

PARTNERS IN ACTION

Housing And Community Service Agency of Lane County Affordable Housing and Energy in Lane County



Roosevelt Crossing, 44 units of transitional housing for ex-offenders.

HACSA administers three different kinds of housing programs in Lane County for low-income families, as follows:

- **Public Housing.** HACSA owns 708 public housing units. Of those, 372 are designated elderly/disabled, and the remaining are family units. Families pay no more than 30% of their household income on rent.
- **Section 8 Rental Assistance.** HACSA also operates the Section 8 Voucher Program, serving approximately 2,600 low-income households throughout Lane County. The program allows clients to choose any unit that meets the program requirements within Lane County. Tenants pay a portion of the rent, based on their income, and HACSA provides a rental assistance payment directly to private landlords participating in the program.
- **Other HACSA-Owned Housing.** In addition to public housing units, HACSA owns and manages three HUD multi-family complexes (157 units), three rural development complexes (124 units), five special needs facilities (121 units), a 90-unit bond-financed complex and eight other developments financed with federal low-income housing tax credits (297 units).

The Housing And Community Services Agency of Lane County, commonly known as HACSA, is the public housing authority for all of Lane County. HACSA of Lane County has provided affordable housing and related community services for over 50 years.

HACSA owns, manages, and maintains 1,497 units of low-income housing in Lane County, of which 708 are public housing units. HACSA also administers the HUD Section 8 Housing Programs, which house 2,809 families, and manages the Low-Income Weatherization Program, which pays to weatherize about 300 homes per year. As of December 2010, over 3,000 Lane County families are on HACSA's combined housing waiting list. Over half of the families on the waiting list have children, 35% are disabled, and 7% are elderly. Nearly 20% are Hispanic/Latino and/or a minority. The average waiting time is approximately 18 months.

MISSION To make a difference in the quality of affordable housing and related community services. HACSA's vision is to provide safe, affordable, energy-efficient housing for all low-income Lane County residents.

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HACSA also works with home owners and renters in Lane County to provide weatherization services to save energy and reduce utility costs. This program provides free weatherization services to income-eligible homeowners and renters in Lane County. Oregon Housing and Community Services contracts with HACSA for weatherization services.

Partners

HACSA and the Cities of Eugene and Springfield and Lane County have established good working relationships. In addition, HACSA stays connected to the inter-governmental Housing Policy Board (HPB), which sets housing policy for the local area and allocates funds from a variety of sources.

HACSA has also developed a number of strategic partnerships to further its mission, including:

- Partnering with Lane County Law and Advocacy Center, ShelterCare, and O.U.R. Federal Credit Union to provide LifeLine Financial Education, a four-week series of classes and individual sessions in financial management and budgeting to low-income residents who are in danger of losing their housing due to financial issues.
- In addition, HACSA has working relationships with nearly 30 local entities/service providers, many of which serve on the Advisory Board for HACSA's Family Self-Sufficiency Program.
- Acquired, rehabbed and/or became a general partner in connection with four facilities managed by ShelterCare.

Accomplishments

- HACSA has been designated as a high performing public housing authority by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for fiscal years 1997 through 2009, the entire period that HUD's scoring system has been in place.
- HACSA consistently exceeds HUD's Federal targeting requirements for providing assistance to families at or below 30% of Lane County's Median Family Income.
- In 2010, HACSA, as general partner of the Roosevelt Crossing Limited Partnership, and in collaboration with Sponsors, Inc., completed construction of 44 units of transitional housing for ex-offenders.

- IN 2010, HACSA worked collaboratively with the City of Eugene and Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) to program the use of federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation block grant funds from the Department of Energy for energy retrofit grants for three affordable housing developments.
- In March 2009, HACSA was awarded \$1.745 million of additional capital improvement funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).
- In June 2009 HACSA was awarded \$2.815 million of ARRA funds for energy conservation improvements.

Goals for the Lane Livability Consortium

HACSA's goal for participation in the Lane Livability Consortium is to work with the Consortium on issues of affordable housing and community services.



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