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Executive Order 23-02 Funding Awards for Jackson County

Medford, May 2023 On January 10, 2023, Governor Tina Kotek issued Executive Order 23-02 (the "EO 23-02"), which declared a state of emergency due to homelessness. The EO provides funding to rapidly expand the State's low-barrier shelter capacity, to rehouse people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, and to prevent homelessness to the greatest extent possible. It took immediate effect and remains in effect until January 10, 2024.

Jackson County was awarded \$8.8 million as part of EO 23-02. These resources will be delivered to the Jackson County Continuum of Care (CoC) and the distribution of funds will be overseen by Jackson County's Multi Agency Coordination (MAC) group. The goal for Jackson County is to combat homelessness by rehousing 133 unsheltered households and creating 67 new shelter beds. Applications were reviewed and rated by an independent group, including members of the CoC.

The following agencies have been awarded funding to rapidly rehouse 133 unhoused households:

Opportunities for Housing Resources and Assistance (OHRA) is awarded \$1,167,839

Community Works is awarded \$245,223

ACCESS is awarded \$2,658,230

ACCESS/Continuum of Care is awarded \$365,640

The following agencies have been awarded funding to add 67 additional shelter beds:

City of Medford/Rogue Retreat - Crossings is awarded \$2,648,342

City of Medford/Rogue Retreat - Kelly Shelter is awarded \$259,311

City of Ashland is awarded \$1,158,100

City of Medford/Rogue Retreat is awarded \$122,187 for street outreach

ACCESS is awarded \$177,813 for street outreach

As part of the Executive Order, on April 10th, it was announced that Jackson County was awarded an additional \$1.5 million in Oregon Eviction Diversion Prevention Program (OR-DAP) funding to combat homelessness by providing homelessness prevention services to 385 households. These funds are designated for eviction prevention interventions such as rental assistance, coordination with partners who are providing legal services, and other wrap-around interventions to support households at risk of eviction.

The following agencies have been awarded ORE-DAP funding:

The Arc Jackson County is awarded \$110,000

Opportunities for Housing Resources and Assistance (OHRA) is awarded \$339,376

The Salvation Army is awarded \$134,217

Unete is awarded \$154,024

Resolve is awarded \$35,858

ACCESS is awarded \$692,515

Please note that contracts are pending.

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