

Affordable Housing & Fair Housing Resources for Planning Commissioners

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Creating Affordable Housing

- Oregon Housing & Community Services (OHCS) has Regional Advisors that are knowledgeable about financial and other resources to create affordable housing in their areas. A list of the five Advisors can be found at http://www.ohcs.oregon.gov/OHCS/DO_RegionalAdvisors.shtml . The website has a wealth of information about affordable housing resources.
<http://www.ohcs.oregon.gov>
- Oregon Opportunity Network (Oregon ON) is the statewide association of community development and affordable housing organizations. Visit the Oregon ON website at <http://www.oregonon.org> for resources and information about housing providers in your area.

Addressing Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing

- This is a practical list of 35 land use planning ideas that can assist with the provision of affordable housing in Oregon communities
www.fhco.org/regbarriers.htm
- HUD's list of resources on regulatory barriers available at http://www.huduser.org/rbc/relevant_publications.html
- A review of best practices in addressing regulatory barriers in 2006 is available at <http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/housing/BestPracReviewOct06.pdf> This is from the Metro regional government in Minneapolis. It has one of the best compendiums of information available.

Information on Affordable Housing Needs

- State Consolidated Plan: A five-year plan which includes a housing market analysis and needs assessment.
http://www.ohcs.oregon.gov/OHCS/HRS_Consolidated_Plan_5yearplan.shtml
- Entitlement Jurisdiction Consolidated Plans: These local governments prepare their own Consolidated Plans: Clackamas County, Corvallis, Eugene, Portland, Salem and Washington County.
- Housing Needs of Persons With Disabilities: Supplemental Findings to the Affordable Housing Needs 2005 Report available at <http://www.huduser.org/Publications/pdf/Affhsgneedsdis.pdf>
- Out of Reach 2009 is a comparison of wages and housing costs for every county and metropolitan statistical area in the country: <http://www.nlihc.org/oor/oor2009>
- Fact sheets on who can afford which kinds of housing for every county in Oregon http://www.oregonhousingalliance.org/story_wages_v_housingcosts_x_County.html

Addressing Community Opposition to Affordable Housing Development:

- A Fair Housing Toolkit available at <http://www.knowledgeplex.org/showdoc.html?id=68549>