

Clatsop County's Housing Dashboard

Initiatives and Updates



- Clatsop County was selected to participate in Project Turnkey 2.0, working with Oregon Community Foundation to create transitional housing at the current Columbia Inn. The Columbia Inn opened in October 2023 and provides 50 shelter beds for people experiencing homelessness in Clatsop County. It is operated by [Clatsop Community Action](#).

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- Clatsop County requested of Governor Tina Kotek that we be included in her homeless state of emergency declaration. [EO-23-02](#) After demonstrating the need in Clatsop County, the Governor [included the county](#) as one of the affected counties in EO 23-02. The county convened a [Multi-Agency Coordination Group](#) as required by the state ad was awarded \$3.8 million dollars to provide homeless shelter beds and rapid rehousing services.

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- Clatsop County has evaluated surplus county-owned property to determine whether any of the property is suitable for housing development. The Board of Commissioners held a work session in October 2023 to review the evaluation of properties and directed staff to proceed with further consideration of suitable properties for development of housing. Two properties totaling 1.85 acres were transferred to the City of Seaside in 2022 for development of affordable housing.
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- Clatsop County has been looking at ways to make code changes that will encourage the production of housing in the county. The Board of County Commissioners held a work session in October 2023 to review and provide direction to staff regarding the [proposed code changes](#).
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Clatsop County has been [awarded a Housing Planning Assistance Grant](#) from the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development. This will build on the 2019 Housing Study and provide important research and data about the land, infrastructure, and building needs for all five cities and the unincorporated areas in Clatsop County. The Clatsop County Regional Housing Task Force will serve as the steering committee for this project.

Clatsop Regional Housing Task Force

- The task force is composed of representatives from each city and the County (elected officials and staff), as well as local school districts and hospitals, partnering together to identify and support **regional solutions** that can **address residents' housing needs**.
- Task force Facilitator: Denise E. Lofman, Director – Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce (CREST)
 - Phone: (562) 714-0066
 - Email: **dlofman [at] columbiaestuary.org**
- **Commissioner John Toyooka** represents Clatsop County as a member of this task force.
- Since July 2022, the task force continues to meet on a monthly basis and is focused on **identifying actionable steps of highest priority**

Existing Affordable Housing

The Affordable Housing Web App shows all known affordable housing in the cities and [unincorporated areas](#) of Clatsop County.

[Affordable Housing Web App \(Map\)](#)

What do we mean when we say affordable housing?

For this web app, affordable housing means:

Emergency Shelter

- Provides immediate and temporary shelter for persons that are unhoused

Transitional Housing

- Provides housing and supportive services needed to successfully transition someone to permanent housing
- Length of stay is often limited to 1-2 years

Permanent Supportive Housing

- Provides needed housing assistance and/or supportive services (community based services, disability services, etc.) for at least one member of the household to ensure housing stability
- Permanent affordable housing for low-, very low-, and extremely low-income individuals/households (see AMI definitions below under “How HUD defines affordable housing”)

Other Permanent Housing

- Permanent affordable housing for low-, very low-, and extremely low-income individuals/households (see AMI definitions below under “How HUD defines affordable housing”)
- Does not include supportive services

These affordable housing categories come from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development’s annual [Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Homeless Assistance Programs Housing Inventory County Reports](#).

They are also used in the nation-wide information system called **Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)**, which is used to collect and track data on the provision of housing, shelter, and services for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness.

How HUD defines affordable housing:

The [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#) defines affordable housing as any housing that costs an owner or renter no more than 30% of their gross household income, including utilities.

Area Median Income (AMI) – Calculated by HUD annually for different communities.

By definition, 50% of households within the specified geographic area earn less than Area Median Income (AMI), and 50% earn more. AMI is adjusted based on household size and used to determine the eligibility of applicants for federally and locally funded housing programs.

- LOW-INCOME: Households earning at or below 80% AMI.
- VERY LOW-INCOME: Households earning at or below 50% AMI.
- EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME: Households earning at or below 30% AMI.

