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Oregon Housing Stability Council awards funding to build affordable homes in wildfire-affected counties

More than \$73 million to fund over 600 affordable homes

SALEM, Ore. — Oregon Housing and Community Services announced awards of more than \$73.33 million for the construction of 625 affordable homes in wildfire-affected counties across the state. The Oregon Housing Stability Council (HSC) awarded the latest rounds of program funding during their past meetings. Most of the funding will go toward development of rental housing, and some will go toward homeownership.

These awards will add needed affordable housing supply in the counties of the state affected by wildfires, including the 2020 Labor Day Fires that burned 1 million acres. More than 4,000 homes were destroyed, including more than 1,700 manufactured homes in 20 manufactured home parks.

More than \$7 million in funding will go to convert the Talent Mobile Estates into a resident-owned cooperative. The manufactured dwelling park was destroyed during the 2020 Almeda Fire in Jackson County, displacing 89 families. Many of the residents were Latino/a/x families who worked in agriculture and other low-wage service jobs. They have been displaced from their community for the past 20 months. The Phoenix-Talent School District reported that nearly 40% of its students lost their homes to the fire, causing a significant social, emotional and economic disruption. CASA of Oregon will work with its partner, Coalición Fortaleza, to engage residents displaced from the area as they develop the project.

“I’ve been spending a lot of time in Southern Oregon and the Latinx community has been disproportionately affected,” said HSC Councilmember Gerard Sandoval, PhD. “This is a perfect type of project that is needed because it has strong community ties and is resident-owned.”



The council also awarded funding to Marion County to buy 15 acres of land for future development of new affordable homes. The site has the potential to establish a mix of two- to-four-bedroom single-family homes for wildfire survivors, seniors and workforce housing in the Santiam Canyon.

“Currently, we have around 300 households in Marion County who don’t have a place to call home,” said Marion County Commissioner Danielle Bethell. “This \$1.7 million is not just going to purchase land; it’s going to give us the opportunity to create affordable, long-term housing that works for this community that was devastated by the wildfires.”

Below is a list of the 10 affordable housing developments awarded funding in Clackamas, Jackson, Marion and Lincoln counties.

County	Development Name	Total Homes	Source of Funding	Awarded Amount
Clackamas	Estacada Apartments	36	Rental	\$9,720,000
Marion	Gateway Phase 2	138	Rental	\$25,175,000
Jackson	Orchard Meadows and Prescott Gardens	196	Rental	\$9,000,000
Jackson	Summit Gardens	34	Rental	\$6,060,000
Jackson	Talent Senior Apartments	22	Rental	\$3,181,400
Lincoln	Wecoma Place	44	Rental	\$3,927,515
Marion	MacLeay CLT	24	Homeownership	\$2,760,000
Jackson	New Spirit Village	42 Affordable, 42 Market	Homeownership	\$4,300,000
Jackson	Talent Mobile Estates	89	DRR* - Acquisition	\$7,500,000
Marion	Mill City Homesteads	**	DRR - Acquisition	\$1,706,500

* Disaster Recovery and Resilience

**15 acres

More detailed information about the awards and the funding programs can be found in the [May 2022](#) and [June 2022](#) Housing Stability Council packets.

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