

Dear Interested Partner,

Clackamas County has received a letter from community organizations and elected leaders dated October 28, 2021. The region is facing a humanitarian crisis and action must be taken promptly and prudently. The County will continue to invest time and resources toward our shared goal of ending chronic homelessness.

The immediate actions you request have either been completed or are well underway:

- Clackamas County is implementing our approved Local Implementation Plan (LIP) associated with Measure 26-210 Supportive Housing Services. We're on track to achieve 75% of our Year 1 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) goal for overall number of households served, and exceed our goals in other areas. We will continue scaling up our work as new resources become available.
- Over the past month, the Board of Commissioners has awarded over \$2 million in new contracts with community partners to provide case management, housing navigation and placement, and short-term rental assistance. Their work is underway and the County is moving quickly to solicit and finalize additional contracts.
- On November 2, the Board unanimously approved directing \$2.23 million from the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to support hotel/motel emergency sheltering. Using ARPA dollars, which are more restrictive than local funds, frees up existing resources to further advance the LIP goals. You can learn more in a press release at <https://bit.ly/2Zlq5w5>.
- Effective November 1, at least 29 contracts are in place with local landlords to provide permanent rent assistance for previously homeless neighbors. Clackamas County will continue to prioritize Housing First in alignment with the LIP priorities.
- The Board of Commissioners and Clackamas County staff are committed to maintaining transparency and protecting public trust. We will continue to move forward with fiscal prudence on the way to full LIP implementation.

All three counties are facing similar challenges caused by lower than anticipated revenues from Measure 26-210. To-date, Clackamas County has received only \$716,351.

Each county is unique, and program rollout, investments, and solutions will vary based on local need, availability of partners to provide services, financial realities, and other factors. Clackamas County's efforts to-date have been defined by facing two federally declared natural disasters—the September 2020 wildfire and the February 2021 ice storm—as well as the pandemic over the past 18 months. The County invested substantially in protecting its most vulnerable residents throughout these events. However, unlike Multnomah and Washington counties and the City of Portland, who collectively received nearly \$250 million in discretionary funds from the CARES Act, Clackamas County did not receive a direct CARES allocation and was only able to apply for approximately \$17 million in reimbursements. This resulted in making tough choices to maintain a balanced budget and avoid future deficits.

We appreciate the ongoing passion, engagement, and support of our valued elected, non-profit, and civic-minded partners. Our positive relationships and strategic collaboration with you are vital to achieving our goals.

Sincerely,