

Oregon City View Manor Sale of Property: Frequently Asked Questions

Background

Oregon City View Manor is a public housing community of 100 homes located on Holcomb Blvd. in Oregon City. The property is owned and operated by the Housing Authority of Clackamas County.

The Housing Authority will ask for permission from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to sell Oregon City View Manor and relocate the 100 families who live there. This is happening because the Housing Authority no longer receives enough money from the federal government to maintain the homes at the level of service they require.

If the US Department of Housing and Urban Development approves the Housing Authority's application to sell Oregon City View Manor, Housing Authority officials will work with each family to move them to a new home, using a Section 8 voucher or moving them into another home owned by the Housing Authority. The earliest a family would need to move would be by the summer of 2018.

Q.) Why is the Housing Authority selling Oregon City View Manor?

A.) The Housing Authority is selling Oregon City View Manor to raise money to rebuild higher quality homes in new locations. When possible, housing will be built in areas with better access to services such as transportation, jobs and healthcare.

Q.) When will the residents at Oregon City View Manor know if they have to move?

A.) It will take the Housing Authority about six months to complete the application. After it is sent to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, it will take about 60 days to be approved. The Housing Authority will notify residents about the approval. The earliest residents would start moving would be by the summer of 2018.

Q.) Will residents get help with moving to a new home?

A.) Yes, the Housing Authority will hire a moving specialist who will work with each family at Oregon City View Manor to help them find a new home.

The Housing Authority will pay for moving costs such as someone to help pack and move belongings, security deposits or move-in fees at the new home, and transportation.

Residents will move to a new home using a Section 8 voucher, and/or to another home owned by the Housing Authority, if there is a vacancy. The Housing Authority will commit to finding every family a new home.

Rents at the new Section 8 or Housing Authority owned homes will be calculated in the same way, and capped at 30% of a resident's income.

Only residents that are still living at Oregon City View Manor when the application is approved will get a Section 8 voucher and moving assistance. If a family moves before that time, the Housing Authority will not be able to assist them.

Q.) Will children who live at the property have to change schools?

A.) The Housing Authority will prioritize moving families with children first in the summer of 2018. Families who want to stay in the current school district can work with the moving specialist to find replacement housing in the area, if available.

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Q.) What will happen to the Head Start school that is located at Oregon City View Manor?

A.) The Housing Authority will work with the Head Start school to find a new location for the center.

Q.) What will happen to Housing Authority employees who work at the property?

A.) Employees will be reassigned to work at other properties until new properties are constructed and leased up.

Q.) Will the Housing Authority be selling any other public housing communities?

A.) Yes. The Housing Authority is planning on selling additional public housing properties over the next 10 years. Residents who live at the affected properties will be notified as soon as there is information available.

Q.) What is the Housing Authority's plan to replace the Oregon City View Manor Units?

A.) The Housing Authority will purchase land throughout the county to build replacement homes on. When possible, new homes will be built in areas that are close to public transportation and other services. As part of the application to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Housing Authority will be working on a detailed plan to replace the 100 units lost at Oregon City View Manor.

Q.) Will residents who have to move from Oregon City View Manor receive priority to move to new or existing Housing Authority homes?

A.) Yes. When a family has to move due to Housing Authority activities such as sales, construction or rehabilitation, they are placed on the top of the Section 8 Voucher or Public Housing Waiting List. The Housing Authority will also establish a priority for families at new buildings that are completed.

Q.) Will the Housing Authority continue to move new families into Oregon City View Manor even when it is looking to sell the property?

A.) Yes. The Housing Authority will continue to move families into Oregon City View Manor up until it is time to move everyone to new homes. This is because a Section 8 voucher will only be given to families that are living at a home in Oregon City View Manor at the time the application is approved, and up until moving time. New families who move into Oregon City View Manor will be informed of the plans to sell the property. The need for housing assistance is great and our goal is that every unit is occupied and every family can receive this assistance.

Q.) Who do I contact with questions or for more information?

A.) If you are a Housing Authority resident or member of the public seeking general information, please call a Housing Authority staff person who works on Development projects: Mary-Rain O'Meara at 503-650-3140, momeara@clackamas.us or Angel Sully, asully@clackamas.us at 503-650-3165.

For more information, members of the media and public may contact Community Relations Specialist [Scott Anderson](#) at 503-655-8752.