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### **State Launches New Hardest Hit Website and Announces Regional Partnerships**

(Salem) Oregon Housing and Community Services has launched a new website ([www.oregonhomeownerhelp.org](http://www.oregonhomeownerhelp.org)) and identified local partners in every county to deliver the state's Mortgage Payment Assistance (MPA) program. The funding for this program comes from the U.S. Department of Treasury's Housing Finance Agency Innovation Fund for the Hardest Hit Housing Markets.

For selected applicants, the MPA program will pay the mortgages of unemployed and otherwise financially distressed homeowners for up to one year or a \$20,000 maximum. At least 5,000 Oregon homeowners will receive assistance through the MPA program.

On December 10, OHCS will open an online application for the MPA program at [www.oregonhomeownerhelp.org](http://www.oregonhomeownerhelp.org). Partner organizations will provide resources and assistance to homeowners as they complete the application.

"We are pleased to have a strong group of organizations that span the entire state ready to help homeowners who are struggling to pay their mortgages," said Victor Merced, OHCS Director. "With our network of partners, we can ensure that eligible homeowners in Oregon have an opportunity to get help with their mortgages while they look for work."

For the most current information about the program, including eligibility criteria, please visit [www.oregonhomeownerhelp.org](http://www.oregonhomeownerhelp.org). The website will serve as the primary source of information about the MPA program and Oregon's other foreclosure prevention programs.

Treasury established the Hardest Hit Fund in February 2010 to provide aid to homeowners in states hit hard by the economic and housing market downturn. In total, Treasury awarded \$220 million in foreclosure prevention resources to Oregon.

For information about the Oregon Homeownership Stabilization Initiative and to sign up for email updates, visit [www.oregonhomeownerhelp.org](http://www.oregonhomeownerhelp.org).

Homeowners who need immediate help should call the Homeowner's HOPE™ Hotline at 888-995-HOPE (4673).

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*Note: A table of partner organizations by county follows.*

## Oregon Homeownership Stabilization Initiative

### Mortgage Payment Assistance Program Intake Partner Organizations

COUNTY	
<b>Baker</b>	Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc.
<b>Benton</b>	Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services
<b>Clackamas</b>	NEDCO
<b>Clatsop</b>	Community Action Team, Inc.
<b>Columbia</b>	Community Action Team, Inc.
<b>Coos</b>	Umpqua CDC
<b>Crook</b>	Neighbor Impact
<b>Curry</b>	Umpqua CDC
<b>Deschutes</b>	Neighbor Impact
<b>Douglas</b>	Umpqua CDC
<b>Gilliam</b>	CAPECO
<b>Grant</b>	Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc.
<b>Harney</b>	Community in Action
<b>Hood River</b>	Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation & Mid-Columbia Housing Authority
<b>Jackson</b>	ACCESS, Inc.
<b>Jefferson</b>	Neighbor Impact
<b>Josephine</b>	ACCESS, Inc.
<b>Klamath</b>	KLCAS
<b>Lake</b>	KLCAS
<b>Lane</b>	NEDCO
<b>Lincoln</b>	Community Services Consortium
<b>Linn</b>	Community Services Consortium
<b>Malheur</b>	Community in Action
<b>Marion</b>	NEDCO
<b>Morrow</b>	CAPECO
<b>Multnomah</b>	Hacienda CDC
<b>Polk</b>	Polk CDC
<b>Sherman</b>	Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation & Mid-Columbia Housing Authority
<b>Tillamook</b>	Community Action Team, Inc.
<b>Umatilla</b>	CAPECO
<b>Union</b>	Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc.
<b>Wallowa</b>	Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc.
<b>Wasco</b>	Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation & Mid-Columbia Housing Authority
<b>Washington</b>	Open Door
<b>Wheeler</b>	CAPECO
<b>Yamhill</b>	Yamhill County Affordable Housing Corporation