



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

CHRO BOARD MEETING

4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. on Monday, October 27, 2025

City of Redmond, City Hall | 411 SW 9th Street, Redmond, OR 97756

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AGENDA

Time	Duration	Agenda Item	Board Action	Presenter / Facilitator	Materials
4:00 p.m.		Call to Order		Co-chair Megan Perkins	
4:00 p.m.		September 22, 2025, Meeting Minutes Approval	Motion to Approve	Co-chair Perkins	September 22, 2025, Meeting Minutes
4:00 p.m.	5 minutes	CHRO Budget Update	Receive	Erik Kropp, Deschutes County Deputy Administrator	Deschutes County – Department Budget Level – Fund 205
4:05 p.m.	10 minutes	Public Comment (2 minutes each, 10 minutes total)	Receive	Co-chair Perkins	
4:15 p.m.	20 minutes	CHRO Remaining Budget Allocation Consideration NeighborImpact – Prevention and Keeping People Housed	Receive	Co-chair Molly Heiss, NeighborImpact Deputy Director	PowerPoint
4:35 p.m.	20 minutes	CHRO Remaining Budget Allocation Consideration COIC – Regional Office Staff and Operations	Receive	Mickie Derting, COIC Housing Programs Director	Memo and Attachments
4:55 p.m.	15 minutes	HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program aka Central Oregon Homeless Leadership Coalition (HLC) – Point-in-Time Count Awareness	Receive	Co-chair Molly Heiss, NeighborImpact Deputy Director	
5:15 p.m.		Adjourn		Co-chair Perkins	

**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, September 22, 2025

Hybrid

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), Councilor President Sarah McDougall (City of Sisters), and Eliza Wilson (HLC Chair).

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

2. Approval of Minutes from August 25, 2025 CHRO Board Meetings

Vice-Chair Megan Perkins asked for edits or a motion to approve the August 25, 2025 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Councilor President Sarah McDougall

Second: Eliza Wilson

Votes: Motion Approved

3. CHRO Budget Update

Mickie will be doing a county budget audit before making any recommendations or proposals. This is the budget from the County.

4. Public Comment

Chuck Hemingway brought a proposal to the CHRO Board to keep the Temporary Safe Stay Area (TSSA) open past December 2026. Mr. Hemingway stated that his proposal leads into the presentation by Dr. Graham Pruss on long-term visitor areas. Mr. Hemingway stated he understands the decision doesn't technically live with the CHRO Board but acknowledged that if the TSSA is closed, the impact will be felt county-wide.

Mandy Bryant, a camper displaced by the China Hat closure, shared statistics related to the displacement of people. From the Journal of the American Medical Association, they estimate that anywhere from 974 to 2,175 additional overdose deaths per 10,000 people in 10 years occur when constantly displaced. By allowing people to remain in an area, the initiations of medications for opioid use disorder would go down.

Andrea Parovo, a grassroots organizer and provider, is primarily focused on issues related to houselessness and homelessness in the Bend-Redmond area. Ms. Parovo works consistently with the population of Juniper Ridge and witnessed the stressors of the China Hat closure, not only on former residents of China Hat, but also of Juniper Ridge, as well as providers and community members. Ms. Parovo encouraged the group

to keep open minds and consider creative solutions to house people and provide services.

Eric Garrity shared that for the last five years he's worked with many of the residents of Juniper Ridge and before that, those at Hunnell Road. Mr. Garrity saw many sweeps and it is the worst possible policy response when it comes to a housing affordability crisis. He thanked the Board for opening up space for Dr. Pruss.

5. Data Dashboard Update

Vice-Chair Molly Heiss updated the group on the Data Dashboard. The \$46,000 award to NeighborImpact was not just for a dashboard, but for a data package. With staffing challenges, the dashboard has not gone as well as hoped. The Tableau expert left NI and staff have been doing as much learning as possible in the meantime. The suggestion made was to invest some of the remaining money into technical support so that a template can be fully created and easily populated by the data collected.

