – jump to timestamp: 1:44:00 and 1:46:40]
- June 27, 2023 – Governor Kotek responded to the County letter with follow-up questions prior to engaging the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to pursue temporary rulemaking. The County has yet to respond to the questions.
- March 1, 2023 – Deschutes County Commissioners sent a letter to Governor Kotek requesting flexibility to allow managed camps siting on a property outside the UGB.

CHRO Board Discussion & Requested Direction:

To address concerns raised by the Board, the following points are proposed for discussion:

- Uniqueness of Property: Outline how this property is uniquely positioned (e.g., homeless initiative investment by the Gales) to prevent precedent-setting for similar rezoning fund requests.
- Funding Forgiveness Criteria: Consider establishing terms under which the \$25,000 fee could be forgiven:
 - Rezone and land use approvals completed by [insert date]
 - Outdoor shelter build-out completed by [insert date]
 - Continued use for houseless initiatives for at least [insert number] years
- Repayment Triggers: Clearly define instances in which funds would need to be returned:
 - Rezone/land use application is denied
 - Property is sold post-rezone without project implementation
 - Outdoor shelter not completed by [insert date]
 - Use of land changes from original stated purpose

– Or –

Consider simplifying and structuring the application fee funding as a “forgivable loan” until the property has been put into service in the intended way or until the application to the rezone has been rejected.

Attachments or Links:

- Deschutes County [Safe Parking Program](#)
- Deschutes County [Safe Parking Program Within One Miles of UGB](#)

- Updated “Visions for Community Development” Proposal from the Gales for the May 5, 2025, CHRO Board meeting including:
 - January 19, 2024, Department of Land Conservation and Development Soils Assessment Release Form
 - Four (4) Site Renderings
- March 12, 2024, Original Proposal [[Staff Report available](#) --> *BoCC meeting dated Monday, June 10, 2024, → jump to item 4: Discussion and Possible Action on CHRO RFQ Process*]
- June 2023 Response Letter from Governor Kotek
- March 2023 Deschutes County Commissioners’ Letter to Governor Kotek

CHRO Strategic Plan Alignment:

Priority 3: Expanding Services

- Support Service Providers
- Expand Access to Services
- Develop Authorized Camping Spaces

Priority 4: Address the Crisis of Unsheltered Homelessness

- Improve Shelter Access
- Enhance Regional Data Sharing and Use

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Our Vision for Community Development

Collaborating with Local Governments for Social Impact

Our vision is to partner with county and city governments to transform our property into a vibrant community that addresses both housing affordability and the needs of the homeless and vulnerable populations. This ambitious project aims to create an inclusive environment with several living structures designed to accommodate individuals who are homeless or in need, while simultaneously providing affordable housing options.

Objectives

- **Inclusive Housing:** Develop various living structures that cater to the homeless and people in need.
- **Affordable Housing:** Offer affordable housing solutions to ensure financial accessibility for all residents.
- **Collaboration:** Work closely with local government authorities to align our efforts with community goals.
- **Support Services:** Provide tailored support to address residents' unique needs and help them achieve their personal goals.
- **Empowerment:** Facilitate opportunities for residents to move forward in their lives through comprehensive support systems.

Strategies

- **Multi-structured Living:** Design and construct a variety of living accommodations, including temporary shelters and permanent residences, to meet diverse needs.
- **Affordable Housing Initiatives:** Implement policies and practices to ensure long-term affordability of housing units.
- **Community Engagement:** Foster relationships with community members and local organizations to create a supportive network for residents.
- **Needs Assessment:** Conduct thorough assessments to identify and address the specific needs of each resident.
- **Comprehensive Services:** Offer services such as job training, mental health support, and educational programs to empower residents.

Conclusion

By working collaboratively with county and city governments, we aim to create a community that not only provides shelter but also fosters growth, empowerment, and independence for its residents. Our commitment is to ensure that every individual has the opportunity to thrive and move forward in their lives, supported by a community that truly cares.



