

**Homelessness Advisory Board Agenda**  
**Wednesday, March 12, 2025 @ 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**LOCATION: Housing Authority Ocean Spray Family Center**

Classroom 3, 1039 NW Nye St. in Newport

or by Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/96877182454?pwd=cHNZDZLYzZwcDVaTGNNMeUdkYkNkUT09>

1. Welcome – Rod Cross, LCHAB Co-Chair
  - a. Reminder re: Public Meeting Laws & Public Participation
2. Roll Call – Kyla Bibeau, LCHAB Program Manager
3. **Action Item:** Review Minutes from February 12, 2025 (pg. 3) – Rod Cross, LCHAB Co-Chair
4. Public Comments (items related to the agenda, 3-minute cap) – Rod Cross, LCHAB Co-Chair
5. Administrative Report – Karen Rockwell, Admin. Office (pg. 7)
  - a. HB4123 Pilot
  - b. Update: 2025 Work Plan and Continuance of HALC’s Contract
  - c. Community Shelter & Resource Center (Newport) Renovation Updates
  - d. Frequently Asked Questions (pg. 9)
6. Committee Updates – Jane Barth, Consultant (pg. 12)
  - a. Community Outreach and Engagement Committee
  - b. Equity and Inclusion Committee
  - c. Policy and Funding Coordination Committee
  - d. **Action Item:** Budget request
7. Funding Updates – Katelyn Smith, Grants Manager (pg. 14)
  - a. HB5019 for Rapid Rehousing & Sheltering
  - b. Oregon Rehousing Initiative (ORI)
  - c. Youth Emergency Housing Assistance (YEHA)
  - d. Executive Order Shelter Funding
8. Oregon Housing & Community Services Guests: Judy Hui-Pasquini, Senior Local & Tribal Policy Analyst, Housing Stabilization Division and Affordable Rental Housing (ARH) colleagues
9. Tri County Continuum of Care Organization – Liesl Eckert, Community Services Consortium (CSC)
10. New Business from the Board – Rod Cross, LCHAB Co-Chair
11. Public Comments (items unrelated to the agenda, 3-minute cap) – Rod Cross, LCHAB Co-Chair  
*Written comments can be submitted at any time by email to [kbibeau@housinglincolncountyor.gov](mailto:kbibeau@housinglincolncountyor.gov).  
Comments that are relevant to the work of the group will be shared with all voting members.*

## **Public Meeting Laws & Public Participation**

The following handout is a guide for the members of LCHAB in the discussion re: public comment. Currently, to comply with public meeting laws, the structure of the meeting enables the following individuals to participate during the meetings if recognized by the co-chairs:

### **Appointed Representatives (or their alternates IF identified at Roll Call, otherwise NOT participants).**

- Lincoln County: Commissioner Claire Hall (co-chair)
- City of Depoe Bay: Mayor Kathy Short
- City of Lincoln City: Council President Marci Baker
- City of Newport: Councilor Robert Emond
- City of Siletz: Council President Susan Trachsel
- City of Toledo: Mayor Rod Cross (co-chair)
- City of Waldport: Councilor Rick Booth
- City of Yachats: Council President Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey
- Community Services Consortium: Housing Services Manager Liesl Eckert

### **Ex-officio (non-voting) representatives:**

- Lincoln County: OPEN
- City of Depoe Bay: Kimberly Wollenburg, City Recorder
- City of Lincoln City: Daphnee Legarza, City Manager
- City of Newport: Nina Vetter, City Manager
- City of Siletz: Barbara Chestler, City Recorder
- City of Toledo: OPEN
- City of Waldport: Dann Cutter, City Manager
- City of Yachats: Bobbi Price, City Manager
- Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians: Housing Executive Director Sami Jo Difuntorum

### **Administrative Office:**

- Kyla Bibeau, LCHAB Project Manager
- Karen Rockwell, Executive Director, Housing Authority of Lincoln County
- Katelynn Smith, LCHAB & HALC Grants Manager

Invited guests must be included on the agenda prior to its distribution and are only able to participate in the business meeting during their allotted agenda slot.

