



Aging, Disability, and Veterans Services Division  
**Aging Services Advisory Council (ASAC)**  
 Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
 Five Oak Building, 209 SW 4th Ave, Portland, OR 97204  
 Pine Room, 1st floor

**Zoom link:** <https://multco-us.zoom.us/j/94294725561?pwd=8ZEEiVfu9sCg74q4yUeayQEF5HVKI2.1>

Meeting ID: 942 9472 5561 – Passcode: Sac.2025

Time	Agenda Item	Lead
<b>Attendees:</b>	John Halfmoon, Dave Daley, Anne Lindsay (V), Monique Torres (V), Brandy Penner (V), Scott Moore (V), Kathleen Sullivan	
<b>Members</b>		
<b>ADVSD</b>	Sarah Feldman, Lars Fujisato, Deric Anderson, Jacob Mestman. Marina Khalina, Jeremy Nguyen, Nicole Galport, Marcie Liesegang, Monique Jimenez	
<b>Guests</b>	Joni Scheib, Barb. Rainish	
10:00	Meeting open for sign on	All
10:00 (10 min)	Agenda review – <i>call for public comment</i> Opening – Zoom review and accessibility Land acknowledgment Introductions – Please share your name and pronouns Prompt: What is a favorite sport that you watch, have played, or follow? ASAC Annual Action Plan & discussion ADVSD Budget Calendar and Process Break Safety Net program presentation Announcements & Reminders Public Comment	Sarah
10:10 (30 min)	ASAC Annual Action Plan: review, discussion and input <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sarah provided an overview of the discussion topics for the meeting.</li> <li>- Marina provided an update that the final version of the bylaws has been completed and is being reviewed by the county attorney.</li> <li>- Sarah reviewed community engagement for ASAC meetings and said that members are able to recommend speakers and bring people they know. ASAC/DSAC will be at the outreach event this coming Saturday at Centennial High School in Gresham. Our flyers have also been shared with the Office of Community Engagement. Members are encouraged to share ASAC/DSAC information for new</li> </ul>	Sarah & Marina

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	<p>member recruitment. The secret shopper project involves members reaching out to any of our programs and sharing their feedback and experience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dave spoke on the project to advise the district senior centers. He said ASAC used to meet at some of the district centers as a part of the project. He suggested we could meet at the centers for a meeting, and added that senior centers may not share openly if ADVSD higher ups are present.</li> <li>- Kathleen said that on the governor's commission, they would visit sites throughout the state, and they would talk to the users and suggested ASAC also speak with the program users.</li> <li>- Dave suggested that ADVSD and members both help when attending visits to centers. Dave also shared the governor's budget recommendations for APD and AAA's that affect Medicaid services. The draft should be released Thursday.</li> <li>- Sarah shared advocacy opportunities.</li> <li>- Jacob said the Age Friendly Business Certification will be piloting at the Community for Positive Aging, formerly known as the Hollywood Senior Center. They will have in person materials and the business information will be linked through software. We are interested in having someone with experience help work with us for walk-throughs.</li> <li>- John asked if we have a current list of businesses that are age friendly.</li> <li>- Jacob responded that Elders in Action had a list of age friendly businesses that we have been trying to obtain. He remembered a couple of examples including New Seasons.</li> <li>- Anne said villages NW and Village PDX have experience developing information for being age friendly. She would like ASAC to have updates on the website.</li> <li>- Marina said this is an action item and why we are bringing this project to ASAC. Members are welcome to be secret shoppers at these businesses.</li> <li>- Jacob said he would like ASAC to help advocate and then share experiences with us. We are piloting with one program, and we are hoping to have a group conduct a walk through with someone from the team (maybe an</li> </ul>		

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	<p>intern), an ASAC member, and a subject matter expert. The business would receive a decal to show they are certified. We don't want a pass/fail system. We want a business to have the information on being age friendly, and we will highlight what they are certified in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kathleen said PSU's Institute on Aging has people who want to be active with this type of work. She can help connect us.</li> <li>- Anne said that senior interns could be helpful as opposed to younger interns, because seniors might be able to relate to this project.</li> <li>- Sarah shared details about attending the commissioners public meetings.</li> <li>- Dave said that commissioners no longer attend ASAC meetings and they used to attend, or at least someone from their staff. Once the ASAC chair and co-chair get elected, they might write a letter to the commissioner or share that members would like representation.</li> <li>- Barb. shared that DSAC meeting days were changed and Commissioner Meghan Moyer was able to attend the DSAC meeting last month. ASAC meetings are during board briefings, which might get in the way.</li> <li>- Marina said the commissioner can send staff as representation.</li> <li>- Sarah said members can invite people they know to attend ASAC meetings, even if they do not join.</li> <li>- Monique said she has a person in mind as a subject matter expert and asked who she could contact to provide the suggestion.</li> <li>- Marina responded that either Sarah or herself would be a good contact. When we have a chair and co-chair they would be a good person and can help with agenda creation.</li> </ul> <p>Marina also said the action plan is a work in progress, and the projects that are brought to us might take time as we assess the project's scope.</p>		

**Next Steps and Action Items**

- Share information on outreach events.

