



City of Portland

Bureau of Housing and Community Development

Mission

Make Portland a more livable city for all by bringing low-income people and community resources together.

Vision

A city with strong communities built on a foundation of affordable housing and economic opportunity for all.

Values

- Partnership with citizens, public officials, community-based organizations, service providers, and other allies.
- Involvement of low-income citizens and communities.
- Exploration of new ways to meet community needs, maximize community assets, and leverage public and private resources.
- Commitment to systemic change.
- Research and analysis to focus efforts where most needed.
- Continual evaluation and improvement of programs and initiatives.
- Compliance with regulations governing public funding sources.
- High standards of accountability to the community.
- Effective systems and a supportive working environment.

Focus

Our primary focus is on low-income* households. Within this focus, we will target neighborhoods and populations that experience specific barriers to economic advancement and stable housing.

Strategic Objectives

1. End the institution of homelessness.
2. Increase the range of housing opportunities for low-income* people.
3. Expand opportunities for low-income* residents to improve their economic condition.

BHCD Roles

In pursuit of our mission, BHCD plays multiple roles:

- **CATALYST:** Bring people and resource together by building partnerships, using analytic tools, and providing leadership.
- **STEWARD OF PUBLIC FUNDS:** Ensure that community development funds are used effectively and efficiently for their intended purposes by upholding clear expectations and standards for ourselves and others.
- **RESOURCE DEVELOPER:** Develop and manage a broad spectrum of human and financial resources.

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***"Low-Income" is up to 50% Area Median Income. The 2005 definition is up to \$23,750 for an individual and up to \$33,950 for a four-member household.*