One of the LCHAB goals is to increase public participation, and this is being done through the formation of additional workgroups who will then have liaisons that will be invited to report out at the meetings. The meeting agendas are also going to include invited subject matter experts on specific topics.

**Beginning of meeting** for comments not related to agenda items, but on the topic of homelessness in Lincoln County. Limited to 3 minutes per person. Note: Like municipality meetings, this is not a time for question and answer; comments are to be received by the LCHAB and not deliberated at that moment. Comments related to the agenda are held to the **end of the meeting**. Limited to 3 minutes per person. Again, not a period of question and answer; comments are to be received by the LCHAB and not deliberated in that moment.

**Homeless Advisory Board Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 12, 2025**  
Oregon Coast Community College  
Classroom CC032, Central County Campus, Newport, OR, 97365  
And by Zoom

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The meeting was called to order at 1:07 PM by Co-Chair Claire Hall. Hall initiated roll call for the representatives:

**Attendees:**

City of Depoe Bay, Kathy Short, Mayor  
City of Lincoln City, Marci Baker, Councilor  
City of Newport, Robert Emond, Councilor  
City of Toledo, Rod Cross, Mayor  
City of Waldport, Rick Booth, Councilor  
Community Services Consortium (CSC), Liesl Eckert, Housing Services Manager  
Lincoln County, Claire Hall, Commissioner  
\*alternates

**Ex officio attendees:**

City of Lincoln City, Daphnee Legarza, City Administrator  
Housing Authority of Lincoln County, Karen Rockwell, Executive Director  
Housing Authority of Lincoln County, Kyla Bibeau, LCHAB Project Manager  
Housing Authority of Lincoln County, Katelynn Smith, Grants Manager

The minutes from the December 11, 2024, meeting were reviewed. City of Toledo Mayor Rod Cross made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, which was seconded by City of Waldport Councilor Rick Booth. The motion carried.

Chair Hall invited public comments related to agenda items. No comments were received.

Chair Hall then passed the gavel to Executive Director Karen Rockwell. Rockwell directed the Board's attention to page six of their Board packets, which included the Administrative Office's proposed 2025 Work Plan and the continuation of the Housing Authority's contract. She reminded the Board that, at the December meeting, the administrative office had presented a 2024 year-end report in the form of a presentation, now available on the Homeless Advisory Board website ([www.LCHAB.org](http://www.LCHAB.org)). Rockwell reviewed the 2025 work plan and the contract continuation proposal, as outlined in the Board packet. She noted that if HALC secures the contract, the Board will receive the 2025 action plan at the next meeting.

Mayor Short made a motion to accept the proposal as submitted. City of Newport Councilor Robert Emond seconded the motion. Chair Hall allowed for discussion. City of Lincoln City Councilor Marci Baker inquired whether a budget was available to show how HB4123 funding had been spent to date. Rockwell explained that page nine of the Board packet includes funding

updates, providing a simple budget for the HB4123 funds. However, it does not account for funds committed to the Newport Community Shelter and Resource Center renovations, as those funds have not yet been received. She stated that approximately \$245,000 of HB4123 funds remain, and if the Board approves HALC's contract, about \$120,000 will be left. Councilor Baker asked whether these funds were intended to last for the remaining two years of the five-year strategic plan. Rockwell clarified that the Board intends to seek ongoing funding to sustain the plan and the office. With no further discussion, Chair Hall called for a vote. The proposal was unanimously approved.

Rockwell provided an update on the Newport Community Shelter and Resource Center, owned by the Housing Authority and operated by Lincoln County Health and Human Services. The renovations, carried out by Top to Bottom Contractors, LLC, are complete, and Health and Human Services has begun moving back into the building.

Rockwell informed the Board that the day services center, Coastal Support Services, has dissolved, creating a gap in day services in the Lincoln City area. Currently, options are being explored to address this gap. Agape Respite Center is assessing whether its capacity would allow for expansion into Lincoln City. Councilor Baker asked whether Agape intends to operate from the same location as CSS. Rockwell confirmed that this option is being considered.