10:40	ADVSD Budget Calendar and Process: presentation and Q&A	Jacob
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(20 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jacob said he manages the division’s budget, and although the past couple of years have been challenging, he wanted to provide an overview of this process. He is able to come back to present additional information if needed. The county general fund is a key component that comes from property taxes. Other components include state and federal funds, including OAA and other funds - we have about 33 different funds in total. 17 program offers make up our budget and some of them include multiple programs. Program offers provide a description and an equity statement for the program. They state all the services of the program, and this is for our priority based budget. The commissioners and chair go through the program offers and select what they would like to offer. The fiscal year is from July to June and we start the process with the state 3-4 months after the fiscal year starts. The county has an economist and the Office of Diversity and Equity offers input. There is a process and then it goes into review and we can’t discuss it until that happens. Irma will present it, and then the chair can include what she would like, we present it again, they ask us questions, the public can provide feedback, and then it becomes adopted.</li> <li>- Dave asked what the match is for federal funds.</li> <li>- Jacob said it is about \$5 million and a 39% match rate. The state determines this rate based on RMSS results.</li> <li>- Barb. asked how much money we have in state and federal funds.</li> <li>- Jacob said our budget is \$23.5 million and the general fund amount is about \$16 million. The rest is mostly federal funds.</li> </ul>		
<b>Next Steps and Action Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>			
<b>11:00      BREAK</b>			
11:15 (30 min)	<b>Safety Net Program Presentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Marcie is the Safety Net program supervisor, two case</li> </ul>		Marcie Liesegang

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	<p>managers assist consumers of this program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monique, case manager, provided an overview of the program. Safety Net helps people who are facing eviction and provides prevention assistance. The program can help with rent, deposits, utility bills, one time housing support, and short-term intensive case management. Staff will work with people and walk them through the eviction process. Recipients must be 60+, have an income less than 20% of SSI, have assets less than \$2000, must live in Multnomah County, must meet risk factors, and have a stable plan. This program is funded through general funds and is at risk of reduction every year.</li> <li>- Marcie shared referral and demographic information including that the program received 694 referrals last year, with 241 being for rental assistance.</li> <li>- Dave asked what the full funding is for Safety Net?</li> <li>- Monique shared funding information, including the full funding which is \$562,423.</li> <li>- Marina said that “spending” is passing the money to the consumer.</li> <li>- Monique said they prioritize funding in the winter months when amounts can be higher.</li> <li>- Kathleen asked if this total includes staff funding.</li> <li>- Jacob said the total budget including staff funding is \$1 million and 54 thousand dollars. This also includes the NW pilot project.</li> <li>- Monique asked if the program only helps for one month when someone needs it.</li> <li>- Monique said it was one time funding, although now it is multiple months until the person becomes stabilized and housed.</li> <li>- Marice said assistance is with two case managers who have experience in eviction and how it intersects with IDD and mental health. Case managers are experts in other areas including hoarding. This program looks at the whole picture of the consumer. Consumers can call the ADRC for a referral.</li> <li>- John asked what kind of case load each case manager has.</li> <li>- Marcie said there is no cap and consumers will be contacted within two days.</li> <li>- Monique said that they do not have a case load because</li> </ul>		

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	<p>they work off of referrals, but she said there are currently 10-11 cases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Marina said that this program does not hold cases because it is a short-term assistance, but 11-15 cases per case manager for a short period of time.</li> </ul>		
<b>Next Steps and Action Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>			

11:45 (5 min)	Announcements & Reminders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We will need to update demographic information for the Area Plan during the March meeting.</li> <li>- April will be a joint meeting with DSAC and will hold an ethics training for conflict of interest.</li> <li>- APD Advocacy Award nominations through March 9th.</li> <li>- There are three public hearings after approval of the Chair’s budget and before the final budget adoption: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- April 29th 6:00-8:00PM</li> <li>- May 13th 6:00-8:00PM</li> <li>- May 20th 6:00-8:00PM</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Next Steps and Action Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>		

11:50 (10 min)	Public comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scott said that Portland has \$100 million of housing funds and if possible, ADVSD should advocate for this funding to go to older adults who make up a significant part of the unhoused/insecure housing population.</li> <li>- Barb. said that City Hall has a meeting tomorrow to discuss the funding more.</li> <li>- Marina said we are supporting members to advocate</li> <li>- Dave said that this is hugely cost effective.</li> <li>- Scott would like the city and county to work together since ADVSD has the unique possibility to get these funds out.</li> <li>- Monique said this is unique because we can get funds out fast.</li> </ul>	
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12:00 pm	Adjourn!		