6. Community Data Conversation

Vice-Chair Heiss briefly discussed the conversation happening at the state level regarding the vendor for HMIS and if the state chooses a new one, data collection and reporting should run smoother.

7. HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Strategic Plan Overview

Margaret Van Vliet and Mike Bonetto joined to provide an update on the Strategic Plan. They are in the process of evaluating and understanding the current state. They'll use that to develop strategies for what a future state could look like based on work the group has already done. They'll also meet with various stakeholders to vet ideas.

Some themes that have come out so far are the clear commitment on the part of leaders to address the issue of homelessness, there is a strong network of providers in the region, there's alignment with the health systems, ideas were tested thanks to the money from the state, and eagerness to get better with data. There is also an appetite to clarify roles and responsibilities between coordinating bodies.

Both Ms. Van Vliet and Mr. Bonetto will sit in on as many meetings as possible to keep the pulse on what's happening locally.

8. National Vehicle Residency Collective

Dr. Graham Pruss joined the group to present on the National Vehicle Residency Collective, the non-profit he's Executive Director of. The goal of the organization is to help people who are living in vehicles to create spaces for their vehicles and connect them with legal advocates and service providers. The organization holds monthly meetings, a biannual conference, and does work with people across the country related to vehicle residency.

The Collective works with communities to identify challenges and find solutions related to the criminalization of vehicle residency, recognizing that vehicle residents have few options but to park in public spaces. By incorporating vehicle shelters into the existing Continuum of Care it allows residents to access the services they need. They utilize three toolkits – they help local partners learn about this range of parking programs, they improve effective outreach for folks living in vehicles, and they help providers ensure consistent, human-centered outreach.

Finally, Dr. Pruss shared several examples of programs across the country, which can be found in the recording.

Adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jenn Greco, COIC Program Assistant II



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MEMO

To: CHRO Board

From: Mickie Derting, COIC Housing Programs Director

Date: October 27, 2025

Subject: Strategic Investment in Office and Staff Sustainability

Executive Summary

This memo recommends allocating the remaining CHRO funds to sustain staffing and operations rather than direct program funding. Doing so maintains the COIC Housing office's capacity to coordinate regional homelessness response, supports the legislative intent of HB 4123, and strengthens the ability to pursue new funding opportunities.

At the August 25, 2025, CHRO Board meeting, members requested staff to bring back information on several potential allocations for the remaining CHRO funds. The other Board-requested topics, such as prevention, data, interim housing options like RV parks, and a strategic plan for encampment closures throughout Central Oregon, are addressed in a agenda item or have already been presented.

Estimated CHRO Budget Balance

- \$192,000 (or \$322,000 if the set-aside for CHRO RFQ projects is reinstated) — pending confirmation from Deschutes County

Recommendation

Allocate the remaining balance to the **COIC Housing Team** to maintain operational continuity and advance the legislative intent of HB 4123.

This approach:

- **Advances HB 4123's intent** to establish a staffed regional office that advances regional goals, builds capacity to secure additional funding, and partners with the CoC/HLC—all functions currently carried out by the COIC Housing Team.
- **Ensures operational continuity** and preserves regional coordination capacity.
- **Positions the Housing Team** to sustain coordination across Central Oregon for an estimated 6-18 months (depending on the amount allocated) while new funding opportunities are pursued.

Proposed Funding Priorities

1. **Primary focus:** Staff sustainability (wages, benefits, and operations).
2. **Secondary uses:** As new funding sources are braided in, remaining CHRO funds could flexibly support Deschutes County-aligned initiatives consistent with the CHRO Strategic Plan, such as:
 - **Grant writing** (e.g., assistance with securing funding for Deschutes County programs)
 - **Strategic planning** (e.g., coordinating encampment closures and response protocols; potential contribution to regional strategic planning efforts to ensure inclusion)
 - **Public communications** (e.g., messaging and community engagement for county initiatives)
 - **Resource development** (pursuing private and philanthropic funding through goal-setting, funder outreach, and customized proposal materials, with a team that includes elected officials serving as champions)

Funding Recommendation

In response to the Board's August meeting directive to evaluate the relative impact of staffing versus program investments, COIC Housing recommends allocating the remaining HB 4123 funds to sustain staffing and operations rather than direct programs.