Rockwell then passed the gavel to Liesl Eckert and Kyla Bibeau for a Point-in-Time (PIT) Count update. Eckert reported a strong volunteer turnout across the tri-county area and noted that, for the first time, HMIS was utilized across all Lincoln County emergency shelter locations. She stated that the data pulled from HMIS appeared to be of high quality, but it was too early to provide the final official data. Chair Hall explained that the PIT Count is a census of unhoused individuals mandated by the federal government and required for eligibility in certain funding programs. She noted that Governor Kotek previously has used PIT Count numbers when allocating resources.

Bibeau added that this year's PIT Count saw strong energy and collaboration, with significant efforts made to reach the unhoused population where they were rather than requiring them to travel to designated count locations. Rockwell highlighted that the increased use of HMIS in Lincoln County resulted from LCHAB's strategic planning efforts. Eckert noted that nearly every shelter program in the county is now using HMIS, marking a significant step toward data-driven decision-making and a more effective navigation system for tracking individuals as they move through shelters. Rockwell reported a 225% increase in PIT Count data from 2023 to 2024, clarifying that this rise reflects improved capacity and coordination rather than an increase in homelessness. She expressed hope that the 2025 data would align with 2024 figures to validate the current level of homelessness in Lincoln County.

Chair Hall then passed the gavel to consultant Jane Barth, who facilitates the Lincoln County Homeless Advisory Board Committees. Barth provided a verbal summary of the written update included in the Board packet. Councilor Rick Booth corrected the date for the South Lincoln County Resource Fair, which is scheduled for April 23, 2025, rather than early March.

Chair Hall then passed the gavel to Housing Authority of Lincoln County Grant Manager Katelynn Smith. Smith presented an update on the status of various grant funds administered by the Housing Authority, as outlined on page nine of the Board packet. Rockwell added that the Housing Authority, as the pass-through entity administering the grants, aims to distribute funds swiftly so they can effectively support the community.

Hall then directed the Board's attention to the next agenda item—a presentation of the final report from Governor Kotek's Sustainable Shelter Work Group. However, as the guest presenters had not yet joined the meeting, Hall adjusted the agenda. CSC Housing Services Manager Liesl Eckert provided an update on efforts to organize a Tri-County Continuum of Care (CoC). She explained that Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties are currently part of the 26-county Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (ROCC), but efforts are underway to establish a separate tri-county CoC for improved decision-making and regional coordination. Stakeholders are collaborating on a governance charter, which must be broadly accepted by all three counties before submission to HUD.

Chair Hall then invited Mike Savara and Danielle Bautista-Sylten from OHCS to present Governor Kotek's Sustainable Shelter Work Group final report. Savara outlined the workgroup's mission and objectives, emphasizing the state's expanded role in Oregon's shelter system and the need for sustainable funding structures. Bautista-Sylten presented the workgroup recommendations regarding funding priorities, allocation methods, and technical assistance. Savara then reviewed the Governor's proposed budget, highlighting its focus on housing and homelessness, behavioral health services, and education. Key policy option packages included \$218 million for shelter system maintenance, \$173 million for eviction prevention, and \$188 million for re-housing programs. He stressed the importance of these investments in ensuring service continuity and helping individuals transition to permanent housing.

Councilor Baker asked how the funds would be distributed and whether the state planned to allocate funds directly to cities. Savara noted that this question had been frequently discussed in the "How We Fund" workgroup subcommittee. He explained that a local planning group model was under consideration, requiring collaboration among involved cities and stakeholders. Rockwell inquired about the criteria for fund distribution. Savara stated that a formula-based model was likely but that specific factors and percentages were still being determined. Rockwell expressed support for an equitable, formula-based approach.

The Work Group's final report is available online:

[https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lpro/Publications/Sustainable%20Shelter%20Work%20Group%20Report%20\(2024\).pdf](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lpro/Publications/Sustainable%20Shelter%20Work%20Group%20Report%20(2024).pdf).

Chair Hall opened the floor for new business. With no additional business, she invited public comments.

