



# Housing and Human Services Advisory Committee

Annual Update to the Council  
February 06, 2023

# Transition to in person meetings

- Despite the pandemic freeze on unnecessary meetings, the Housing and Human Services Commission did continue to meet regularly throughout the pandemic, and no meetings were missed in 2022.
- The Commission resumed meeting in person in October 2022.



# Housing Production Strategy

- **Two members of the HHSAC served as representatives on the Housing Production Strategy Advisory Group. They attended 5 additional meetings and helped inform the development of that document.**
- **The HHSAC had two meetings devoted to prioritization of the HPS strategies.**
- **HHSAC undertook community engagement activities to help with the development of the priorities**
  - Key informant interviews
  - Online questionnaire development
  - Targeted group outreach events: SOU Students, Manufactured Home parks, and rental housing developments
  - SOU focus group



# Education and Outreach: Rent Burden Forum

- Was held in August 2022
- Attended by 30+ people
- Panel Discussion
- Overview of the Housing Production Strategy was provided
- Distributed the housing production strategy questionnaire and gained feedback about strategy priorities.
- [Developed a Rent Burden Forum Video](#)



## Housing and Human Services Commission Special Meeting

*City of Ashland  
Housing Policy  
Community  
Discussion  
Event*



**"Rent Burden" FORUM**  
Thursday, August 25th  
4-6pm

Ashland Hills Hotel, 2525 Ashland St. Ashland OR 97520

***We would like to hear from you!***  
*Give input about Housing Production Strategy, discuss the issue of rent burden, and learn about resources.*

The Ashland Housing Production Strategy (HPS) project wants to hear from Ashland residents.

# Community Development Block Grant and Affordable Housing Trust Fund Review and Recommendations

- Reviewed applications from 2 applicants, heard presentations and made recommendations regarding Community Development Block Grant funding.
- Reviewed applications from 2 applicants, heard presentations and made recommendations regarding the remaining balance of CDBG-CARES act-pandemic related funding.
- Reviewed application from 3 applicants, heard presentations and made recommendations regarding the City's affordable housing trust funds.
- Made recommendations for a total of over 400K in grant funding



# Severe Weather Shelter Recommendation

- The Committee formed a subcommittee in 2021 and met several times to work on drafting a policy recommendation based on research of best practices.
- Held two virtual stakeholder meetings in January of 2022. Feedback from stakeholders informed the development of the recommendations.
- Facilitated a debrief of recent active shelter events.
- Presented to the Council twice regarding recommendations. Resolution 2022-03 was adopted in November 2022.
- Committee members volunteered and organized cooling shelters due to a lack of a non-profit partner to organize shelter.
- [OPB Shelter Video](#).



# Goal Setting Retreat

- In 2022 the Commission met for a goal setting meeting on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The Commission identified 7 goals:
  - Build Cooperation and systems of communication for emergency shelter at both the executive and operational levels.
  - Promote Workforce Housing:
    - Education about the UGB expansion process
    - Promote capacity building and encourage new workforce housing partnerships
    - Work with SOU on potential housing opportunities on identified surplus properties
    - Increase capacity for more mobile home parks
    - Barrier Removal/to promote infill housing and group housing options
    - Food Resources-Address the need for a commercial kitchen in Ashland



# QUESTIONS?

Thank you