This strategy strengthens capacity, leverages existing infrastructure, and ensures the CHRO continues to fulfill its legislative mandate as a regional coordinating office.

Strategic Rationale

Investing in staff capacity—rather than short-term programs—**builds a durable foundation** for all future work:

- **Sustainability:** Stable staffing ensures consistent regional coordination and accountability.
- **Leverage:** Skilled staff can pursue and manage new grants, expanding available resources.
- **Efficiency:** Shared coordination reduces duplication and maximizes public investment.
- **Alignment:** Fully honors HB 4123's goal to establish a lasting, collaborative regional office.

Background and Context

House Bill 4123 (2022) funded eight pilot regions, including Central Oregon, to establish coordinated homelessness response offices. The CHRO was created through an Intergovernmental Agreement among Deschutes County and the Cities of Bend, Redmond, La Pine, and Sisters.

In 2023, following the signing of IGA #2, operations transitioned to the COIC to ensure continuity and efficiency. COIC now serves as the CHRO's operational home, leveraging its regional housing coordination roles, trusted partnerships, and resource development experience.

Financial Overview

To date, approximately **\$604,722** of the original HB 4123 allocation has been invested in staffing and operations through Deschutes County and COIC.

The transition to COIC produced measurable savings and improved efficiency through shared infrastructure, existing expertise, and reduced administrative overhead.

Summary of Staffing Expenditures to Date

Deschutes County

- **\$311,420** — Executive Director (8 months) and Management Analyst (½ time for 12+ months)
- **\$43,302** — Internal services (overhead, travel, food, 2023–present)
- **County Subtotal: \$354,722**

COIC

- **\$250,000** — Housing Team staffing (12 months starting July 2025): primarily Housing Director with support from Housing Specialists and Administrative Specialist
- **In-kind contributions** — Executive Director, Deputy Director/Fiscal Manager, and Administrative Specialists support; internal services (overhead, travel, food)
- **COIC Subtotal: \$250,000**

Total Invested: \$604,722

Key Takeaways

- **COIC's structure yields savings:** similar or greater output at lower cost compared to previous county-led model.
- **In-kind leadership and fiscal oversight** from COIC represent additional value not billed to the CHRO. However, with federal funding reductions, state and local resources tightening, and ARPA funds coming to a close, continuing in-kind services may no longer be feasible or sustainable.
- **Dedicated Housing Team** now provides coordinated expertise across Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties, ensuring efficiency and regional alignment.

Maintaining the COIC Housing Team with remaining funds will ensure uninterrupted coordination and sustain regional progress while the Board explores long-term funding strategies.

Conclusion

COIC Housing respectfully requests that the Board approve reinvestment of the remaining HB 4123 funds in staff sustainability.

This strategic investment:

- Fulfills legislative intent of HB 4123;
 - Ensures operational continuity; and
 - Positions the COIC Housing Team to continue effective regional coordination for 6-18 months (depending on the amount allocated) while pursuing new resources to sustain the regional housing office and team long-term.
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Attachments

1. House Bill 4123 Guide
2. Association of Oregon Counties and League of Oregon Cities One-pager Overview of City-County Coordinated Homeless Response Office
3. Deschutes County and City of Bend Joint Meeting (October 28, 2001) One-pager Overview of Suggested Core Functions
4. CHRO Estimated Budget as of 9/25/25 (Pending Deschutes County Audit and Confirmation)
5. CHRO Proposed Start-up Org Chart
6. COIC Housing Team Org Chart

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Enrolled
House Bill 4123

Sponsored by Representatives KROPF, WILLIAMS, Senator PATTERSON, Representatives EVANS, GOMBERG, HOY, SMITH G, ZIKA, Senators ANDERSON, ARMITAGE, GELSER BLOUIN, HANSELL, KNOPP, THOMSEN; Representatives ALONSO LEON, CAMPOS, DEXTER, FAHEY, GRAYBER, HIEB, LEVY, MARSH, MOORE-GREEN, NOBLE, NOSSE, REYNOLDS, SOSA, WEBER (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to coordinated homeless response systems; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas the lack of available housing, high rents and high home prices are driving rapid increases in housing instability and homelessness in Oregon; and