A member of the public, identifying as a Siletz resident, asked whether the Board's Equity & Inclusion Committee functioned as a county-level diversity, equity, and inclusion committee. Chair Hall clarified that this was not the case. Rockwell added that she could provide further information later, explaining that the committee primarily focuses on addressing barriers marginalized communities face in accessing shelter and securing housing. The commenter expressed concern that this focus was too narrow. Rockwell and Hall reiterated the Board's commitment to ensuring equitable access to services for all community members.

With no further comments, Chair Hall adjourned the meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 12, 2025, from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

**Administrative Office  
Report to the Board  
March 2025**

**HB4123 for a Consolidated Response to the Unhoused in Lincoln County**

The Lincoln County Homeless Advisory Board is the local planning group for the HB4123 Pilot. The organization has created a strategic plan and is now acting on recommendations to strengthen a coordinated regional-wide response to the issue of the lack of housing and shelter. One of the strategies is to financially support key programs that align with the mission of LCHAB. From the \$1 million HB4123 grant, LCHAB has expended or committed the following:

Morant McLeod Strategic Planning Consultant.....	\$200,000 (2023)
Housing Authority of Lincoln County contract to Administer the Office of LCHAB.....	\$100,000 (2023)
Housing Authority contract extension (Jan. 24 – Dec. 24).....	\$208,000 (2024)
LCHAB Committee Professional Contract (Facilitator Jane Barth).....	\$31,952 (2024)
Community Shelter & Resource Center Renovations (Newport Facility) .....	\$200,000 (2025)
Housing Authority contract extension (one month continuing extension Jan. 25).....	\$17,333 (2025)
Housing Authority contract extension (Feb. 25 – Jan. 26).....	\$120,000 (2025)
	<i>Committed to Date:</i> <b>\$877,285</b>
	<b>Remaining:</b> <b>\$122,715</b>

**Action Plan and Continuance of HALC’s Contract**

The continuation of HALC’s contract was approved by LCHAB at its February meeting and moved to the County for execution. Commissioner Claire Hall is working to finalize the details at the county level. Once the contract has been finalized HALC will prepare the action plan for the next 12 months based on the scope of work in the contract.

**Community Shelter & Resource Center (Newport) Renovation Updates**

The shelter reopened in Newport in February after extensive renovations. Below are links to some of the media coverage surrounding the reopening.

- <https://www.oregoncoastbreakingnews.com/post/lincoln-city-community-shelter-resource-center-closed>
- <https://www.klcc.org/housing-homelessness/2025-02-27/renovated-overnight-shelter-opens-in-newport-while-the-one-in-lincoln-city-has-to-close-temporarily>
- [https://www.thenewsguard.com/news/renovated-newport-shelter-opens-feb-26-lincoln-city-location-forced-to-close/article\\_ab2b3ab9-5af1-5a35-8d38-bab48ce1dab4.html](https://www.thenewsguard.com/news/renovated-newport-shelter-opens-feb-26-lincoln-city-location-forced-to-close/article_ab2b3ab9-5af1-5a35-8d38-bab48ce1dab4.html)
- <https://yachatsnews.com/county-reopens-refurbished-newport-winter-shelter-for-homeless-after-five-months-of-work/>

LCHAB is making a formal request of the municipalities to include the Lincoln County Community Shelter and Resource Centers in their next operating budgets, to assist with offsetting the costs of operations for the facilities (Newport and Lincoln City) in the 2025-2026 winter season.

For the past two years, representatives from the Lincoln County Health & Human Services have made direct asks of the municipalities in writing and in City Council presentations. LCHAB is working collaboratively to consolidate requests through this body for consideration at the municipalities. The

goal is to streamline the requests and provide predictability for the Cities/County in regards to their budgeting cycles. Below is the giving history for operations. LC Health and Human Services is requesting that the funding contribution remain at the same level as was given in 2024-2025 season.