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Department of Land Conservation and Development

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Salem, Oregon 97301-2540

Phone: 503-373-0050

Fax: 503-378-5518

www.oregon.gov/LCD



Soils Assessment Release Form

Soils Professional Information

Soils professional*: Gary A Kitzroin Certification number: 1741

Date of submittal of soils assessment to department: January 19, 2024

Property Information

Person who requested soils assessment: Craig Gates

Mailing address: 62615 Erickson Rd Bend, Oregon 97701

Email address: craig.gates@gmail.com Telephone number: 541-668-3510

Property owner (if different): _____

Property address (if different): _____

County: Deschutes Township: 17S Range: 12E Section: 36

Tax lot(s): 800 Parcel Acreage: 7.79 Acres Evaluated: 7.79

Comprehensive Plan designation: TRB Zone: EFU

Proposed land use action: Plan Amendment Zone Change

If you would like the soils assessment for the subject property to be released to a County planning department for its consideration in a land use proceeding, please sign this form and send it to Hilary Foote at the above address, or email to: hilary.foote@state.or.us.

I hereby request that the Department of Land Conservation and Development release the soils assessment submitted to the department on the above date regarding the above-described property to the Deschutes County Planning Department, as well as any department notifications of deficiencies. I understand that any and all previous soils assessments applying to this property produced under this rule, as well as any department notifications of deficiencies in such soils assessments, will also be released to the local government.

Craig Gates
Person who requested soils assessment

1/15/24
Date

Property owner (if different)

Date



TINA KOTEK
GOVERNOR

June 27, 2023

Deschutes County Board of Commissioners
1300 NW Wall Street
Bend, OR 97703

RE: Juniper Ridge Request

Dear Chair DeBone, Vice Chair Adair, and Commissioner Chang,

Thank you for your letter regarding people experiencing homelessness who are camping and engaging in survival activities on the Juniper Ridge property in your county. I share your concern about the health and safety of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness and want to assure you that I am committed to addressing homelessness in every corner of our state.

On my first full day in office, I declared a homelessness state of emergency (EO 23-02), which includes Central Oregon. A critical element of a successful outcomes-driven emergency response is the establishment of Multi-Agency Coordinating Groups (MACs) at the local level. MACs operationalize the emergency response by coordinating key emergency response partners and collectively developing and executing a plan to address the emergency. In Central Oregon, the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) is the lead of your MAC, and I appreciate Deschutes County Emergency Management being a contributing member.

MAC groups are so important because to address homelessness as a state, we must have locally driven plans that are developed and executed in a coordinated fashion. Central Oregon's MAC developed a strong plan in response to outcome targets provided by the state via the implementation of EO 23-02.

Understanding the need for additional state funds to support local plans, I advocated for an Emergency Homeless Response Package which I signed into law on March 29, 2023. This \$155 million package will support local coordinating groups to create 700 new shelter beds, rehouse 1,650 households experiencing homelessness, and prevent homelessness for 8,750 households statewide. Less than one month after signing the Emergency Homeless Response Package into law, I made funding available to emergency areas, including Central Oregon. Central Oregon was awarded \$13.9 million to rehouse 161 households and create 111 shelter beds. This award from the state is more than fourteen times the federal funding award provided to Central Oregon's Continuum of Care (CoC) to address homelessness in FY2022.

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I share these details to highlight that the State is acting urgently to support local communities across the state to address the homelessness crisis. However, the State is no longer engaging in business as usual regarding homelessness responses because business as usual has not been sufficient. As a partner, I expect local communities to have specific, outcomes-driven, and transparent plans to address homelessness.