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- ASAC: March 17, 2026
- DSAC: March 18, 2026

**Common acronyms used in ASAC Meetings** – While we strive to avoid acronyms and jargon here are some you may hear in ASAC meetings

- AAA - Area Agency on Aging
- ADRC - Aging, Disability Resource Connection (Center)
- ADVSD - Aging, Disability and Veterans Services Division, DCHS
- APD - Aging and People with Disabilities, Oregon Department of Human Services
- APS - Adult Protective Services
- ASAC - Aging Services Advisory Council
- BIPOC - Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color
- DCHS - Department of County Human Services (Multnomah)
- DSAC - Disability Services Advisory Council
- HST - Housing Stability Team
- LTSS - Long Term Services and Supports
- NEMT - Non-Emergent Medical Transportation
- O4AD - Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities
- OAA - Older Americans Act
- ODHS - Oregon Department of Human Services (also called DHS)
- OPI and OPI-M - Oregon Project Independence (- Medicaid)
- YFS - Youth and Family Services



# **Aging Services Advisory Council (ASAC)**

**February 17, 2026**

Aging, Disability, and Veterans  
Services Division

Department of County Human Services

# Meeting goals

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- Welcome and accessibility
- Land acknowledgement
- Introductions
- ASAC Action Plan discussion
- ADVSD Budget Calendar and Process
- Break
- Safety Net Program Presentation
- Announcements & Reminders
- Public Testimony/Comment



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Zoom application features in the works, as requested.

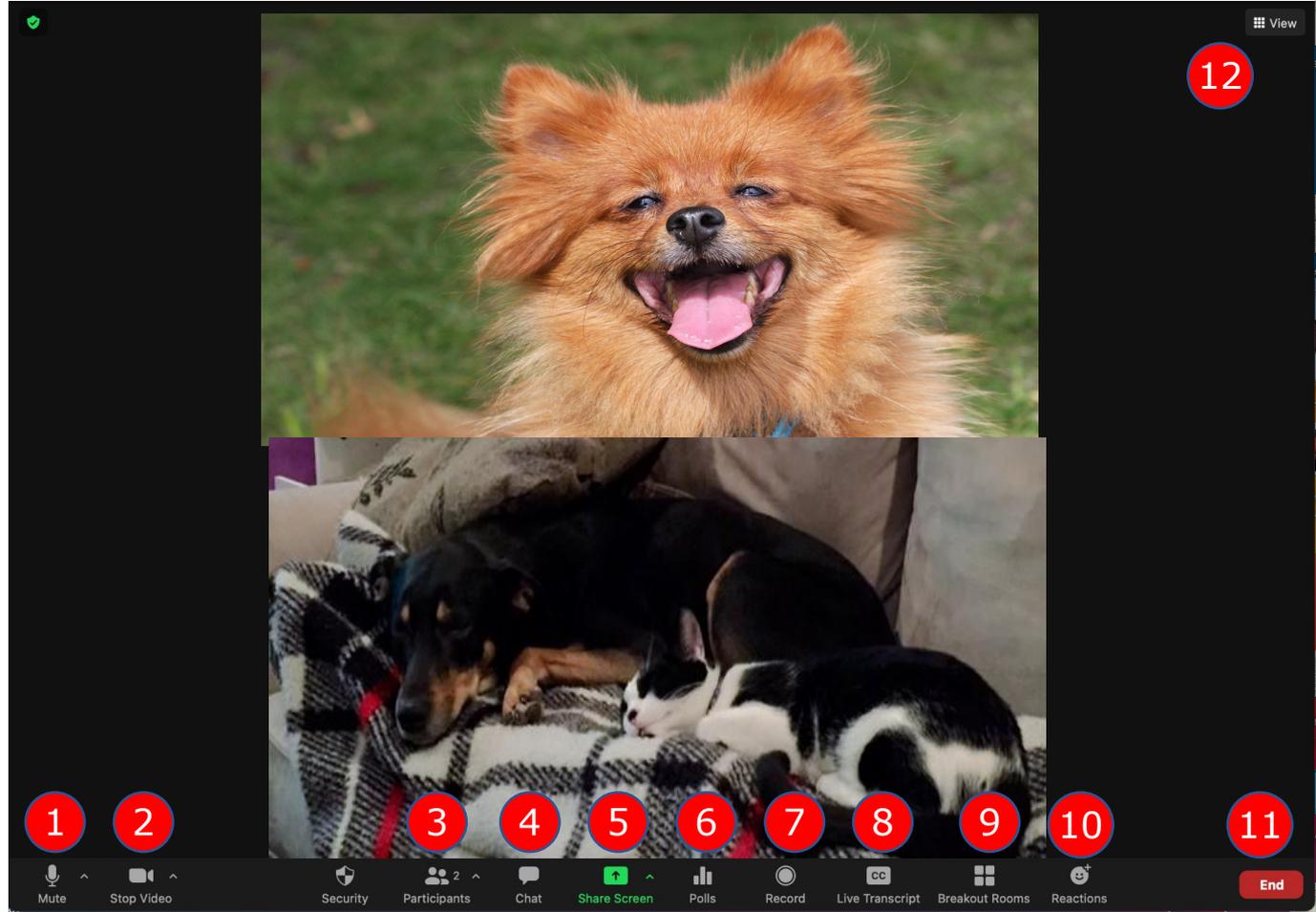
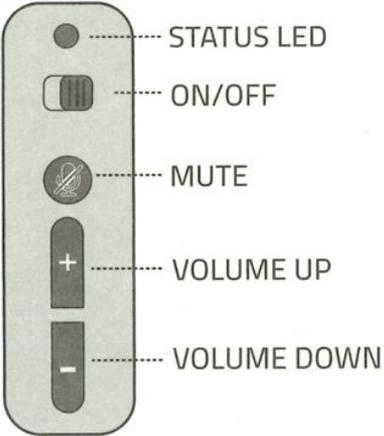
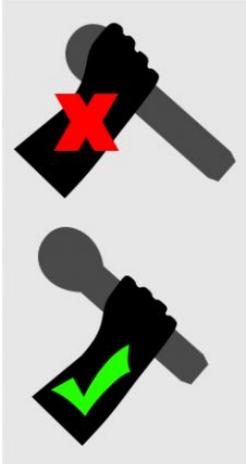


