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### **Oregon Community Foundation Grants \$3.9 Million to Providence and \$4.2 Million to MWVCAA to Purchase Area Motels for Use as Transitional Housing**

*All Project Turnkey Funds Now Awarded, representing 17 projects statewide and a total of 800 units of housing/shelter*

**McMinnville and Salem, Ore. – June 22, 2021** – Oregon Community Foundation announced today that it has selected Providence Health & Services (Providence) to receive a \$3.9 million Project Turnkey grant and Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency (MWVCAA) to receive a \$4.2 million Project Turnkey grant to purchase and convert area motels into transitional housing for community members in need. These latest grants complete the allocation of the \$65 million fund; all Project Turnkey funds are fully deployed, representing a total of 17 projects in 13 counties statewide and 800 new units of housing/non-congregate shelter.

#### **Project Turnkey-McMinnville | Providence and YCAP**

A \$3.9 million Project Turnkey grant will help Providence support people experiencing homelessness in Yamhill County. The McMinnville-based shelter will be operated in collaboration with Yamhill Community Action Partnership (YCAP), which will provide supportive services to guests.

“We are excited to partner with YCAP and Oregon Community Foundation on addressing homelessness in our area as our Mission calls for us to care for the poor and vulnerable,” said Father Chris Fabre, Chief Mission Officer, Providence Newberg Medical Center. “Addressing homelessness is a key priority for our ministry and this is one step in supporting that initiative.”

The Project Turnkey-McMinnville grant funds will be pooled with funds from Oregon Housing and Community Services and other funds sought through prospective intergovernmental partners. “YCAP’s motel sheltering project has been phenomenally successful at keeping people safe and moving them on to permanent, stable housing,” said Commissioner Casey Kulla, Yamhill County Board of Commissioners. “The purchase of a motel through Project Turnkey is our community’s opportunity to

make this good work permanent, as we work towards a county where homelessness is brief and rare. Our most vulnerable residents will be safer and healthier because of this investment.”

The McMinnville project was selected, in part, for the broad outreach and community support. “Oregon Community Foundation is thrilled to partner with Providence and YCAP on this innovative Project Turnkey effort to benefit the residents of Yamhill County,” said Jenn Columbus, Regional Director (Northern Willamette Valley), Oregon Community Foundation “The community engagement strategy, enthusiasm to identify an appropriate facility, and key partners to secure additional funding demonstrate a clear commitment to finding supportive solutions here.”

Key benefits of Project-Turnkey-McMinnville – to be operated by Providence and YCAP – include:

- Safe accommodation and support for Yamhill County community members in need
- Provision of essentials such as food boxes, clothing, showers, hygiene items, etc.
- Help to move people experiencing homelessness from crisis to stability.
- Culturally specific, supportive services including:
  - On-site case management
  - Health care, including mental health services
  - Resource navigation
  - Linkages to permanent housing solutions.

“It is an honor to be on the front end of Project Turnkey, spearheading critical work with Providence, OCF and our supportive community partners,” said Alexandra Hendgen, Executive Director, YCAP. “This effort changes the landscape around homelessness in our community in a meaningful way, enacting resources that will make a difference in lives in this moment. Project Turnkey empowers the continuation of the YCAP non-congregate sheltering that has provided a strong path for Yamhill individuals and families to step into stable, positive housing solutions.”

### **Project Turnkey-Mid-Willamette Valley | MWVCAA and the ARCHES**

The Project Turnkey grant will help MWVCAA support fire survivors from the Santiam Canyon. The shelter will be operated by a MWVCAA program called The Arches Project, which will provide connections to many supportive services throughout the broader community.

“We are really excited about expanding our ability to serve our broader community with much needed transitional housing,” says **Jimmy Jones**, Executive Director, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency. “MWVCAA will renovate this local motel to provide appropriate support for Santiam Canyon fire survivors.” Jones went on to express his appreciation for the work of Oregon Community Foundation and the Oregon Legislature to make this possible.

The Project Turnkey funds will be pooled with other funds sought through prospective intergovernmental partners. “We can solve complex problems together when community and government collaborate,” said Megan Loeb, Program Officer, Oregon Community Foundation.

“The Project Turnkey-Mid-Willamette Valley Grant completes the allocation of funds from the Project Turnkey Wildfire Fund, bringing the grand total to 400 units of housing throughout Oregon’s fire-affected counties.”

Key benefits of Project-Turnkey-Mid-Willamette Valley – to be operated by the ARCHES (a program of MWVCAA) – include:

- Safe accommodation and support for fire survivors from the Santiam Canyon.
- Provision of essentials such as food boxes, clothing, showers, hygiene items, etc.
- Help to move fire survivors from crisis to stability.
- Inclusive, supportive services including:
  - On-site case management
  - Health care, including mental health services
  - Resource navigation
  - Linkages to permanent housing solutions.

“Our world changed after the wildfires struck Santiam Canyon. We experienced the loss of housing and community as well as a sense of belonging and security,” said Ashley Hamilton, Program Director, the ARCHES, a project of MWVCAA. “Thanks to Project Turnkey, we can rebuild. We offer a safe place for people, access services for daily living and achieve long term housing and stability.”

Oregon Community Foundation offers support for Oregon’s housing needs along a continuum—from shelter to supportive housing to affordable housing to equitable home ownership—through a variety of tools, including research, grants, advocacy, and low-interest loans. OCF’s administration of Project Turnkey is one example of the innovative, collaborative approaches underway to help more Oregonians find stable, affordable housing.

For a complete list of Project Turnkey grant awardees, please visit [Project Turnkey](#) online.

### **About Project Turnkey**

The Oregon Legislature allocated a total of \$65 million for Project Turnkey for the purpose of acquiring motels/hotels for use as non-congregate shelter for people experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness. Two discrete funds were provided by the state: one totaling \$30 million to be awarded in counties and tribal communities impacted by the 2020 wildfires; and one totaling \$35 million for the remaining 28 counties in the state. Oregon Community Foundation is administering both funds through an application and selection process, with guidance from an Advisory Committee of state, local, and community stakeholders. For more information, please visit [Project Turnkey](#) online.

### **Providence Health & Services/Oregon**

Providence Health & Services in Oregon offers a comprehensive array of health and education services through its eight hospitals, medical clinics, health plans, long-term care facilities and home health services. With more than 20,000 employees, Providence is the state’s largest private employer. Visit [www.providence.org/oregon](http://www.providence.org/oregon).

**About Yamhill Community Action Partnership (YCAP)**

YCAP assists residents of Yamhill County, through Client Services and Housing, Energy Services, a regional Food Bank, and Youth Services. To learn more, please visit: [yamhillcap.org](http://yamhillcap.org).

**About Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency**

MWVCAA is the leading social services provider for Marion and Polk counties. To learn more, please visit: [mwvcaa.org](http://mwvcaa.org).

**About Oregon Community Foundation**

Oregon Community Foundation puts donated money to work in Oregon – more than \$100 million in grants and scholarships annually. Since 1973, OCF grantmaking, research, advocacy and community-advised solutions have helped individuals, families, businesses, and organizations create charitable funds to improve lives for all Oregonians. Impactful giving—time, talent, and resources from many generous Oregonians—creates measurable change. Throughout 2020, OCF responded quickly and urgently - distributing a record-setting \$220 million in charitable dollars to more than 3,000 nonprofits throughout Oregon working to address urgent needs, stabilize communities and prepare for long-term recovery in Oregon. OCF donors responded to the magnitude of need, as reflected in a 44% increase in donor advised fund grantmaking from the previous year. For more information, please visit: [oregoncf.org](http://oregoncf.org).

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