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>25-26 request</b>	<b>24-25 support</b>	<b>23-24 support</b>
Depoe	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$6,817
Lincoln City:	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$50,000
Lincoln County:	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$0
Newport:	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$45,000
Siletz:	\$500	\$0	\$500
Toledo:	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Waldport:	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Yachats	\$5,000	\$4,473	\$0

**Frequently Asked Questions RE: Coordinated Homelessness Response Systems**

To assist representatives in answering questions or provide additional information to the general public, a Frequently Asked Questions report has been generated and is now available on the website.



**Frequently Asked Questions**  
**RE: Coordinated Homelessness Response Systems**  
March 2025

**What are the Metrics for Homeless Program Outcomes in Lincoln County**

The Lincoln County Homeless Advisory Board (LCHAB) serves as the State of Oregon’s Local Planning Group (LPG) for our region. Through this role, we have successfully leveraged the initial \$1 million in pilot funding from House Bill 4123 into an additional \$3.23 million across four grants. These funds are designated for specific housing and homelessness initiatives.

LCHAB functions as a passthrough entity, ensuring that funds reach local direct service organizations. These organizations are responsible for meeting specific grant-related outcomes defined by the State of Oregon and the respective funding sources.

**Some Key Metrics Tied to This Funding:**

- Increase shelter capacity by 36 beds.
- Rehouse at least 31 households experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
- Sustain 142 shelter beds across four organizations.
- Provide housing-focused services to school-age children (K-12) and their families at risk of or experiencing homelessness to enhance family stability and school success.

**An Additional Metric Identified in the LCHAB Strategic Plan:**

- Ensure all local service providers effectively utilize the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to support Lincoln County’s homeless response system.

**Metrics in Development:**

- Improve coordination and resource management across all county municipalities by collecting data on current spending, consolidating services, identifying cost savings, and fundraising for local service providers.
- Establish accurate year-over-year benchmarks for the number of individuals counted in the annual HUD Point-In-Time (PIT) Count to create a reliable homelessness indicator for Lincoln County.

In addition to these metrics, local service providers and agencies have their own program-specific goals, which are not governed by LCHAB. Homelessness and housing availability are interconnected issues, and while substantial funding has been secured for homelessness services, additional efforts are underway to increase housing availability and production. See the Shelter to Housing Continuum on LCHAB.org for more information.

**For more information on state programs, visit:**

- [Oregon Housing and Community Services](#)
- [Oregon Rehousing Initiative](#)
- [Youth Emergency Housing Assistance](#)

### **Services Available Following the Closure of Coastal Services in Lincoln City (1/1/25)**

Several organizations continue to provide services to the unhoused and underhoused community in Lincoln County, including:

- Coastal Phoenix Rising (operated by Northwest Coastal Housing)
- Family Promise
- Helping Hands Hope Center
- Lincoln County Health and Human Services (Behavioral Health & Harm Reduction teams)
- Reconnections Counseling

Additionally, Agape Respite Center in Newport is open six days a week, offering outreach, housing navigation, and mail services. LCHAB is connecting with local service providers to assess opportunities for expanding services to address gaps left by the closure of Coastal Support Services.

### **Where is the money going, and why is homelessness still a problem?**

Money alone will not solve the homelessness crisis. However, it is being used to strengthen the countywide response to what is a nationwide epidemic. LCHAB is working to ensure that every member of our community has access to the resources they need, while also working to prevent the circumstances that lead to homelessness.

### **How many homeless individuals are in Lincoln County?**

Estimates suggest the number may be as high as 2,000. The 2024 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count recorded 517 unhoused individuals in Lincoln County on a single day. However, this does not include all McKinney-Vento data (636 in 2025) for unhoused and underhoused youth. Due to the large geographic area of Lincoln County, PIT counts likely underrepresent the full scope of the issue. For a detailed analysis, refer to Section 3: Research and Analysis of the *Lincoln County, Oregon: Five-Year Strategic Plan to Provide a Regional, Coordinated Homelessness Response*.

