



community alliance of tenants

Support the housing stability and homeless prevention package.

Communities across the state are struggling to manage some of the highest rates of [rent burdens](#) and [unsheltered homelessness](#) in the nation. Investment is critical to meet the need.

Housing instability and homelessness remain alarmingly high even as the Oregon Emergency Rent Assistance Program prepares to close. At the same time, the grace period to pay back rent ends in a few short weeks!

- As of February 10th, [OERAP](#) received more than 6,900 00 new applications for rent assistance after being reopened for only two weeks, for an average request of \$9,000.
- January data from the US Census Pulse [Survey](#) shows more than 95,000 Oregonians say they are not confident they can pay next month's rent.
- Many Oregonians are struggling to balance missed work, school, child care needs, health needs, and the changing dynamics of the pandemic and the economy.
- At the same time, [rents are rising](#), [vacancies are low](#), and communities across the state struggle to manage some of the highest rates of [unsheltered homelessness](#) in the nation.

Meanwhile:

- [OERAP is scheduled to stay open for only the next few weeks.](#)
- The grace period to pay back rent accrued from April 2020 to June 2021 ends February 28, 2022!

For Oregon renters, the COVID economic crisis is far from over. Additional funding is needed to prevent homelessness and provide stability to households with low incomes.

\$100 million in flexible funding is needed to provide housing stability and homelessness prevention services, including emergency rent assistance, assistance with application fees and deposits, rapid rehousing services, and wrap-around services. Funds should be administered through the current network of Community Action Agencies and community-based and culturally specific providers working in local communities across the state.





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We are joined in supporting this proposal by



Oregon Alliance to End Violence Against Women

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