Whereas Oregon has experienced a significant increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness and unsheltered homelessness; and

Whereas funding, resources and services to address homelessness in Oregon are not scaled to meet this need; and

Whereas the lack of housing affordability and availability in Oregon cannot be addressed without cross-jurisdictional collaboration; and

Whereas communities require coordinated leadership and governance to identify local needs and centralize communication, policy and services to end homelessness; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide grants to local governments and nonprofit corporations that agree to, within 90 days of receipt of grant funding, enter into an agreement among the member governments and nonprofit corporations, if any, to create a coordinated homeless response system that consists of, at a minimum:

(a) The establishment of a coordinated homeless response office;

(b) An advisory board with representation from the governing body of each member government;

(c) Specific roles of each member to support the advisory board and office;

(d) Plans for coordination with any local continuum of care receiving funding under 24 C.F.R. part 578; and

(e) The establishment of a centralized point of contact for the office.

(2) Grants provided under this section shall be used by the coordinated homeless response system to:

(a) Hire necessary staff for the office;

(b) Support coordinated communications and public engagement;

(c) Support community outreach and policy development, including stipends for people with current or recent lived experience of homelessness;

FUNDING

Per lobbyist:, funding is estimated to be dispersed 90 days [from effective date of March 23, 2022].

Per AOC Legislative Director: "In terms of next steps, Department of Administrative Services (DAS) will be working to get a grant agreement with each of the grantees receiving funds. As a result of the 2022 legislative session, DAS has a number of grant agreements it will be working through each of these in order to distribute funds to recipient. This process also involves DOJ legal sufficiency, which also adds to the timeline a bit. DAS will be in contact with each recipient as they work through these grants. Overall these grant agreements tend to be fairly straight forward and not overly burdensome."

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT

- Establish Office
- Form Board
- Adopt IGA
- Coordinate with Continuum of Care (CoC)
- Hire Executive Director

CONTINUUM OF CARE

Homeless Leadership Coalition (HLC) : Partnership, alignment, and support all throughout in the Emergency Homelessness Task Force proposed and draft Strategic Plan

ELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS

- Hire staff
- Communications & Public Engagement
- Community Outreach & Policy Development
- Stipends for People with Lived Experience
- Technical assistance & capacity building including consultants
- Other expenses necessary to meet requirements

(d) Acquire technical assistance and capacity building, including contracting with consultants; and

(e) Pay for other expenses reasonably necessary to meet the requirements under this section.

(3) Within one year of receiving a grant under this section, a coordinated homeless response system, through the advisory board or each member government to the agreement, shall adopt a five-year strategic plan that will identify and set goals for addressing:

(a) Funding to support the ongoing operations of the coordinated homeless response system;

(b) Increasing or streamlining resources and services to people at risk of or experiencing homelessness within the participating cities and counties;

(c) Incorporating national best practices for ending homelessness;

(d) Eliminating racial disparities within homeless services within the service area; and

(e) Creating pathways to permanent and supportive housing that is affordable to local populations experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

(4) No later than November 15, 2023, and September 15, 2024, each coordinated homeless response system shall provide a report to the Housing and Community Services Department, Oregon Housing Stability Council and one or more appropriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 on:

(a) The goals adopted in the five-year strategic plan and the progress made in implementing the plan;

(b) Other changes in homelessness services, ordinances of member governments relating to homelessness and partnerships or programs established that are specifically related to member government actions arising out of the agreement; and

(c) Identified challenges and opportunities relating to:

(A) Regional coordination of homelessness services and planning;

(B) Needs for technical assistance regarding program development or other programs from the Housing and Community Services Department; and

(C) Addressing racial disparities through partnerships with culturally specific and responsive organizations serving populations overrepresented in experiencing homelessness, including Black, Indigenous, People of Color, federally recognized tribes and tribal members and outreach and engagement with these populations.