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# Using the microphone



Hold the mic about 5cm/2" from your mouth...



and don't cup it!  
(unless you're rapping)



# Accessibility statement

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We will (imperfectly!) model accessible presentation techniques such as:

- Using a minimum of 20 point font on slides.
- Limiting reliance on words and images.
- Orally describe visual presentation elements.
- Taking time on slides.
- Ask ahead of time if anyone needs accommodations.



# Accessibility statement, continued

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- Use a virtual platform with auto-generated closed captioning.
- Include alternate text or image descriptions.
- Accommodations were requested and met.
- In use—voice amplification.
- Not in use—ASL interpretation, CART services.



# Land acknowledgement

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We are located in Portland, Oregon, Multnomah county.

Today, we honor the Indigenous people whose traditional and ancestral homelands we stand on—the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Tumwater, Watlala bands of the Chinook, the Tualatin Kalapuya and many other Indigenous nations of the Columbia River.

It is important we acknowledge the ancestors of this place and to recognize that we are here because of the sacrifices forced upon them.

In remembering these communities, we honor their legacy, their lives, and their descendants.



# Quick introductions

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Please share:

- Your name
- Pronouns
- Prompt – What is a favorite sport that you watch, have played, or follow?



# ASAC Annual Action Plan discussion

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- **ASAC Alignment with new Bylaws and updated OAA rules:**
  - Select ASAC Chair and Vice Chair
  - Additional items:
    - Ethics training and Conflict of Interest statement
    - Assist with ASAC Policies and Procedures documents
    - Assist in Title III/VI Coordination Policy
    - Assist with onboarding of new members



# ASAC Annual Action Plan discussion

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- **Community Engagement:** Participate in targeted outreach and/or recruitment activities, such as:
  - Assist in organizing listening sessions
  - Inviting subject matter experts to ASAC meetings
  - Attend ADVSD coordinated events
  - Assist in organizing Workgroups



# ASAC Annual Action Plan discussion

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- **Advising: “Secret Shopper” activities**
  - ASAC members gathering data based on their experience with a program/service such as ADRC or District Senior Center.
  - Provide feedback to ADVSD



# ASAC Annual Action Plan discussion

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- **Advising** - District Senior Center (DSC) project.
  - ASAC group to form strategy for improved communication
  - Gathering data to inform DSC communication improvements such as:
    - Site visits
    - “Secret Shoppers”



# ASAC Annual Action Plan discussion

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- **Advocacy:**
  - O4AD Advocacy training recap
  - Visiting the Age-Friendly Businesses (AFB)
  - Reviewing Applications for AFB Certification
  - Encouraging and referring businesses to apply for certification.
  - Attend the County Chair budget listening sessions. (*Already past*)
  - Attend County Commissioners public hearings on FY2027 budget (6-8pm. April, 29; May 13 and 20)



# ASAC Annual Action Plan discussion

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- **Learning:**
  - Reviewing and learning OAA programs (training)
- **Advocacy:**
  - Advocate for ADVSD programs and Aging and Disability communities.
    - Provide ADRC number to community members
    - Spread the word about ADVSD programs that you learned from ASAC meetings.
  - Invite interested community members to ASAC



