



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 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 serves as the grantor and fiduciary, administering state-funded Project Turnkey grants. Grantees are selected through an application and due diligence process, with guidance from a diverse advisory committee of state, local, and community stakeholders. Projects selected for grants are community centered and equity focused and support the most vulnerable of unhoused community members.

What is the Project Turnkey Advisory Committee Role?

Community advisors participate in the review and recommendation of state-funded Project Turnkey grants. Advisory Committee includes members of Oregon's Legislature, state and local agency leaders, community members with expertise in racial and accessibility equity, and members of nonprofit organizations providing culturally and regionally specific services. Community advisors provide input and guidance to help determine which organizations are best positioned to address the unique needs of applicants' communities.

How many applicants have been approved for grants?

There are 10 approved grant awards and 12 applications in the due diligence process. Applicants' projects span 16 communities throughout Oregon.

Who owns and runs the shelters?

All Project Turnkey facilities are owned and operated by local government entities and/or local nonprofit organizations with competency in serving unhoused community members.

What is the timeframe for Project Turnkey?

The Legislature requires the money to be spent by June 30, 2021. Project Turnkey announced the first property in early February 2021 and began housing people in early March 2021. Project Turnkey is currently at 50% completion with 10 approved projects (representing 450 units of housing) and on pace to complete 18-20 projects by the June deadline.

How is Project Turnkey able to progress so quickly?

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.

Thanks to OCF's expert partners and consultants, the real-estate process is moving quickly and with a high level of confidence that the proposed properties will be good long-term investments of state dollars.

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.

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