



CITY OF BEND

Houseless Services Grant Program

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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- The City of Bend was allocated \$14.08 million in ARPA funding.
- ARPA funds are intended to support urgent COVID-19 response efforts including addressing systematic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic on certain populations.
- Houselessness has been exacerbated by the pandemic.
- ARPA funds must be obligated by the end of 2024, and fully spent by the end of 2026.
- Houseless Service Grant Program is proposed to use all remaining City ARPA funds.



Funds

Source	Amount	Intended Projects
Existing Grant 2024-442 for Homeless Solutions	\$750,000	General Shelter Operations
Deschutes County ARPA for TSSA	\$400,000	Temporary Safe Stay Area Case Management
City ARPA (TSSA match)	\$400,000	Temporary Safe Stay Area Case Management
City ARPA (descoped from other contract)	\$1,497,675	Any eligible project
Total (anticipated)	\$3,047,675	



Shelter funding landscape

Shelter system grew rapidly with uncertain supports.

City of Bend responded to the crisis:

- 2 motel conversions to shelter
- Full-scale Navigation Center w/ renovation
- Temporary Outdoor Shelter
- Safe Parking

Recent developments:

- Governor/Rep. Marsh's Sustainable Shelter Framework Work Group
- Role of Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council
- Oregon Housing and Community Services budget
- Staff met with shelter operators to discuss contract allocations and current spending forecasts



Eligible Grant Projects

New Safe Parking Start Up and Operations

Eligible expenses include all aspects of set up and operations and associated costs. Projects must comply with all applicable provisions of the City of Bend code.

Safe Parking – Existing Sites

Existing Safe Parking sites are eligible for grants to maintain the site and provide housing-centered case management and/or to increase services at the existing site.

Shelter Services

Existing shelter sites, including high- and low-barrier shelters, are eligible for funds to maintain and expand operations and services.

Housing-focused Case Management & Houseless Prevention Services

Eligible expenses may include, but are not limited to, case management personnel costs and supplies, payment of rental housing application fees, payment of rent arrears when such arrears are preventing households from accessing or maintaining permanent housing, and payment of deposit and other reasonable move-in costs. Case management must be offered for at least 3 months.



Housing- focused Case Management at TSSA

Allocation of \$800,000 assumes funding for:

- 4 hours per week of case management services
- 60% engagement
- Basic needs funding including food, securing identification, job skills training, transportation
- Pet supplies and care
- Housing application fees
- Staff training for providers and gas reimbursement
- Data management and case conferencing coordination
- Multiple providers desired



Grant process

- City will begin accepting project proposals on November 7
- Rolling review of applications by City staff team through December 7
- City Manager to approve and authorize all awards
- Once funds are allocated the application will be closed
- Encourage non-profit partners to apply as soon as possible
- Grant agreements will be fully executed by December 31, 2024
- Project funding may be for the full grant period – 2 years
- NeighborImpact data role and HMIS requirements
- Potential grantee meetings - 3pm on Thursday 11/7 and 10am Tuesday 11/12
- Individual meetings and technical support from Housing staff by request





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