# ADVSD Budget Calendar & Process

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- Jacob Mestman, PMP

Quality and Business Manager



The budget is a structured annual cycle centered on Program Offers  
We are currently in the Department Requested Budget phase (February 2026)

## 1. Department Requested Phase

November - February

### Budget Kickoff (Dec)

- Official Start. Guidance on Equity and financial constraints

### Program Offer Creation

- Staff write Division program offers (17)

### Equity Review

- Budget equity tool used

### Submission (Feb)

- Formal budget request submitted to County Chair

## 2. Chair's Executive Phase

March - April

### Internal Briefings

- ADVSD Leadership discusses funding requests with Chair and her staff

### Chair's Proposed Budget

- Release late April. Shows funding decisions. Released to Public

## Key Budget Components

### County General Funds

Local tax dollars for flexible community needs

## 3. Approved and Adopted Phase

May - June

### Department Presentations

- ADVSD staff public briefing to the Board of County Commissioners (May)

### Public Hearings:

- Citizens testify on specific ADVSD services

### Budget Adoption (June)

- Board votes to adopt the budget

### Federal/State Funds

Medicaid, Older Americans Act & other state funds

## 4. Implementation

July 1 onward

### New Budget Goes Live

- Fiscal year begins (July)

### Spending and Service Provision

- ADVSD spends allocated funds to provide services to older adults, veterans and people with disabilities and monitors the budget throughout the year

### Program Offers

Unique number for each program offer (eg #25027)



15-minute break

**I'M TAKING  
A BREAK**

# Safety Net Program Presentation

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- Marcie Liesegang (she/her)  
Community Services Supervisor



# ADVSD Safety Net Program

<https://multco.us/info/safety-net-program>

advsd.safetynet@multco.us

# Eviction Prevention Assistance Available

**Rent**

**Deposit**

**Utility Bills**

**One Time Housing Support Service**

(extreme clean, pest control prep, packing, moving)

**Short-term intensive case management**

*(connecting to support services/walking through eviction process)*

# Program Criteria

- 60 years old or better or 18-59 with SSA Disability Determination
  - Income less than 200% SSI  
*(\$1934/mo for individual; \$2900 couple)*
  - Assets less than \$2000
  - Must live in Multnomah County
- Must meet risk factors (e.g. eviction) and have stable plan

# FY25

## Safety Net Referrals Outcomes- Number

**694**

Total Referrals

**523**

Approved

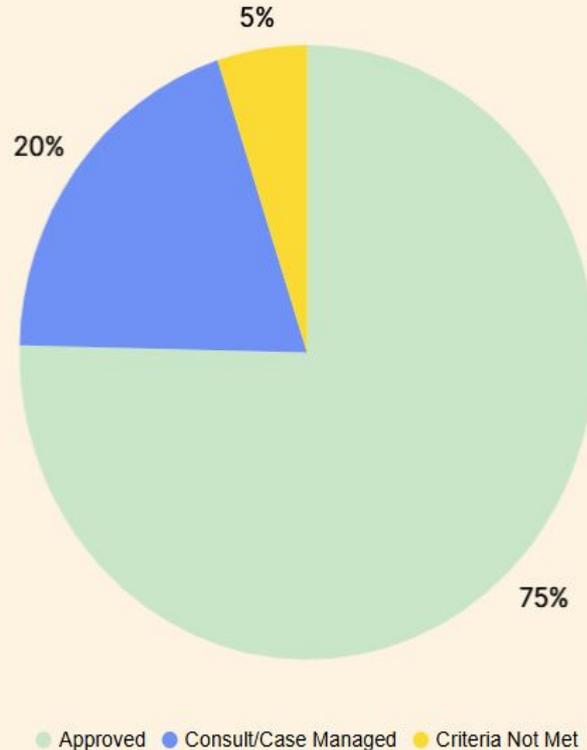
**136**

Consult/Case Managed

**35**

Criteria Not Met

## Safety Net Referral Outcomes- Percentage



## Types of Services Requests

**793**

Total Service Requests

**241**

Rent Assistance

**47**

Deposit Assistance

**297**

Utility Assistance

**53**

Moving Assistance

**40**

Pest Control Preparation Assistance

**43**

Extreme Cleaning Assistance

**66**

Special Medical Need Assistance

Note: Each referral may contain multiple service requests.

