



**2007-2009 Biennium  
State Funding Report**  
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The State of Oregon plays a vital role in bringing a range of essential services to low-income Washington County families by directing state General Funds and PGE fees to fund programs provided by Community Action. In addition, Community Action contracts with various state agencies for federal dollars (not reflected in this report) designated for specific purposes, such as Low Income Weatherization. In partnership with the Oregon Departments of Housing and Community Services, Education, Health and Human Services, and Employment, Community Action assists low-income people to achieve self-determination.

**For the 2007-2009 biennium a total of \$14,833,921 in Oregon State General Funds and fees have been awarded to support Community Action programs in Washington County. For fiscal year 2008-2009, these funds account for 42% of Community Action's budget.**

**Oregon Energy Assistance Program (OEAP)**

**Low-Income Energy Assistance: \$4,921,675**

The Department of Housing and Community Services has awarded OEAP funds to Community Action to assist low-income households with their electric bills. In 2008-2009, approximately 8,500 households will be served. These funds originate from a monthly PGE meter charge to residential and business customers. While not from the State General Fund, these funds are controlled by the Legislature as a result of SB1149 and electrical deregulation.

**NO DIRECTIVE TO CUT**

**Energy Education and Consumer Competency Program (E2C2): \$145,405**

OEAP funding for the E2C2 program provides case management services to households receiving low-income energy or weatherization assistance. These services give families an opportunity to move toward economic stability by increasing knowledge of home energy conservation, thereby reducing household energy usage and lowering utility bills. In 2008-2009, 2,000 families will receive targeted referral to resources based on a comprehensive assessment of their family's needs. An additional 15 families will receive comprehensive case management, which includes assessment, goal setting, action plans and connection to a wide range of services designed to reduce existing barriers to household self-sufficiency.

**NO DIRECTIVE TO CUT**

**Emergency Housing Account (EHA): \$560,177**

The Department of Housing and Community Services has awarded EHA funds to support core operations of Community Action's Hillsboro Family Shelter. The shelter will house 200 homeless children and parents in 2008-2009. The funds also allow Community Action to provide case management services and assistance with move-in costs to help families stabilize as they transition to permanent housing.

**DIRECTIVE TO CUT \$21,738 FOR THE BIENNIUM** - *Funds may be restored pending final State budget review.*

**Impact of budget cut:** This cut eliminates direct service dollars, impacting 18 households/45 people who will not receive rent assistance.

**Low Income Rental Housing Funds (LIRHF): \$116,548**

The Department of Housing and Community Services has awarded LIRHF funds to Community Action to make rent payments directly to landlords. Identified via the shelter network, 30-35 families transitioning out of homelessness will receive short term rent assistance for up to six months in 2008-2009.

**NO DIRECTIVE TO CUT**

**State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP): \$263,767**

The Department of Housing and Community Services has awarded SHAP funds to support the core operations of a network of shelters serving homeless families in Washington County. In 2008-2009, approximately 800 individuals will be provided shelter at these local facilities: Community Action Hillsboro Family Shelter, Domestic Violence Resource Center, Family Bridge in Hillsboro, and the Good Neighbor Center in Tigard.

**DIRECTIVE TO CUT \$17,803 FOR THE BIENNIUM** - *Funds may be restored pending final State budget review.*

**Impact of budget cut:** This cut impacts the operating budgets for partners in the shelter network.

- A loss of \$7,833 in operating funds by the Domestic Violence Resource Center will require a reallocation of resources resulting in cutbacks for case management of families moving into transitional housing.
- A loss of \$8,011 by the Good Neighbor Center will require a reallocation of resources resulting in cutbacks for case management of families moving into transitional housing.
- Family Bridge is uncertain how they will address a cut of \$1,958 within their limited budget of \$134,400.

**Oregon Pre-K Program: \$6,601,656**

The Oregon Department of Education has awarded funds to Community Action to provide Head Start Part-Day Pre-K services to low-income children in the Hillsboro, Beaverton and Tigard/Tualatin School Districts. In 2008 - 2009, 419 students will participate in a comprehensive pre-school program that prepares children for educational success by addressing the child's health, nutrition, and education needs, along with parent support and involvement.

**DIRECTIVE TO CUT \$58,361 (1%) FOR THE BIENNIUM – Confirmed**

**DIRECTIVE TO CUT UP TO \$330,082 (5%) FOR THE BIENNIUM - Pending**

**Impact of 1% budget cut:** Delays in Head Start staff hiring early in the year have created short-term cost savings that are expected to offset the 1% cut.

**Impact of 5% budget cut:** Cuts at this level may delay the implementation of recommended salary adjustments from the recent wage compensation study. Because these salaries have fallen behind market, this delay could impact the ability to fill vacant positions and retain current staff. Field trips and supply purchases may also be cut and staff hours may be reduced.

**Employment Related Day Care (ERDC): \$839,784**

The Department of Human Services allocates ERDC funds to Community Action so that children of employed, low income parents can meet their child care needs by participating in the Head Start Pre-K full-day program. In 2008-2009, child care for 124 children will be funded through this program.

**NO DIRECTIVE TO CUT**

**Healthy Start of Oregon: \$685,848**

Through a contract with Washington County, Healthy Start of Oregon, via the Oregon Commission on Children and Families, provides funding for Community Action's Opening Doors prenatal and parenting support program. Opening Doors utilizes Healthy Start funds to support the New Parent Network, which helps families give their newborn children the best start in life. In 2008-2009, 100 first-time parents will receive information and support aimed at improving parenting skills and increasing connections with other resources. The goal of the program is to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect.

**DIRECTIVE TO CUT \$15,400 FOR THE BIENNIUM**

**Impact of budget cut:** It is expected that Washington County will offset these cuts, allowing the program to remain intact for the duration of the biennium.

**Oregon MothersCare Fund: \$34,294**

The Oregon Department of Health has awarded Oregon MothersCare funds to support the access component of Community Action's Opening Doors program. Opening Doors connects low-income pregnant women with the resources they need for a healthy birth. In 2008-2009, more than 600 women will be assisted in enrolling in a health plan, and finding and accessing prenatal care.

**NO DIRECTIVE TO CUT**