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## Oregon Mayors Association Homelessness Taskforce

*Partnership Between State & Cities Needed to Address Homelessness Crisis*

The OMA Homelessness Taskforce's plan to humanely and timely address the homelessness crisis in Oregon is a partnership between the state of Oregon and its 241 cities. This partnership will allow for the establishment and expansion of local, community-based responses that provide immediate shelter, needed services, and secure safety for unhoused Oregonians. This partnership requires the enactment of two separate, yet parallel, budget proposals during the 2023 Legislative Session: (1) a budget package which provides direct allocation to cities for homelessness response and prevention services; and (2) an allocation that provides capital improvement funding for cities.

### *Direct Allocation*

A direct allocation of funding from the state to each incorporated city in Oregon for cities to use in their homelessness response and prevention services is needed.

- Each city will be allocated funds in an amount equal to \$40 per resident, in accordance with the latest official population estimates from Portland State University (PSU).
- In no instance will an incorporated city receive less than \$50,000 in direct funding.
- Cities may elect to use the funds for their own homelessness response and prevention services, or may redirect their funds to community partners who are required to use the funds for homelessness response and prevention services.

Funds must be used for homelessness response and prevention services, which may include:

- Abatement/clean-up
- Environmental mitigation
- Affordable housing
- Capital construction or improvement costs related to homelessness or affordable housing measures
- Community resource officers
- Education and outreach
- Food bank assistance
- Shelter and/or transitional housing
- Hygiene stations
- Operation costs
- Outreach workers
- Prevention

With a \$50,000 guarantee for all cities, and a \$40.00 per resident multiplier in place, based on the April 19, 2022, PSU population estimates, the total amount would equal \$123,575,800.00.

### *Capital Allocation*

In addition to the direct allocations, the taskforce's plan requires a meaningful allocation from the state for coordinated capital construction investments for specific shelter and transitional housing projects, statewide. It is expected that final dollar amount for needed capital construction investments will equal between \$125 to \$175 million.