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## **Democrats Secure Major Investments to Increase Housing Supply and Behavioral Health Services Across Oregon**

*Lawmakers deliver over \$211 million in behavioral health and \$376 million in housing and homelessness funding statewide to address urgent local needs*

**Salem, 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](#)), Democratic legislators secured investments to improve infrastructure enabling the construction of new, affordable housing and to increase availability of drug treatment and recovery services.

“This session, we were laser-focused on the most urgent issues impacting Oregonians every day, especially the homelessness and drug crises,” said **Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber (D - Portland)**. “We want every neighborhood to be a great place to live, work, and raise a family, and I know that this funding will get us closer to achieving that goal.”

The package signed by the governor today includes \$376 million investment in funding homeless shelters, supporting renters, and boosting housing production, doubling down on last session’s [\\$2 billion](#) housing package to continue the legislature’s urgent work on the homelessness and affordable housing crisis.

It also takes special action to alleviate the affordable housing crisis by granting qualifying cities a one-time expansion of their Urban Growth Boundaries. Cities under 25,000 people can expand by 50 acres, while cities over 25,000 people can expand by 100 acres.

The package includes:

- A [\\$75 million revolving loan fund](#) to make interest-free loans to local governments to help finance production of affordable housing and moderate income housing projects,
- Direct allocation to cities for 44 infrastructure projects across the state to support shovel-ready housing production (\$94.3 million),
- Funding for 27 recovery housing projects (\$18 million) in communities across the state and affordable housing in historically under resourced communities (\$29.25 million),
- Continuing investment in Healthy and Safe Homes, a legislative concept reinforcing the need to build resilient structures for the future (\$24.5 million),
- And sustained funding for proven methods to prevent homelessness and resources families and individuals depend on to stay housed (\$131 million).

"The short session was tremendously productive," said **House Majority Leader Ben Bowman (D-Tigard, Metzger & S Beaverton)**. "We made meaningful investments in housing production and behavioral health services that will benefit all Oregonians, in urban, rural, and suburban communities alike."

Behavioral health investments made by the legislature this session were signed into law earlier this year by the governor. The [Oregon Drug Intervention Plan](#) invests \$211 million in shovel-ready projects to expand behavioral health treatment, apprenticeships and training for behavioral health workers, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in jails, addiction prevention programs and education, deflection-to-treatment programs, drug courts, and public defense capacity.

Counties that opted in to developing deflection programs 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*

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.

All Oregon counties received investment because of the work Oregon Democrats did during the 2024 legislative session, showing that these issues impact everyone and the legislature can work together in a nonpartisan way to make Oregon better.

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