With all this in mind, I would like to address your request for me to direct the Department of Land Conversation and Development (DCLD) to implement a temporary rule to allow Deschutes County to site an emergency shelter outside of your urban growth boundary (UGB). I need some additional information before I can respond to your specific request:

1. Alignment with Multi-Agency Coordinating Group: How is this request part of or in alignment with the work of your MAC, which is currently working to expand local shelter capacity and rehouse people experiencing homelessness as resourced by the State? Did the County ask the MAC whether rehousing resources could be prioritized for people in unsanctioned encampments with health and safety concerns? If so, what other strategies were prioritized instead and why?
2. Existing Shelter Capacity: Deschutes County provided one-time funding to the City of Bend to operate existing shelters in the past. Has the County ensured that all existing shelter capacity in Deschutes County is maintained with necessary on-going operations funding?
3. Options Within the UGB: Has the County exhausted all other options within the UGB to site a shelter? What did this process include, and what were the specific reasons that the County could not use potential viable sites, including the Murphy Road site? The Central Oregon MAC identified strategies to create 111 new shelter beds within the UGB in a plan approved by the State earlier this year. Did the County ask the MAC what strategies they would recommend in order to provide shelter or housing for the people living at Juniper Ridge before the County decided to pursue an alternative shelter site outside of the UGB?
4. Plan for Operating an Alternative Shelter Site: What is the County's plan to develop and operate an alternative shelter site outside of the UGB? Please address:
 - a. Location and needed site improvements;
 - b. Who will operate the site;
 - c. What services will be provided and do planned services align with best practices to result in housing placements;
 - d. How many people will be allowed and does the planned size align with best practices;
 - e. Total costs (capital and on-going operations); and
 - f. The plan to cover total costs that does not result in the loss of any existing shelter capacity.

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Addressing the crisis of homelessness is complex and requires strong partnership. I look forward to working with you, your MAC group, and your entire community to achieve our shared goals of reducing unsheltered homelessness and improving the health and safety of our communities. You are encouraged to contact my Housing and Homelessness Initiative Director Taylor Smiley Wolfe should you have any questions: Taylor.SmileyWolfe@oregon.gov.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Kotek", with a stylized, cursive script.

Governor Tina Kotek

cc: Senator Lynn Findley
Senator Tim Knopp
Senator Dennis Linthicum
Representative Vikki Breese Iverson
Representative Jason Kropf
Representative E. Werner Reschke
Representative Emerson Levy
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 1, 2023

Governor Tina Kotek
Office of the Governor
900 Court Street, Suite 254
Salem, OR 97301-4047

Sent via Oregon Emergency Management (OEM)

Dear Governor Kotek -

Like most of Oregon, Deschutes County and Central Oregon struggle with the growing homeless population. As you know, Central Oregon is one of eight continuum of care regions within the State.

While we share the Governor's desire to reduce unsheltered homelessness, we recognize that doing so will take time and in the meantime, managed camping options must be explored.

Executive Order No. 23-02 authorizes local governments to submit requests for state resources directly to OEM. Accordingly, Deschutes County, through its governing body, requests flexibility from the State land use system to allow for managed camps in counties. While HB 2006 has provided much needed flexibility in siting emergency shelters in cities and rural residential areas, current state statutes and administrative rules prohibit the siting of managed homeless camps on rural lands outside UGBs. The type of flexibility we are seeking would include allowing managed camps within one-mile of an UGB and/or Urban Reserve, excluding high value farmland, productive forests, and all State Land Use Goal 5 protected resources. Stop gap measures of this nature are necessary and can serve as a stepping stone to sheltered housing options.

County staff, including Deputy County Administrator Erik Kropp, Director of Houseless Strategy & Solutions Cheyenne Purrington, Community Development Director Peter Gutowsky, and County Counsel Dave Doyle are available to further articulate our concerns and request.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners

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Deschutes County & the Cities of Bend, La Pine, Redmond, & Sisters – Coordinated Homeless Response Office (CHRO)

MEMO

Date: May 5, 2025
To: CHRO Board of Directors (Board)
From: Mickie Derting, City of Bend Strategic Initiatives Manager; COIC Staff
Regarding: CHRO RFQ Project Discussion

Purpose

At the request of the CHRO Board, the CHRO Request for Qualification (RFQ) project is on the agenda for discussion and possible action to issue another RFQ.

