



# Oregon Housing and Community Services

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## HOME Tenant-Based Assistance (HOME TBA) (Program Factsheet)

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### Do you need Rental Housing Assistance?

To find low income rental housing assistance in your area, contact your **local community action agency** at [www.caporegon.org](http://www.caporegon.org).

### Program Overview

At the local level, Oregon Housing and Community Services contracts with various public service agencies to administer the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBA) program. Public service agencies include: housing authorities, community action agencies, and local partnership programs, which typically consist of a partnership between a local housing authority and a community action agency.

The program offers rental assistance in six-month or one-year terms that may be renewed to very-low-income tenants for the payment of housing costs and a refundable security deposit. A rental assistance agreement is executed between the public service agency, tenant, and the landlord. Payments are made directly from the public service agency to the landlord on behalf of the tenant. Up to 20 percent of the annual HOME Program grant is allocated to tenant-based rental assistance activities.

### Eligibility Requirements

To qualify, a household consisting of an individual or group of individuals must be very low income, i.e., cannot have a total gross household income from all sources that exceeds 50 percent of the area median income for that household size. Rental payment standards are based on the HUD fair market rents (FMR) or the area-wide exception rent approved by HUD. The minimum tenant contribution for housing costs is \$10.

An eligible tenant can receive rental assistance for a unit of their own choosing, provided the unit meets basic program requirements. The rental unit must meet the housing quality standards. The rental assistance can follow the household in the event the household moves to another unit.

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### Program Requirements

Self-sufficiency is a requirement for participation in the HOME TBA Program. A self-sufficiency plan is developed and agreed upon by the tenant and the public service agency based on an assessment of the household's needs. Rental assistance will be terminated if the public service agency determines that the tenant is in noncompliance with the self-sufficiency plan.

The HOME Program grant requires a 25 percent match of non-federal funds. Public service agencies are responsible for the documentation and the reporting of match expenditures to OHCS. These expenditures may include direct housing cost or supportive services for self-sufficiency activities provided to HOME TBA participants during the term of assistance.

### For More Information

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OHCS is the state housing finance agency, providing financial and program support to create and preserve opportunities for quality, affordable housing for lower income Oregonians. The agency also administers federal and state antipoverty, homeless and energy assistance community service programs.

