



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, March 9, 2026

Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) – Hawthorne Conference Room
334 NE Hawthorne Ave, Bend

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AGENDA

4:00 p.m. Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call / Introductions
3. Approve November 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes
4. Public Comments (2 minutes each, 10 minutes total)

4:13 p.m. Business Items

5. **Receive budget update** from Erik Kropp, Deputy Administrator of Deschutes County, Fiscal Agent for HB 4123 (2 minutes)
6. **Vote on CHRO RFP – Urgent & Immediate Needs funding allocation recommendation** from Robyn Badura, COIC Regional Housing Specialist on Behalf of the Independent Review Team: Amy Fraley, City of Bend; Kita Newman, Youth Advisory Board; Linda Cline, City of Redmond; James “Jim” Cook, former HLC Board Member and Redmond Oasis Village Project Board of Directors. (30 minutes)

5:00 p.m. Presentations

7. **Data Dashboard and Point-in-Time update** by Molly Heiss, CHRO Board Co-chair and NeighborImpact Deputy Executive Director | NeighborImpact serves as the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Coordinated Entry System (CES) Lead for the Central Oregon Continuum of Care (Homeless Leadership Coalition), a HUD program (15 minutes)

5:10 p.m. Community Announcements or Updates

8. CHRO Board roundtable to provide community announcements or updates (10 minutes)

5:15 p.m. Adjourn

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Board Meeting Minutes

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Hybrid

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

1. Call to Order at 4:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call / Introductions

3. Approval of Minutes from October 27, 2025 CHRO Board Meeting

Vice-Chair Molly Heiss asked for edits or a motion to approve October 27, 2025 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Eliza Wilson

Second: Councilor Zwicker

Votes: Motion Approved

4. Public Comments (2 minutes each, 10 minutes total)

There were no public comments.

5. Receive Budget

Vice-Chair Megan Perkins introduced Erik Kropp's update on the CHRO budget. There were no updates from last month. There were a few questions in the room about whether all of the money was allocated. Mr. Kropp stated that there were a few expenses not in the year-to-date, which included the operational fee for COIC, \$250,000 for one year and \$25,000 fee for the rezone application for the Gale's Project. There is also money set aside for other projects. County staff is working on a restricted covenant for Gale's Project. They've met with community development.

6. Roundtable with CHRO Board

The Board deliberated on the strategic allocation of the remaining CHRO budget. The group wanted to focus on prevention, as this is a key priority of the CHRO. The group ultimately landed on the idea of hosting an RFP. The group discussed which bucket of money would be used for this RFP, with the option of \$130,000 or \$193,000, or combine them. The group suggested starting with the \$130,000 to serve multiple groups.

Vice-Chair Heiss made a motion to use the \$130,000 from the original RFP Process for a new RFP for immediate and urgent needs.

Motion: Vice-Chair Molly Heiss

Second: Eliza Wilson

Votes: Motion Approved

COIC Staff will work on getting an RFP ready for January 2026. The minimum will ask is \$5,000 and a max ask is \$45,000.

7. Vote on Request for Redmond Safe Parking Funding

Rick Russell from Mountain View Community Development brought an ask to the CHRO Board for \$75,000 for Redmond Safet Parking Sites. This was a slightly revised presentation from the last meeting with updates on funding and what's necessary to run the program.

8. Vote on Request for Food Bank Funding

Vice-Chair Molly Heiss with NeighborImpact bought an ask to the CHRO Board. Vice-Chair Heiss provided background on food system impacts from the shutdown. They've been operating at a 12% deficit in terms of food. The food bank team is comprised of 8 people that serves 51 agencies and 15 mobile sites across the region. There was not a specific dollar amount ask, more of a general ask for what can help which includes money, volunteer time, and actual food. All of this information is on NeighborImpact's Website.

The group decided to invite both Rick Russell and NeighborImpact to apply for the RFP.

9. Compassionate Holiday Meal Celebrations

John Lodise joined the group to discuss compassionate holiday meal celebrations. Meals not only provide nutritional value, they provide a place to create community and gain trust. 195-200 meals a day are served across sites. They can always use protein and monetary donations. Food budgets increased by 30%.

Jericho Road also presented on their program. They serve both housed and unhoused individuals. 11 churches and other organizations volunteer to serve their clients. They get the food through Family Kitchen. Their ask was for volunteers.

10. CHRO Board Roundtable

The group ran out of time for roundtable.

Adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jenn Greco, COIC Program Assistant II

Memo

Date: March 9, 2026

To: Coordinated Houseless Response Office (CHRO)

From: Robyn Badura on behalf of the CHRO RFP Internal Review Team: Amy Fraley, City of Bend; Linda Cline, City of Redmond; Mickie Derting, COIC; Jim Cook, Community Member; Kira Newman, Central Oregon Youth Action Board (YAB)

RE: CHRO RFP Funding Recommendation

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The committee unanimously agreed to recommend that the available funding be allocated to the top five ranked projects, which comprised Tier 1:

- J Bar J Anti-Trafficking Project
- Bend Church
- Saving Grace*
- Habitat for Humanity La Pine-Sunriver
- St Vincent de Paul of Redmond

**Saving Grace requested \$45,000, with 10% of that going to indirect administrative costs, which was not an eligible expense for this RFP. The committee deducted 10% from their request for the purposes of calculating funding amounts, which puts their total eligible ask at \$40,500.*

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Recommendation:

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The committee reviewed 23 applications, with a total funding ask of almost \$800,000

- Bend Church
- Bethlehem Inn
- Central Oregon Homeless Alliance
- Central Oregon Peer Services
- Central Oregon Villages
- Habitat for Humanity La Pine-Sunriver
- BestCare
- CAMP (Companion Animal Medical Project)
- HLC (Homeless Leadership Coalition)
- J Bar J Youth Services (Anti-Trafficking Project)
- Jericho Road
- La Pine Senior Activity Center
- La Pine Community Kitchen
- Mountain View Community Development
- REACH
- Redemption House
- Sisters Cold Weather Shelter (CORE)
- St. Vincent De Paul of Redmond
- St. Vincent de Paul of Bend
- St. Vincent de Paul La Pine
- Saving Grace
- Thrive
- Shepherd's House

After the committee completed scoring, there was a clear Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3, based on the final scores

TIER 1:

Rank	Organization	Funding Ask	Point Value	Service Category
1	J Bar J – Anti Trafficking Project (AT Project)	\$45,000	137	Youth Emergency Response
2	Bend Church	\$5,000	134	Outreach and Essential Needs
3	Saving Grace	\$40,500*	134	Domestic Violence Survivors
4	Habitat for Humanity La Pine-Sunriver	\$37,000	132	Prevention (Home Repairs)
5	St Vincent de Paul of Redmond	\$25,000	131	Prevention (Rent/Mortgage Assistance)
	TOTAL:	\$152,500		

Total Funding Available: \$130,000

Committee Recommendation



The review committee unanimously agreed to recommend that the CHRO Board fund the five Tier 1 projects.



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Final Recommendations



To meet the \$130,000 funding cap and fund the top five projects, the committee recommends funding the top four projects at 90% of their funding ask, except for Bend Church due to their low funding amount already (only \$5,000)



This frees up \$15,250 to partially fund St Vincent de Paul of Redmond.

Recommended Funding Awards

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	TOTAL:	\$152,500		\$130,000

Final Recommendations



If the CHRO Board were to make more funding available, the committee recommends fully funding* the five Tier 1 projects.



If there is additional funding remaining after the Tier 1 projects are funded at their original ask, the committee requests to reconvene to further deliberate on how to recommend allocating any remaining dollars.