(5) In performing tasks under this section, a coordinated homeless response system shall coordinate with and develop partnerships with local and regional stakeholders, including, but not limited to:

(a) Advocates for people experiencing homelessness and for people with lived experience of homelessness;

(b) Community action agencies;

(c) Housing authorities;

(d) Affordable housing providers;

(e) Behavioral health providers;

(f) Law enforcement;

(g) Educational agency liaisons for homeless children as described in 42 U.S.C. 11432;

(h) Local Department of Human Services offices;

(i) Courts;

(j) Legal aid;

(k) Coordinated care organizations, as described in ORS 414.572;

(L) Emergency shelter providers;

(m) Homeless service providers;

(n) Organizations serving and advocating for veterans, homeless youth, youth exiting the foster care system, individuals exiting the criminal justice system, people with disabilities and aging adults, health care systems, domestic violence and sexual assault survivors,

Adopt a 5-yr Strategic Plan within 1yr of grant receipt:

The Strategic Plan must address:

1. Funding for Office's ongoing operations
2. Increase/Streamline Resources & Services
3. Eliminate Racial Disparities
4. Create pathways to affordable permanent & supportive housing

Note:

2 & 4 are in the EHTF Strategic Plan;

1 & 3 might need to be further emphasized. It's in the Plan but not as prominent.

Reporting Requirement

Partnership with Regional Stakeholder Requirement

members of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning (LGBTQ) communities, people experiencing behavioral health and substance use disorders, faith communities and business communities; and

(o) The Housing and Community Services Department.

(6) In performing its duties under this section, a coordinated homeless response system shall coordinate with law enforcement, service providers and governing bodies to implement safe and humane processes to maintain public and environmental health and safety, balancing important individual and community rights.

(7) A coordinated homeless response system may use grant funds in excess of those funds needed by the system to accomplish the requirements of the system under subsections (1) to (6) of this section to support the delivery of homeless services and shelter consistent with the five-year strategic plan, including through contracts with service providers.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2022 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium ending June 30, 2023, out of the General Fund, to provide grants under section 1 of this 2022 Act for a coordinated homeless response system:

(1) \$1,000,000 to Benton County for a response system consisting of Benton County, the City of Corvallis and any other parties to the agreement forming the response system.

(2) \$1,000,000 to Coos County for a response system consisting of Coos County, the City of Coos Bay, the City of North Bend and any other parties to the agreement forming the response system.

(3) \$1,000,000 to Deschutes County for a response system consisting of Deschutes County, the City of Bend, the City of La Pine, the City of Redmond and the City of Sisters.

(4) \$1,000,000 to Lincoln County for a response system consisting of Lincoln County, the City of Lincoln City, the City of Newport, the City of Toledo and any other parties to the agreement forming the response system.

(5) \$1,000,000 to the Mid-Columbia Community Action Council for a response system consisting of the Mid-Columbia Community Action Council, Hood River County, Sherman County, Wasco County, the City of The Dalles, the City of Hood River and any other parties to the agreement forming the response system.

(6) \$1,000,000 to Polk County for a response system consisting of Polk County, the City of Dallas, the City of Falls City, the City of Independence, the City of Monmouth, the City of Willamina, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency and any other parties to the agreement forming the response system.

(7) \$1,000,000 to Tillamook County for a response system consisting of Tillamook County, the City of Tillamook, Bay City, the City of Garibaldi, the City of Rockaway Beach, the City of Wheeler, the City of Manzanita, Tillamook County Community Action Resources Enterprises, Inc. and any other parties to the agreement forming the response system.

(8) \$1,000,000 to Umatilla County for a response system consisting of Umatilla County, the City of Umatilla, the City of Stanfield, the City of Echo, the City of Hermiston and any other parties to the agreement forming the response system.

SECTION 4. This 2022 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2022 Act takes effect on its passage.