Background

On March 12, 2024, the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) issued a solicitation on behalf of the CHRO seeking qualified entities to design, develop, and operate temporary shelter sites in Deschutes County.

A review team comprising staff from COIC, the Homeless Leadership Coalition (HLC), the Cities of Bend and Redmond, and Deschutes County evaluated and scored the applications. Seven applications were received and categorized into three tiers based on their scores:

Application Summary

Entity	Project & Location	Cost	Score
Tier 1 – Recommended & Shovel Ready			
Oasis Village	Add 10 more tiny homes/micro-shelters to existing locations	\$494,000 for start-up and 1 year of operation	Tier 1
Central Oregon Villages (COV)	Safe Parking at former Dawn's House location	\$210,000 for start-up costs and 1 year of operations	Tier 1
Tier 2 – Recommended but Need More Information			

COV	Tiny homes villages on City of Bend Property at 61071	\$1,000,000 for start-up cost and 1 year of operations	Tier 2
Mountain View Community Development (MVCD)	Expansion of Safe Parking programs, various locations	Cost TBD	Tier 2
Tier 3 – Not Recommended to Move Forward at This Time			
Gales Brothers, LLC	Safe Parking program on private property, off Hamby Road	\$729,000 for start-up costs and 1 year of operations	Tier 3
Home More Network	Safe Parking program on County owned property, Huntington Road, La Pine	\$349,000 for start-up costs and 1 year of operations	Tier 3
Home More Network	Managed Camp/Long-term Visitor Area at County-owned Juniper Ridge property	\$1,724,000 for start-up cost and 1 year of operations	Tier 3

Funding Allocation Status

Past CHRO Board Allocations

To support Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects, the CHRO Board allocated \$1.1M in Governor’s capital funding as follows:

- \$175,500 – City of Bend (COV & MVCD projects)
- \$234,000 – City of Bend (two additional sites)
- \$197,500 – City of Redmond (Oasis Village expansion)
- \$300,000 – City of Redmond (MVCD Safe Sites)

Total Allocated: \$907,000

Remaining Balance: \$193,000

The CHRO Board also approved \$150,000 in flexible funding to be administered by COIC to support RFQ-related projects. These funds remain unused as of this date.

Current CHRO Budget (as of March 2025)

Description	Amount
Initial HB 4123 Fund	\$788,679
CHRO Flexible RFQ Support Fund	(\$150,000)
Stepping Stone Shelter (NeighborImpact) – Equipment Replacement	(\$85,000)
Remaining Balance	\$553,679

Discussion Points for the CHRO Board

1. RFQ Decision and Timing: Should a new RFQ be issued, and if so, when?
2. Budget Commitment: What funding source(s) and amount should be committed to this effort?
3. Staff Funding: Consider setting aside funds for COIC staff to manage the RFQ process.
4. Leadership: Appoint a Board member to lead this effort.

CHRO Strategic Plan Alignment

This project aligns with the following CHRO Strategic Plan priorities:

Priority 2: Establish the CHRO | Align with Continuum of Care

- Enhance and grow partnerships with providers, local and regional governments, and key stakeholders
- Assist in tracking investments and outcomes in the homeless response system

Priority 3: Expanding Services

- Support service providers
- Expand access to services
- Support development of authorized camping spaces

Priority 4: Address the Crisis of Unsheltered Homelessness

- Enhance data
- Improve access to all types of shelters

Attachment/Link

1. Regional Funding Summary (4/8/25)
2. COIC RFQ Overview and Supporting Documents March 12, 2024, Original CHRO RFQ Proposal [[Staff Report available](#) --> BoCC meeting dated Monday, June 10, 2024, → jump to item 4: Discussion and Possible Action on CHRO RFQ Process]