HUD’s 2023 [income limit estimations](#) for Clatsop County:

Median Family/Household Income: **\$91,100**

Persons in Family/Household								
Income Limit Category	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Low-Income (80% AMI)	\$47,350	\$54,100	\$60,850	\$67,600	\$73,050	\$78,450	\$83,850	\$89,250
Very Low-Income (50% AMI)	\$29,600	\$33,800	\$38,050	\$42,250	\$45,650	\$49,050	\$52,400	\$55,800

Extremely Low-Income
(30% AMI) \$17,750 \$20,300 \$24,860 \$30,000 \$35,140 \$40,280 \$45,420 \$50,560

How does Clatsop County define workforce housing?

The [Urban Land Institute](#) defines workforce households as those with incomes between 60 and 120 percent of area median income (AMI).

Building on this definition, Clatsop County currently uses the following AMI ranges to define affordable, workforce, and market rate housing:

Housing Classification AMI Range	
Affordable Housing	60% AMI and below
Workforce Housing	60 - 120% AMI
Market Rate Housing	120% AMI and above

Current Housing Development

The Housing Development Web App shows all known housing development projects (market rate, workforce, and affordable) within the cities and [unincorporated areas](#) of Clatsop County.

This web app gives us the opportunity to see current development that will add to our housing supply and how far along each project is in its development process.

[Housing Development Web App \(Map\)](#)

New Projects:

Housing development projects are added to the web app by County and city staff, using [this survey](#).

Updates:

Scheduled – quarterly (approximately January, April, July, and October)
Immediate—County and city staff may arapinchuk [at] clatsopcounty.gov (subject: Project%20Update%20%28for%20Housing%20Development%20Web%20App%29) (**email**) project updates at any time.

Questions or Feedback:

Should you have any questions or feedback about current projects or missing/incorrect information, please contact the jurisdiction in which the project is located.

- [City of Astoria - Community Development](#)
- [City of Cannon Beach - Building](#)
- [City of Gearhart - City Planning/Public Works](#)
- [City of Seaside - Building](#)
- [City of Warrenton - Building](#)
- [Unincorporated Clatsop County - Community Development](#)

Housing Studies/Reports

Below are lists of completed housing studies/reports with information specific to one or more areas in Clatsop County. Please click on the title to view the document.

Funded by Clatsop County, Astoria, Cannon Beach, Gearhart, Seaside, and/or Warrenton:

Title	Created By	Year Published
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Clatsop County Housing Facilitation:	Angelo Planning Group	2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable Housing Candidate Sites • Affordable Housing Recommendations 	(on behalf of Clatsop County)	
Clatsop County Comprehensive Housing Study	Angelo Planning Group & Johnson Economics	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Strategies Summary Report • Housing Strategies Report (full) • Presentation Slides (4-10-19) 	(on behalf of Clatsop County, Astoria, Cannon Beach, Gearhart, Seaside, & Warrenton)	2019
City of Cannon Beach Affordable Housing Task Force:		
Affordable Housing Needs Assessment and Implementation Plan (City of Cannon Beach)	Cascade Management Inc. (on behalf of Cannon Beach)	2016
Astoria Affordable Housing Study	City of Astoria's Community Development Department	2015
Cannon Beach Housing Needs Survey Results Summary	Housing Development Center (on behalf of the City of Cannon Beach)	2014
Cannon Beach Housing Report	City of Cannon Beach	2013
Housing Study	Clatsop County Community Development Department	1980

Funded by 3rd Parties:

Title	Created By	Year Published
Implementing a Regional Housing Needs Analysis Methodology in Oregon: Approach, Results, and Initial Recommendations	ECONorthwest (on behalf of Oregon Housing and Community Services)	2021
Affordable Housing Case Study: On the Ground in Clatsop County (presentation slides)	Emmons Design and Walsh Construction Co.	2020
Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness (2012-2022)	Clatsop Homeless Coalition	2012
Clatsop Housing Research for Clatsop Housing Solutions Conference (presentation slides)	Crystal Weston	2007