Coordination among Law Enforcement, Services Providers, and the Office's Board of Directors

If excess in funds available, eligible use:

- To support the delivery of homeless services and shelters consistent with the 5yr Strategic Plan, including through contracts with service providers.

Recipients

Chapter 70, (2022 Laws): Effective March 23, 2022.

Source: HB4123 2022 Regular Session - Oregon

Legislative Information System (oregonlegislature.gov)



CIT

City-County Coordinated Homeless Response Pilots (HB 4123)

HB 4123 establishes locally led, regional housing coordination through 8 pilots across the state. Each pilot will receive \$1 million in state funding over two years to operationalize coordinated offices to strengthen their communities' homeless response. These pilots are not intended to be duplicative of existing work in the community, nor are they intended to take on the role of direct service delivery. Instead, these pilots will:

- Provide high-level coordination, centralized communication, and strategic visioning;
- Identify opportunities to more effectively leverage existing funds and access new resources; and
- Create a more equitable, accessible and responsive system for their residents experiencing homelessness.

HB 4123 sets out minimum standards for each pilot, including:

- Sign an IGA with regional partners to manage and facilitate the coordinated homeless response office;
- Establish an oversight board, consisting of members from each participating local government;
- Develop a 5-year strategic plan to identify gaps in their community's homeless services, in coordination with community partners and existing efforts;
- Commit to continued, sustained funding beyond the first 2 years of state funding; and
- Report back to the legislature and OHCS on local progress, opportunities, and challenges to inform future state homeless funding and policy decisions

These standards provide a basic structure for accountability and the reasonable use of funds while giving communities the flexibility to model local best practices and create efficiencies in their regional homeless response systems, all in the name of improving access to resources and services for Oregonians experiencing homelessness. The required coordination with existing community partners, culturally specific organizations, and state and federal systems intends to build on Oregon's developing homeless response strategy, including critical connections to permanent affordable housing.

HB 4123 requests \$8 million for 8 pilots in the following communities:

- Benton County/City of Corvallis
- Coos County/City of Coos Bay/City of North Bend
- Deschutes County/City of Bend/City of Redmond/City of Sisters/City of La Pine
- Hood River County/Wasco County/Sherman County/City of The Dalles/City of Hood River/Mid-Columbia Community Action Council
- Lincoln County/Lincoln City/City of Newport/City of Toledo
- Polk County/Falls City/City of Monmouth/City of Independence/City of Willamina/City of Dallas/Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde/Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency
- Tillamook County/City of Tillamook/Bay City/City of Garibaldi/City of Rockaway Beach/City of Wheeler/City of Manzanita/Community Action Resource Enterprises Inc. (CARE)
- Umatilla County/City of Hermiston/City of Stanfield/City of Echo/City of Umatilla



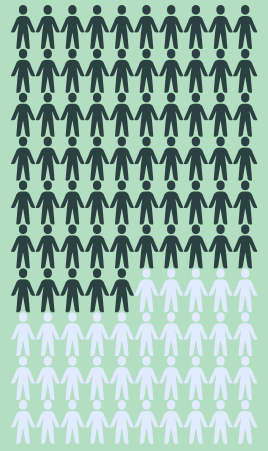
For more information, please contact: Representative Jason Kropf at rep.jasonkropf@oregonlegislature.gov
Sabrina Riggs, AOC Lobbyist at sabrina@daltonadvocacy.org
Jim McCauley, LOC Lobbyist at jmccauley@orcities.org

BUILDING A JOINT OFFICE ON HOMELESSNESS



More than **65** service providers and community groups offer ongoing support to people experiencing homelessness and housing instability in Deschutes County.

65% of people experiencing homelessness in the HLC region are homeless for the first time. Homelessness has increased in each of the last 6 years.



992 people were counted as experiencing homelessness in Deschutes County on 1/20/2021.

\$2M

Estimated funding for homeless services in Deschutes County and the City of Bend in 2020

WHAT'S NEEDED?