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MARCH 2025 CHRO BOARD UPDATE

Public Agencies Projects & Resources	Output	Deschutes County (ARPA)	City of Bend (ARPA)	City of Redmond (General Fund)	OR Gov (Capital Expense: PODS)	County-Cities (HB4123 - CHRO Unrestricted Funds)	County-Cities (HB4123 - CHRO Budget)	Timeline (Available Date or Service Rendered)
City of Bend								
Safe Parking Pods	21 Safe Parking pods for CHRO Tier 1 & 2 projects							
Central Oregon Villages (COV) Dean Swift Site	6 Pods				\$ 117,000			Winter 2025
Safe Parking Pod Grant Program	10 pods to MVCD, 5 pods to COV				\$ 292,500			Winter / Spring 2025
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)								
HSGP - Mountain View Community Development (MVCD)	Safe Parking start-up & operations		\$ 1,550					
HSGP - Shepherd's House Ministries	Outreach & case management (TSSA & Bend area)		\$ 246,501					
HSGP - Saving Grace	Navigation; prevention services; case management		\$ 144,000					
HSGP - Thrive Central Oregon	Navigation; prevention services; case management		\$ 433,335					
HSGP - CO FUSE	Permanent supportive housing		\$ 249,667					
HSGP - REACH	Start-up & operations (TSSA & Safe Parking)		\$ 150,810					
HSGP - Mosaic Community Health	Outreach & case management		\$ 271,812					
HSGP - SHM The Lighthouse Navigation Center	Operations		\$ 792,753					
HSGP - SHM Franklin Avenue Shelter	Operations		\$ 48,317					
HSGP - Central Oregon Villages TEMP Outdoor Shelter	Development & operations		\$ 353,602					
HSGP - NeighborImpact - Stepping Stone Shelter	Operations		\$ 388,158					
Total			\$ 3,080,506		\$ 409,500			
Deschutes County & City of Bend								
Juniper Ridge TSSA	Temp Safe Stay Area (TSSA) - Service Provider Services							
HSGP - NeighborImpact	Data management	\$ 50,000						
HSGP - Central Oregon Villages	Start-up; operations; outreach; case management	\$ 183,863						
HSGP - Shepherd's House Ministries	Outreach & case management	\$ 48,006						
HSGP - REACH	Start-up; operations; case mangement	\$ 263,431						
HSGP - Home More Network	Outreach; case mgmt; vehicle repair & relocation	\$ 154,700						
HSGP - Companion Animal Medical Project	Outreach & case management	\$ 100,000						
Homeless Solutions Partnership								
HSGP - Central Oregon Villages	Start-up; operations; outreach; case management	\$ 143,600						
HSGP - Mountain View Community Development	Start-up & operations	\$ 606,400						
HSGP - Central Oregon Villages - TEMP Outdoor Shelter	Development & operations	\$ 1,500,000						
Total			\$ 3,050,000					
Deschutes County								
Mountain View Community Development	Safe Parking	\$ 200,000						Up and running
Total		\$ 200,000						
City of Redmond								
Oasis Village	CHRO RFQ Tier 1 - Tiny Homes/Microshelters				\$ 197,500			Spring 2025
Mountain View	CHRO RFQ Tier 2 - Pods				\$ 300,000			Jun. 30, 2025
Eastside Campus	Managed Camp			\$ 1,000,000				Nov. 2025
Total				\$ 1,000,000	\$ 497,500			
CHRO								
COIC	CHRO RFQ Projects - Flexible Funding						\$ 150,000	Pending requests
HLC/NeighborImpact	Data Dashboard						\$ 46,372	Funded Feb. 2025
HLC	Point-in-time count (PIT): food, drinks, & gift cards						\$ 8,000	Completed
NeighborImpact	Stepping Stone Facilities Repair						\$ 85,000	
Total							\$ 289,372	

Please note, this information only includes funds awarded and is not representative of the full budget for projects.