### **What is the plan for helping homeless individuals with mental illness and addiction?**

Homelessness is not solely the result of addiction. Many individuals experiencing homelessness struggle with mental health challenges, and some use substances as a form of self-medication. Addressing this requires access to:

- Detox and rehabilitation centers
- Transitional housing
- Counseling and mental health support

Local providers offering recovery and mental health services include:

- CHANCE
- Helping Hands Hope Center
- Lincoln County Behavioral Health (for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness)
- Lincoln County Parole and Probation
- Nate's Place

- Oxford Houses
- Phoenix Wellness Center
- Reconnections Counseling

Success varies by individual. For some, achieving stability in permanent supportive housing is a success, while others may recover from addiction and reintegrate into the workforce. LCHAB's role is to ensure access to necessary resources and to prevent circumstances leading to homelessness.

**Does LCHAB receive Federal funds?**

LCHAB is not regulated by a federal agency and does not receive federal funding.

**What was the homeless count for 2024, and what is the current count?**

The PIT Count is a federal Housing & Urban Development (HUD) requirement for assessing homelessness on a single day each year. The 2024 count recorded 517 unhoused individuals in Lincoln County. The 2025 results have not yet been released.

**How many locations provide shelter in Lincoln County?**

For current shelter availability, refer to the *Shelter to Housing Continuum*. Key locations include:

- Coastal Phoenix Rising (Lincoln City)
- Community Shelter & Resource Center (Lincoln City – temporarily closed due to permitting)
- Community Shelter & Resource Center (Newport)
- Don's Place (Yachats)
- Helping Hands Hope Center (Lincoln City)

**What was the budget for homelessness last year and this year?**

LCHAB is currently collecting data from the county and municipalities to determine spending on homelessness response. This information is not yet available.

For further information, visit [LCHAB.org](https://www.lchab.org).

## **Update on LCHAB Committee Work**

Submitted by Jane Brass Barth, Coordinator/Facilitator

March 7, 2025

### **LCHAB Equity and Inclusion Committee**

The South County Resource Fair will take place on April 23rd at the Waldport Community Center. Help spread the word so that all those who could benefit from learning about a range of resources know about it. This fair will have resources for veterans, seniors, people experiencing homelessness or food insecurity, those living with disabilities, and more. See flyer on next page.

The Committee continues to plan a training focused on overcoming barriers to housing faced by the LGBTQIA2S+ persons seeking housing. Likely timeframe for the workshop is May. The committee has two sources of sponsorship in the works to match funding support from LCHAB. See request below.

### **LCHAB Community Outreach and Engagement Committee**

The Committee has drafted a short survey to find out what information would be useful to landlords, property managers, housing providers, housing navigators, etc. The survey will go out in March with a goal of holding gatherings in the spring. The committee will provide refreshments during the events. These costs are included in the budget request below.

### **LCHAB Policy and Funding Committee**

The Committee has decided upon a request for shared funding of shelter operations for 2025/26. The details will be presented by Karen Rockwell. Refer to her Administrative Report for more information.

### **Budget Request**

The Office requests that LCHAB approve up to \$15,000 to support the activities of all three committees through this fiscal year. These activities will include informational gatherings, networking events, workshops, translation work, etc. aimed at engaging the broader community in overcoming barriers to housing for a range of populations.

# South Lincoln County Resource Fair

Do you need help finding shelter & housing?

Do you need help finding resources & services?

Do you need help finding senior & disability services?

## Who will be there?

- Navigation Services
- Housing Services
- Recovery Services
- Shelter Providers
- Health Services
  
- And More!

### Location:

Waldport Community Center  
265 Hemlock Street  
Waldport, OR 97394

[Info@housinglincolncountyor.gov](mailto:Info@housinglincolncountyor.gov)

## Join us!

April 23, 2025

Open House Fair from 2-5 p.m.  
followed by presentations from  
5:30-7:00 p.m.

## Collaborative Funding Updates March 2025

Note: Blue text is unchanged from the previous report. Black text is new.

### HB5019 for Rapid Rehousing & Sheltering

Last year Oregon Housing and Community Services awarded **Lincoln County \$856,179** for rapid rehousing and sheltering work through a Community Plan. The funds are administered by the Housing Authority of Lincoln County. Twelve organizations are subgrantee recipients of the funding. To date, \$724,494 has been distributed per the grant agreements. There is only \$131,684 remaining on this grant.

