



## **Project Turnkey Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is Project Turnkey?**

In November 2020, The Oregon Legislature allocated a total of \$65 million for Project Turnkey for the purpose of acquiring financially distressed 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.

### **What is the role of Oregon Community Foundation?**

Oregon Community Foundation is administering Project Turnkey funds through an application and selection process, with guidance from a diverse advisory committee of state, local, and community stakeholders.

### **What is the Project Turnkey Advisory Committee Role?**

We are engaging a network of community advisors to participate in the review and recommendation of these grants. The Advisory Committee includes members of Oregon's Legislature, state and local agency leaders, community members with expertise in racial equity and accessibility equity, and members of nonprofit organizations providing culturally and regionally specific services. These members will provide input and guidance on which organizations are best positioned to address the unique needs of applicants' communities.

### **How many applicants have been approved for grants?**

The application process is a rolling one – as of early February 2021, there are 20 applications in process which span 15 communities throughout Oregon.

### **What is the timeframe for Project Turnkey?**

The Legislature requires the money to be spent by June 2021. Project Turnkey is expected to announce the first property in early February 2021 and expects to begin housing people as early as the beginning of March 2021.

### **Why isn't the process moving faster?**

We continue to commit our efforts to the urgency of need and maintaining an equitable, accessible process that the community can champion and support for years to come. Real estate development takes time because we are following a stringent selection methodology to ensure these are strong community assets now and well into the future. A typical real estate development project can take more than 6 months, and thanks to our strong and expert developer partners, we've condensed the process to 6-8 weeks.

## **Are these buildings safe and sound?**

Each property under consideration is unique to the community and requires a level of due diligence to ensure it is a wise investment of state funds. All properties under consideration undergo a full slate of inspections, including a property inspection, environmental inspection, and an ALTA survey – developed by the American Land Title Association (ALTA) and American Congress on Surveying & Mapping (ACSM).

## **How many people can each facility house?**

The number of residents per facility varies, depending on the property – in total, the project aims to house anywhere from 800 to 1000 people (the number range is due to individuals vs. families) statewide.

## **To Learn More**

For more information, please visit [Project Turnkey](#) online. For more information about OCF, please visit: [oregoncf.org](http://oregoncf.org).

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