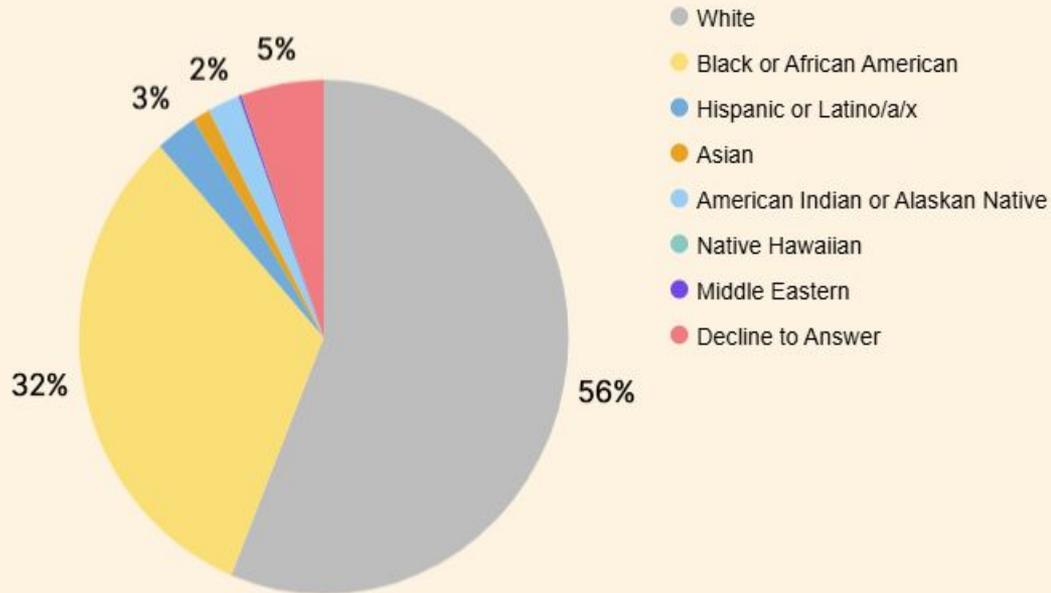
## Number of People Served

**828**

Includes: Applicants, co-applicants, & household members of approved referrals, consult/case managed referrals, and case staffings.

# FY25

## Ethnicity/Race- All Referrals



## Ethnicity/Race- All Referrals

White: 56%

Black or African American: 32%

Hispanic or Latino/a/x: 3%

Asian: 1.15%

American Indian or Alaskan Native: 2%

Native Hawaiian: 0.14%

Middle Eastern: 0.14%

Decline to Answer: 5%

## **FY26**

- **July 1st 2025 through February 9th 2026**  
**= 456 people served so far**  
(380 approved/paid through Safety Net plus 77 consult/case managed)
- **On target to spend full funding, and help more people than last year.**

## **Budget for FY26**

**Total: \$562,423** (increase of \$6933 from FY25) **Plus HST funding**

### **Budget Categories**

- Special Medical Needs **\$6000**
- Housing Direct **\$386,338**
- Contract Services: **\$170085**

**Partnership with DCHS/YFS: Housing Stability Team Provider**

- **\$39,585**

## **Program Staff Expertise**

- Housing Eviction/FED (forcible entry/detainer) process
- Holistic assessments (Risk, SPL)
- Aging/Disability Service Systems (OAA, Medicaid, LTSS)  
(and intersections with Behavioral Health, Health, I/DDSD)
- Reasonable Accommodations
- Pest Infestations: Control and Mitigation  
Multnomah County Bed Bug Hotline
- Hoarding: developing plans to mitigate eviction risk  
Multnomah County Hoarding Task Force

## **PARTNERSHIP/REFERRAL SOURCES**

District Senior Centers

Northwest Pilot Project

Adult Protective Services

Long Term Services & Supports

Legal Aid Services of Oregon

Fair Housing Council of Oregon

Older Adult Behavioral Health Initiative

Housing Providers (REACH, Home Forward)

Health Professionals/Clinics (e.g. OHSU Knight Cancer Institute)

Department of Recording, Assessment and Taxation

# Call the ADRC

503-988-3646

You can refer your client directly  
or

You can call on your client's behalf

# Public testimony

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- Please feel free to provide comments.



# Announcements & Reminders

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- ASAC March meeting we need to update ASAC member demographics for the Area Plan update.
- ASAC April meeting (joint with DSAC) we will hold an Ethics training and request members sign a Conflict of Interest agreement.
- APD Advocacy Award accepting nominations through March 9



# Announcements & Reminders

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There will be three public hearings after approval of the Chair's budget and before the final budget adoption. In addition, community members can provide virtual or in-person testimony at Thursday morning Board meetings, as well as written testimony via email. **The dates of the public hearings are:**

- April 29 - Public Hearing - 6:00 - 8:00 pm (location TBD)
- May 13 - Public Hearing - 6:00 - 8:00 pm (location TBD)
- May 20 - Public Hearing - 6:00 - 8:00 pm (Virtual)



# Wrap-up

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- Thanks for attending!
- Next meeting – March 17, 2026
  - 10am-noon
- O4AD Spring Quarterly (optional) - Salem
  - Tues. April 14 - Wed. April 15



# O4AD Advocacy training

O4AD Advocacy

## IN THE BEGINNING

A **bill** is an idea for a new law, or an idea to change or get rid of an existing law.

