



To: Shelter Operators
From: Homeless Services Section Staff
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Update For:

Other: Potential Contract Extension and Additional Funding for Shelter Operations

Message:

Dear Shelter Operation Partners,

We hope this email finds you well. We are writing to inform you that OHCS is considering extending shelter operation contracts through June 30, 2024. The agency would also disperse additional funding to support shelter operations for this duration.

Our records indicate that your shelter operates seasonally. We would like to better understand the following to determine whether a contract amendment would be beneficial for you:

- What are the specific months of operation?
- Is your shelter activated only during extreme weather?
- Would a contract extension benefit your operation?

Additionally, the Legislature recently invested an additional \$65 million to support existing shelter operations and housing-focused services. OHCS is committed to ensuring that these funds are distributed effectively and efficiently, taking into account the needs of Oregon's local communities and meeting the pressing needs of our shelter system. The agency is working diligently on how the remainder of this funding will be distributed and will share as soon as that is determined.

We truly appreciate your partnership and dedication to this critical work. We recognize the challenging circumstances you face every day and hope to best support your efforts to continue providing essential services to those in need.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact this email or Colt Sray colt.sray@hcs.oregon.gov and Jovany Lopez jovany.lopez@hcs.oregon.gov

Thank you again for your invaluable contribution to our community.

Sincerely,
The Homeless Services Section team