

COOS COUNTY COORDINATED OFFICE ON HOUSELESSNESS STRATEGIC PLAN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

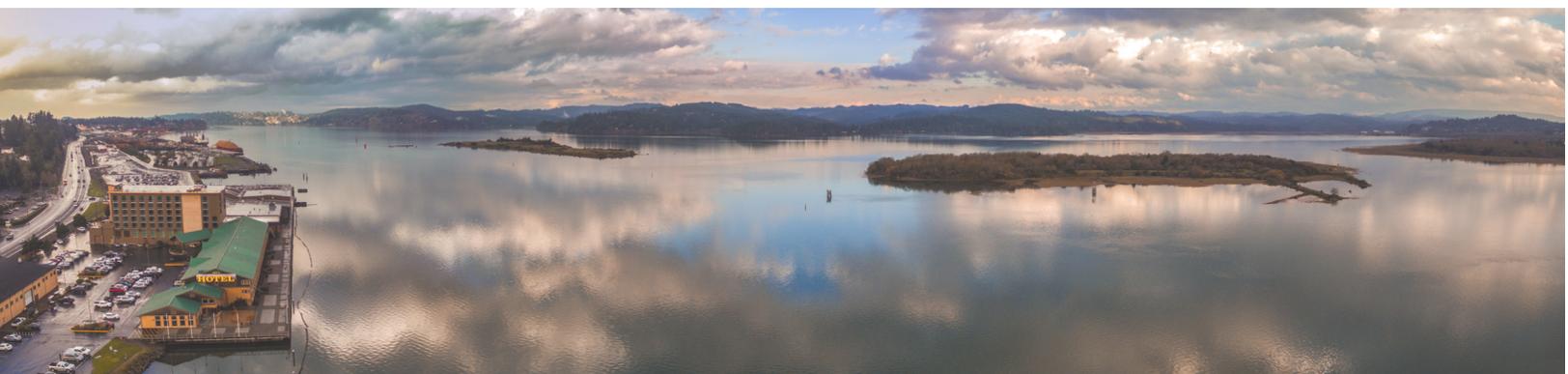
Coos County and the Cities of Coos Bay and North Bend are working to understand how our community can respond to the housing crisis affecting our neighbors and the broader community through interviews, surveys, and meetings. This planning process is stipulated in House Bill 4123 (HB4123), which identified eight pilot regions around the state to receive \$1M towards improved coordination of housing services.

A **Coordinated Office on Houselessness** has been created and staffed as a clearinghouse and coordination center for current and future services, over 60 people who provide services to the unhoused or are addressing the region's housing shortage have been interviewed, and over 200 people have responded to a survey about community perceptions of the issue. The strategic plan identifies community priorities and actions, and was adopted by the elected bodies from each jurisdiction on April 18, 2023. Our region's leaders are committed to facilitating programs and services that empower individuals who are unhoused or at-risk of losing their homes to continue their forward progress towards permanent housing.



COOS COUNTY COMMUNITY VISION

The residents of Coos County will work together to address the root causes of houselessness, understand and support the struggles of our neighbors, and build pathways to ensure the region can provide stable, affordable housing and every resident can contribute to a proud community and a prosperous economy.



STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENTS



Key Stakeholder Analysis

Community Survey

What Problem Are We Trying to Solve?

Community Defined Priorities

Models to Learn From

Glossary of Terms

Plan Contributors

Appendices and Resources



The full Strategic Plan can be found at:
co.coos.or.us/community-dev/page/homeless-response-office

COMMUNITY-DEFINED PRIORITIES: AT A GLANCE

Interviews, workshops, and surveys conducted through the planning process generated the Community Defined Priorities below. The Strategic Plan provides suggestions on how to 1) **Build on what has been accomplished**, 2) **Focus on short-term action**, 3) **Plan for long-term strategies**, 4) **Understand available resources**, and 5) **Measure success** for each of these community-defined priorities:

- **Improve Coordination** of Housing & Houselessness Services among Agencies and Jurisdictions
- **Develop Pathways** to Supported Permanent Housing and Increase Workforce Housing
- Increase **Community Understanding** of the Housing Shortage and Services to the Unhoused
- Explore the **Root Causes** of Houselessness and the **Economic Impact** of the Lack of Affordable Housing
- Address Broader Community Concerns about **Public Safety** and **Trash Accumulation**
- Improve **Mental Health** and **Substance Abuse Services**
- **Advocate for Community Needs** Related to Housing and Homelessness at the State & Federal Level
- Identify and Address **Racial Disparities** in Providing Equitable Pathways to Permanent Housing