Ideas for bills can come from anyone – legislators, community members, organizations, even corporations.



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## INTRODUCE A BILL

- A member of the House of Representatives or the Senate can introduce a bill. The member who introduces the bill is called the chief sponsor.
- *O4AD meets with potential sponsors to share our priorities, helping to inform the development of legislation as it is being created.*



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## SEND TO COMMITTEE

Once introduced, a bill gets assigned a number, and then the bill is sent to a committee. The House of Representatives has 15 committees and the Senate has 12 committees. There are also Joint Committees made up of members from both Chambers.



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## COMMITTEE HEARS THE BILL

- The committee studies the bill to see if it would make a good law. Committees often hold hearings, where people testify in support of or in opposition to the bill. Members of the committee can suggest changes (called amendments) to the bill for the committee to consider.
- After listening to all of the information and proposed changes, the committee will vote on the bill. If more than half of the committee members support the bill, it moves onto the next step. If the committee doesn't vote on the bill or the bill gets defeated in committee, it cannot move on.
- *O4AD shares information about our information regarding bills by testifying at committee hearings. People who can't attend in person can submit written testimony into the record. Advocates can engage with members of the committee to express their support or share their concern about a bill.*



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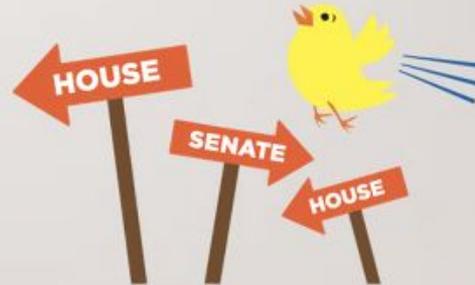
A bill that is approved by committee returns to the chamber (House or Senate) where it was introduced and is read or printed in the calendar three times. To pass the first reading, the bill title is printed in the calendar (the daily printed agenda of business) or is read by the Clerk of the chamber. During the second reading, the bill may be amended and debated on the full floor. During the third reading, members vote to pass or not pass the bill. Bills that don't pass on the third reading do not move on in the process.



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## AND THEN

If a bill passes in the House of Representatives, it goes through a similar process in the Senate. Before a bill becomes law, it must be approved by both chambers of the legislature. The bill must pass with the same wording in the House of Representatives and the Senate before it can go to the Governor. If the Senate amends a House bill, or vice versa, the bill must go back to the original chamber and be approved with the amendments before proceeding.



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## THE GOVERNOR'S DESK

- If the bill passes both chambers, it goes to the Governor for approval. The Governor has three choices:
- Governor signs the bill.
- Governor vetoes (or rejects) the bill. The House of Representatives and Senate may override the veto by a two-thirds vote of each chamber.
- Governor takes no action. If the Governor doesn't sign the bill, but doesn't veto it, it automatically becomes the law.



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## EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY – YOUR VOICE MATTERS

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1. Know your audience
2. Know your topics
3. Build relationships
4. Be strategic
5. Use facts, statistics, data and your stories. But don't oversell
6. Do your homework in advance and follow up after



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## THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.



- Monday, February 2 – Legislative session begins
- Monday, February 9 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Post Work Session Deadline
- Monday, February 16 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Chamber deadline
- Friday, February 20 ~ Post work session deadline
- Thursday, February 26 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Chamber deadline
- Monday, March 9 ~ Constitutional Sine Die
- Tuesday, March 10 ~ Filing Day



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## COMMITTEES, COMMITTEES EVERYWHERE

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- 16 House Committees
- 14 Senate Committees
- 8 Ways & Means Committees
- 8 Joint Committees

Committees generally meet at 8 am, 1 pm or 3 pm. And a few at 5 pm. All are available to watch online.



