

## Housing Stabilization Program

(Program Factsheet)

### For More Information

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### Are you homeless, or at risk of being homeless, with minor children?

To find housing and/or shelters in your area, contact your **Local Community Action Agency** (<http://www.cado-oregon.org/members.htm>).

### Program Overview

The Housing Stabilization Program was created in 1999 to assist households with children who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The program is a partnership between local lead agencies, Children Adults and Families Division of Oregon Department of Human Services and Oregon Housing and Community Services.

### Eligibility Requirements

The program is designed to provide assistance to low- and very-low-income homeless or at-risk households with children. Eligibility is determined by the lead agency based on income, legal status, and other criteria.

Eligible services under the program to an eligible applicant may include payment of one or more of the following program costs:

- Shelter costs, including but not limited to:
  - Rent, mortgage and utility costs;
  - Costs for room and board at a domestic violence shelter, emergency shelter or 'safe home';
  - Moving costs;
  - Property taxes for up to one year, if necessary to avoid foreclosure;
  - Transportation costs to another area or residence; and
  - Cost of repairs necessary to make the applicant's housing habitable.
- Food costs.
- Medical costs not covered by another source that are incurred because of medical care:
  - for a medical problem that appeared to be life-threatening at the time of occurrence;
  - Necessary to prevent a medical problem from becoming life-threatening; or
  - Deemed necessary by the Subgrantee Agency.
- Costs incurred for support services deemed necessary by the Subgrantee Agency to stabilize an applicant's housing situation, including, but not limited to, child care, transportation, counseling, job training, education and life skills training.
- Case management costs.

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### Program Requirements for Lead Agencies

OHCS distributes funds to designated lead agencies through a formula based on the number of homeless and at-risk population in each geographic region. The lead agencies are responsible for coordinating and establishing area plans for use of the funds.

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To talk with someone about resources and services in your local area or county, contact your **Local Community Action Agency** (<http://www.cado-oregon.org/members.htm>).

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OHCS is the state housing finance agency, providing financial and program support to create and preserve opportunities for quality, affordable housing for lower income Oregonians. The agency also administers federal and state antipoverty, homeless and energy assistance community service programs.

