



Everyone needs a safe, stable, and affordable place to call home. Our communities are stronger with families when children, seniors, people with disabilities, and people with low incomes have access to safe and stable housing.

Problem:

We all have moments of needing assistance. Today across Oregon, people are struggling to pay rent and put food on the table. We know homelessness is impacting all of our communities. During the 2017-18 school year, 21,750 kids in grades K-12 experienced homelessness at some point during the school year. No kid should have to worry about where their families will sleep at night.

The issue:

Oregon's shortage of affordable and available housing is impacting every corner of our state. In every community, families and individuals are forced to choose between paying their rent and putting food on the table. We have two programs - the Emergency Housing Account (EHA) and the State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP) that serve every county in Oregon, and provide short term rent assistance or emergency shelter to help prevent or end homelessness.

The solution:

Home is where hope for the future begins. We know how to solve the problem of homelessness and housing instability. Safe, stable, and affordable homes improve our health, increase our safety, grow our local economies, and help kids succeed in school. Our communities are stronger and more stable when all of our neighbors have access to housing.

Our community needs additional resources for emergency rent assistance to help people remain in their homes or get back into an apartment during hard times.

Our Request:

The Oregon Legislature should invest \$50 million in on-going funds for emergency rent assistance through the Emergency Housing Account (EHA) and State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP) in 2019. By making this on-going commitment to our communities, we can prevent or end homelessness for thousands of Oregonians.

What to tell Legislators:

- We all need a safe, stable place to call home. The Emergency Housing Account (EHA) and State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP) help to prevent or end homelessness for people in our communities.
- To succeed in life or school, we all need a safe, stable place to call home.
- EHA and SHAP are proven, effective and efficient programs that can help prevent and end homelessness for thousands of Oregonians.
- These flexible tools go to serve people in every corner of Oregon and meet people's basic needs.