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## HOW DO I FOLLOW TH

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- Oregon Legislative Information System –
  - Committee agendas
  - Capitol Events
  - Testifying
  - Floor schedules
  - Reports and publications
- O4AD Legislative Updates
- O4AD Legislative Conference Calls



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## WHAT'S EVERYONE TALKING ABOUT



- The budget
- THE Transportation package – or lack thereof
- Medicaid
- Housing and homelessness
- K12 education
- Behavioral health
- The campaign cycle



February 13, 2026

Co-Chair Senator Kate Lieber, Co-Chair Representative Tawna Sanchez and Members, JointWays and Means Sub-Committee on Human Services  
Rachel Currans-Henry, Senior Human Services Advisor to Governor Kotek

The Governor's Commission on Senior Services (GCSS) has been following the potential impact of the budget reduction options provided by the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS). These reduction options were requested at a time when the estimated revenue deficit caused by the passage of HR1 was thought to be \$400 Million and the projected ending balance was unknown. Now that we know that the overall situation, while still serious, is less dire, GCSS has identified three items from the ODHS reduction list that the Commission believes should carry the highest priority for removing from the reduction list in their entirety:

- #38 Vacancy Savings (5%) for AAA Model.
- #39 Model AAA reimbursement on APD Staffing including: Funding staff costs at step 4 to match APD and add a vacancy savings of 5%.
- #40 Reduce AAA Equity from 95% to 92.5%.

These reduction options targeted only the Medicaid AAAs in the most populous counties and would have devastating effects on the Federally required administration services for the SNAP and Medicaid programs as well as Adult Protective Services. What may not have been considered at the time these reduction options were developed was the impact of the additional administrative requirements placed on these two programs by HR 1. New eligibility determination and redetermination requirements, new requirements for increased validation paired with increased need for services and higher complexity. Adult Protective Services is the lifeline for individuals who are at risk or have experienced abuse. Safety must be a core priority for the care of our vulnerable adults.

Our Commission is charged with the responsibility of evaluating our State's support of older adults and making recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor for actions to be taken when we believe that their best interests are at stake. This is definitely one of those times.



**Program #25036 - ADVSD Safety Net Program** FY 2026 Adopted

**Department:** County Human Services **Program Contact:** Marina Khalina  
**Program Offer Type:** Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Program Description**

**ISSUE:** Costs of housing and medical care are rising. This can make it difficult for older adults, people with disabilities, and Veterans to keep their housing. Unhealthy living conditions can put people at risk of eviction. People who have recently found stable housing often need support to avoid returning to homelessness.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** The goal of this program offer is to help people age with safety and dignity in their homes. It helps participants avoid becoming homeless or returning to homelessness. It also improves the health and safety of participants' living conditions.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITY:** This offer includes two separate programs. The Safety Net program offers a variety of services that support housing stability. These include rent assistance, utility assistance, emergency motel vouchers, deposits, moving services, extreme cleaning, and bed bug removal. It also helps participants pay for items like eyeglasses, dentures, and medical equipment. The Safety Net program has helped many Black and African American people and wants to expand its reach. The program plans to partner with organizations that serve Latino, Native American, Alaskan Native, and Indigenous communities.

The Older Adult In-Home Care program (OAIHC) supports people who have recently found housing after a long period of homelessness. Participants receive personalized support to remain stably housed. This can include housekeeping, grocery delivery, transportation, health insurance enrollment, checking and understanding mail, advocacy, and help at medical appointments.

**PROGRAM OUTPUTS:**

- Fund services for people at risk of homelessness. Services include case management, rent and utility assistance, funds for medical needs, and other housing-related services.
- Fund services for people who need support to remain stably housed after exiting homelessness. Services include housekeeping, eviction prevention, client outreach, transportation support, and life stabilization.
- Fund bedbug cleaning and mitigation services for renters at risk of eviction.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of people served by the Safety Net Program <sup>1</sup>	544 <sup>2</sup>	N/A	600	600
Output	Number of people served through the Older Adult In-Home Care (OAIHC) Program	33	30	30	30
Output	Number of Multnomah County bedbug hotline calls from renters <sup>3</sup>	129	N/A	110	110

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

<sup>1</sup>New measure. This includes applicants, co-applicants, household members, and people who received case management/consult only. <sup>2</sup>The FY 2024 Actual amount did not include co-applicants, household members, and people who received case management/consult only. <sup>3</sup>New Measure. Count calls where renters were provided resources through the Multnomah County bedbug hotline. Former measure: "Number of people who received Safety Net services." Dropped because it only included a subset of people served by the Safety Net program. FY 2024 Actual: 544. FY 2025 Estimate: data not available.

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	<b>Adopted General Fund</b>	<b>Adopted Other Funds</b>	<b>Adopted General Fund</b>	<b>Adopted Other Funds</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2026</b>
Personnel	\$137,886	\$138,336	\$145,140	\$143,961
Contractual Services	\$575,055	\$0	\$714,440	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$1,932	\$0	\$1,926	\$19
Internal Services	\$13,267	\$33,630	\$14,395	\$35,107
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$728,140</b>	<b>\$171,966</b>	<b>\$875,901</b>	<b>\$179,087</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$900,106</b>		<b>\$1,054,988</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$171,966	\$0	\$179,087
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$171,966</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$179,087</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$20,731 in indirect revenues.  
 \$179,087 - Title XIX (Federal)

**Significant Program Changes**

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 25036 ADVSD Safety Net Program