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Clackamas County Delegation Secures Major Investments to Increase Affordable Housing, Addiction Services

Lawmakers deliver more than \$18.6 million in new funding to address urgent local needs

Clackamas County, OR - Today, the Governor signed the Emergency Housing Stability and Production Package ([Senate Bill 1530](#), [Senate Bill 1537](#)) into law. Between this package and other legislation signed recently, including the Oregon Drug Intervention Plan ([House Bill 4002](#), [House Bill 5204](#)), lawmakers representing Clackamas County in the Oregon State Legislature are celebrating more than \$18.6 million in new funding to increase the local response to urgent crises like homelessness and drugs and other community supports.

“Our constituents in Clackamas County are loud and clear: we have to do more to address the homelessness and drug crises in our communities. We listened. The emergency investments we made this year are going to make a big difference that Oregonians will see and feel in their everyday lives,” said **Senator Mark Meek (D - Gladstone)**.

Major projects secured by lawmakers include, but are not limited to:

- Construction of a crisis stabilization center (\$4 million) – *HB 5204*
- Supporting the Milwaukie Head Start Center through the Clackamas County Children’s Commission (\$3.6 million) – *SB 5701*
- Wastewater treatment facility upgrades to support more homes via Oak Lodge Water Services Authority (\$3 million) – *SB 1530*

- Funding for Homeless Solutions Coalition of Clackamas County, Inc's Oregon City Resource Center (\$2 million) – *SB 5701*
- Water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure improvements for a Habitat for Humanity development (\$1.75 million) – *SB 1530*
- Affordable housing sites across the county operated by Bridges to Change, Inc (\$1.5 million) – *SB 1530*
- Funding the Marylhurst Center for Children and Families through the Clackamas County Children's Commission (\$1.4 million) – *SB 5701*
- Supporting operation costs of recovery housing through the Iron Tribe Network (\$260,000) – *SB 1530*
- Building and operating more recovery housing through Transcending Hope Above and Beyond (\$350,000) – *SB 1530*
- Purchasing a home for recovery and re-entry housing through Free on the Outside, Inc (\$720,000) – *SB 1530*

“We feel an incredible sense of urgency when it comes to tackling tough issues like homelessness and drugs in Clackamas County and around the state. I’m so glad we could fund these critical services in our community, and I’m committed to continuing to deliver big results on the issues that matter most at the capitol,” said **Rep. Annessa Hartman (D - Gladstone & Oregon City)**.

Clackamas County will also benefit from statewide investments aimed at improving connections between substance use disorder services and the criminal justice system so more Oregonians get the help they deserve.

- Grants to assist counties with setting up deflection programs that will connect Oregonians dealing with addiction to treatment services and prevent them from becoming involved in the criminal justice system (\$30 million) – *HB 5204*
- More staff and coordination for drug courts to divert those already involved in the justice system to treatment (\$9.7 million) – *HB 5204*

“I hear about the same issues whether I’m in Tigard or Wilsonville or Chehalem or Sherwood. We have to do more to make sure Oregonians who are struggling: whether it’s standing up more services for people working to overcome addiction or building more affordable housing for Oregonians trying to keep a roof over their heads,” said **Senator Aaron Woods (D - Wilsonville)**.

These new investments are part of the legislature’s statewide commitment to taking immediate action on the drug crisis, building more affordable housing, and sheltering the Oregonians living on our streets. The [Senate](#) and [House](#) Democratic caucuses prioritized these issues in their 2024 session agendas.

“These targeted investments are a step in the right direction on some of the biggest challenges facing our state, and we can’t take our foot off the gas,” said **Rep. Jules Walters (D - West Linn)**. “I’m excited to build on the results we’re going to see from these projects as we work to make sure every Oregonian has a roof over their head and the treatment they need to not just survive but thrive.”

Senators Kayse Jama (D - Portland), Mark Meek (D - Gladstone), Kathleen Taylor (D - Milwaukie, Oak Grove, SE & NE Portland), Rob Wagner (D - Lake Oswego), Aaron Woods (D - Wilsonville) and Representatives Janelle Bynum (D - Clackamas), Mark Gamba (D - Milwaukie), Annessa Hartman (D - Gladstone & Oregon City), Courtney Neron (D - Wilsonville), Daniel Nguyen (D - Lake Oswego & SW Portland), Hoa Nguyen (D - Damascus & East Portland), Jules Walters (D - West Linn) all represent Clackamas County in the Oregon Legislature and worked to secure this funding for the community.

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