### Oregon Rehousing Initiative (ORI)

- \$39 million from SB 5701 to be used for a statewide rehousing program, including longer term rental assistance. **Lincoln County has been awarded \$502,670.36.**
- Housing placements made by June 30, 2025, with funds expended through the 2025-27 biennium to allow for up to 24 months of rental assistance per household.
- Grantees include:
  - 10 MAC Groups named in EO 24-02
  - 13 Local Planning Groups across the Balance of State
  - 25% set-aside for Culturally Responsive Organizations
- The lead agency grant agreement was signed June 25, 2024.
- Subgrantee agreements are in the process of being finalized. Currently two agencies that were awarded HB5019 for Rapid Rehousing funding qualify and have entered into continuation agreements.
- 8 subgrantee agreements have been signed and complete
- To date \$46,041 has been distributed per the grant agreements.
- There is a short time frame (June 30, 2025) for our subgrantees to make housing placements and obligate the remaining \$400,000.

### Youth Emergency Housing Assistance (YEHA)

The Youth Emergency Housing Assistance Program or Youth EHA is funded by a legislative appropriation of \$5 million in one-time funding to OHCS in General Funds through HB 2001 and HB 5019 during the 2023-25 biennium to increase services and assistance to school-aged, K-12 children or their families who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of experiencing homelessness. The general funds were directed to be deposited into the Emergency Housing Account Other Funds account to support use for long term rent assistance. **Lincoln County has been awarded \$1,251,616** in funds to support these initiatives. The Housing Authority of Lincoln County (as the Lead Agency for the Lincoln County Homeless Advisory Board) solicited applications from regional providers for the distribution of these funds and forwarded a community plan that included 11 organizations. OHCS is still finalizing the lead agency contracts based on that information. HALC signed the contract with the State of Oregon the first week of October and the subgrantee agreements are complete. The following are the organizations receiving this funding:

- Community Services Consortium (\$75,000) – for outreach and case management
- Health and Human Services (\$21,250) - flexible funding for existing programs
- Lincoln County School District (\$380,000) – for the LCSD Homeless Education and Literacy Program
- Northwest Coastal Housing (\$103,234) – block leasing
- Reconnections Counseling (\$105,874) - block leasing
- Safe Families for Children (\$74,300) - Host Home Program, Mentorship Program and Respite Child Care
- Samaritan House Family Shelter (\$100,000) – block leasing
- St. Luke Episcopal Church (\$50,000) - financial assistance (Deposit assistance, eviction prevention)
- St. Stephen Episcopal Church (\$30,000) - financial assistance (Deposit assistance, eviction prevention)
- Youth Tides (\$151,100) -education/employment, operational support, housing assistance
- To date \$53,412 has been distributed per the grantee agreements. These funds need to be spent down by June 30, 2026.

### **Executive Order Shelter Funding**

Funding from SB 5511 will sustain investments through the biennium and support newly-added shelter beds, street outreach, unit access, long term rental assistance, and homelessness prevention efforts:

- \$65 million to MAC Groups to sustain shelter, unit access and street outreach.
- \$39.7 million to CoCs in EO regions to provide long-term rental assistance and services to individuals rehoused through emergency response funds.
- \$55 million to prevent homelessness for additional households, with 30% set aside for culturally specific partners to be distributed statewide.
- An additional \$86,572 was allocated to Lincoln County in early 2025 for housing focused activities.

OHCS is providing operational gap funding for the following shelters (administered by the Housing Authority):

- Coastal Phoenix Rising in Lincoln City (\$33,853)
- Community Shelter & Resource Center in Newport & Lincoln City (\$226,195)
- Don's Place in Yachats (\$31,712)
- Helping Hands Hope Center in Lincoln City (\$119,744)

HALC signed the contract with the State of Oregon on September 15, and funding is now available with Subgrantee agreements completed. To date \$45,674 has been distributed per grant agreements. The remaining funds needs to be spent down by June 30, 2025.