- Stronger regional planning & coordination
- Additional funding for housing and services
- Larger workforce
- More affordable housing
- Community engagement and leadership

We asked members of the Task Force what the **most significant gaps** are in the region's response to homelessness and what would be **most helpful** from a joint city/county office.



STRATEGIC COORDINATION

Community leaders and service providers are calling for a more coordinated and strategic response to the crisis of homelessness in the City of Bend and Deschutes County.

A Joint Office could streamline efforts to prevent and end homelessness by coordinating and supporting service providers by identifying strategic priorities and directing funding and holding accountability across partners.

SUGGESTED CORE FUNCTIONS



Supporting Partnerships



Leading Systems Improvement



Developing Strategy



Coordinating Funding



Community Engagement

JOINT OFFICE: SUGGESTED CORE FUNCTIONS

Supporting Partnerships

- Provide community partners with additional capacity as well as guidance and partnership in pursuing the community's shared priorities
- Support local, regional, state, and federal partners in understanding the scope of need in Central Oregon and identifying key funding opportunities and priorities
- Streamline regional and local efforts to prevent and end homelessness by de-duplicating information sharing, roles, and responsibilities



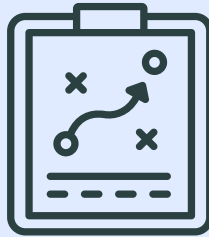
Leading Systems Improvement



- Manage and update the region's strategic plan, monitor progress, analyze trends and changes
- Lead the community in strengthening its homeless response system by establishing shared priorities based on data and input from service providers, advocates, and people with lived experience of homelessness and housing instability

Developing Strategy

- Identify opportunities and challenges to improve the region's response to homelessness and develop and refine solutions in partnership with the HLC, service providers, municipal leaders, and people experiencing homelessness
- Coordinate implementation and continuous quality improvement across the homeless response system



Coordinating Funding



- Identify unmet service and infrastructure needs, project funding gaps, and identify potential funding sources
- Build sustainability and streamline efforts by planning and coordinating City and County investments and funding for homeless services

Community Engagement



- Strengthen partnerships with service providers, community-based organizations, school districts, faith-based organizations, neighborhood groups, businesses, and other partners to lead a community-wide effort to pursue the 10-year vision
- Ensure that people experiencing homelessness are able to provide input, feedback, and recommendations to strengthen progress toward the 10-year vision.

PENDING DESCHUTES COUNTY CONFIRMATION

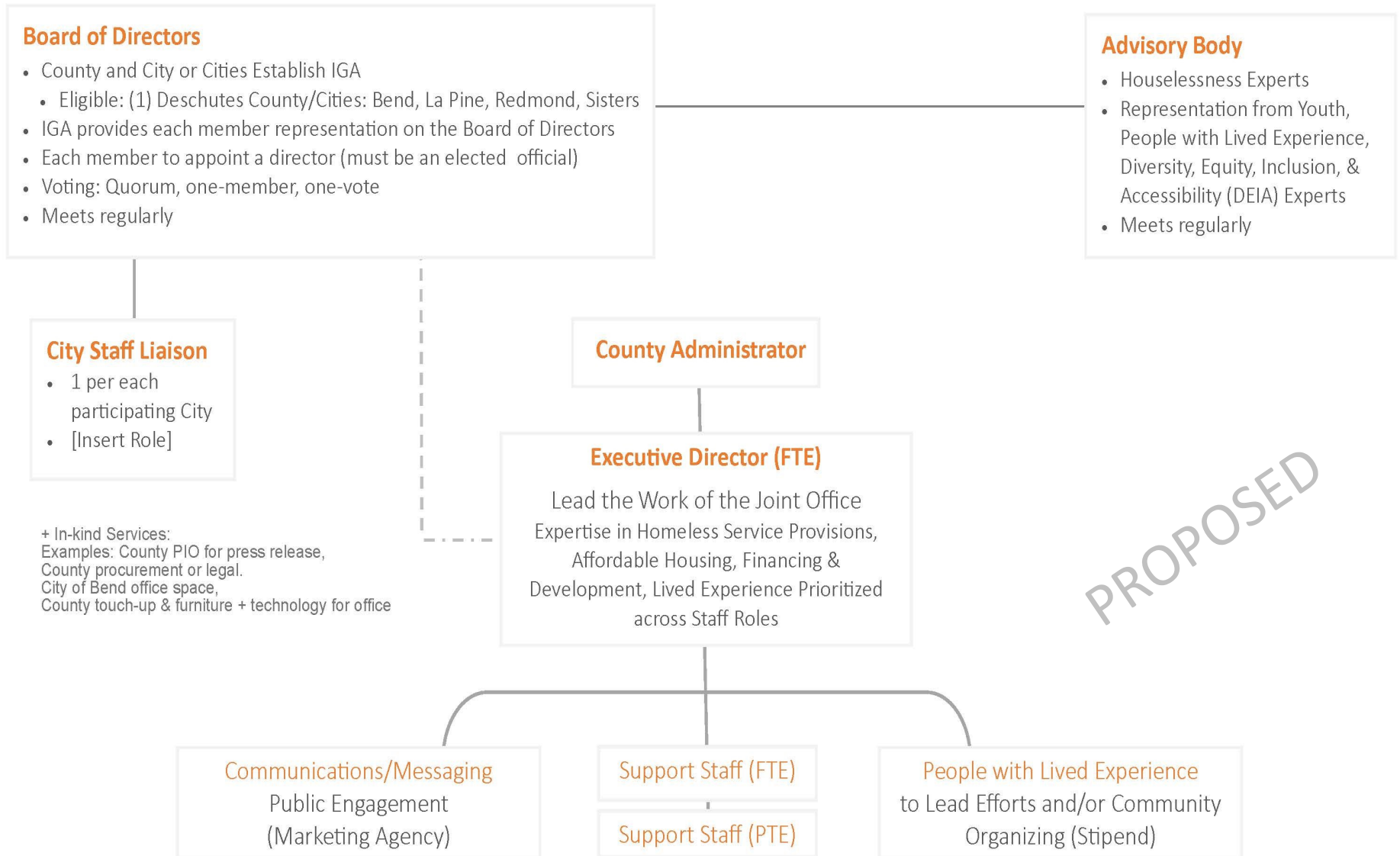
CHRO Budget

Resource	Amount	Notes
HB 4123 Funding	\$ 1,000,000.00	
COIC Reimbursement	\$ 48,405.00	Chris Ogren as COIC staff time
County Investment Returns	\$ 62,845.00	
Total	\$ 1,111,250.00	
Expenses	Amount	Notes
Deschutes County	\$ 311,420.00	CHRO Executive Director & Management Analyst
Deschutes County	\$ 43,302.00	Internal Services (Overhead, Travel, Food)
City of Bend	\$ 85,000.00	Stepping Stone Shelter Repairs
Z'Onion Creative	\$ 360.50	Houseless in Deschutes Website Annual Hosting Fee
COIC	\$ 8,000.00	HLC PIT event incentives
NeighborImpact	\$ 46,372.00	Data Dashboard
COIC	\$ 20,000.00	Housing Relocation Barrier Removal (from \$150k set-aside for CHRO RFQ projects)
COIC	\$ 250,000.00	Encumbered for Staff Support
COIC	\$ 25,000.00	Encumbered for Gales Brothers
COIC	\$ 130,000.00	Encumbered for CHRO RFQ projects \$150k was set-aside but \$20k was used for Housing Relocation Barrier Removal Fund - above
Total	\$ 919,454.50	

Resources	\$ 1,111,250.00
Expenses	\$ 919,454.50
Balance	\$ 191,795.50

IF re-added	\$130,000.00	Set-aside \$130k for CHRO RFQ projects (\$150-20k for Housing Barrier Removal Fund)
Total	\$ 321,795.50	

PROPOSED JOINT COUNTY-CITY OFFICE START-UP ORG CHART



Regional Housing Team

Funding sources: COHC; Gov EO Admin Fund; HUD CoC/HLC; CHRO; HB 3644 SSP 2% Admin Fee

