

2026 Clackamas County State Legislative Policy Agenda



Clackamas County is urban, suburban, rural, and wild. We are dedicated to welcoming new residents and businesses and committed to delivering community services that are dependable, accessible, and responsive to the public.



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COUNTY INITIATIVE

Clackamas County Recovery Campus

Clackamas County seeks \$5 million in state legislative funding to advance construction of a recovery campus to meet the rising needs of people suffering from substance use disorders (addictions).

Numbers at a Glance

Funding in 2026 will address a critical need and ensure the county can open the recovery campus by 2027, transforming lives and communities for years to come.



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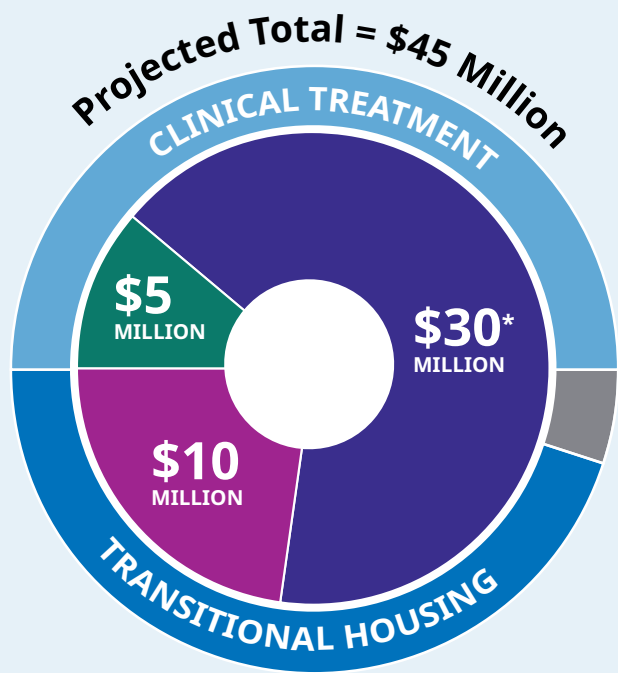
people served annually



76

additional beds

24	residential treatment
36	transitional housing
16	withdrawal management



6.3-acre site

\$3.5m invested for campus

- Allocated Funds
- Governor directed transitional housing fund
- Legislative Request

**Includes \$9 million gap filled with a short-term loan backed by opioid settlement dollars*

The Clackamas County Recovery Campus will address gaps in adult substance use treatment by increasing bed capacity, reducing wait times, and helping to prevent drug-induced fatalities that have doubled since 2019. Through partnerships with law enforcement, emergency services, and the medical community, the campus will divert individuals from inappropriate placements in jail or the emergency room. It will support a path from crisis to long-term recovery by providing timely, people-centered treatment delivered by experienced community-based organizations.

COUNTY PRIORITIES

- Advocate for **full cost recovery, predictable revenue, and reasonable liability protection** for local government services. Oppose unfunded mandates.
- Support state investment in **behavioral health resources** and clarify the implementation of civil commitment and Aid and Assist statutes.
- Support **rent assistance and eviction prevention resources** for low-income populations, senior populations, and underserved parts of the county.
- Advance policies and funding to **address the housing and homelessness crisis** and to meet housing and employment growth goals. Ensure a **balanced approach to land use planning** and oppose legislation that limits or erodes local land use authority. Prioritize infrastructure investments that **rapidly advance housing production goals**.
- Advocate for **business-friendly solutions**, including childcare access, employment land readiness, liability protection for recreational providers, and rural business opportunities.
- Highlight ongoing public engagement and best practices in the development of the **Sunrise Gateway Corridor**.



LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES

Clackamas County's policy positions are guided by five strategic goals below:



Safe, Secure, and Livable Communities

Support access to community resources and the production of affordable housing for low-income populations, senior populations, and underserved parts of the county. Legislation should also help to reduce crime and recidivism, promote best practices for justice-involved individuals, improve disaster preparedness, and protect survivors of domestic violence and child abuse.



Strong Infrastructure

Support investments in major infrastructure projects to enhance the quality of life for county residents. Successful legislation will ease congestion, expand travel options, enhance seismic and disaster resiliency, spur economic growth, stimulate employment opportunities, increase housing inventory, broaden telecommunication access, and promote science-based and ratepayer-minded water quality protections.



Vibrant Economy

Support business growth and countywide prosperity, ensuring the county has adequate resources to attract and retain industries, workforce, and childcare opportunities, as well as sufficient shovel-ready employment lands to capture economic development opportunities.



Healthy People

Support a recovery-oriented system of care, ensuring shelter, social services, behavioral health and substance use treatment for all who need it. Legislation should also support and fund community access to high-quality health services and resources.



Public Trust in Good Government

Support the county's financial sustainability, allocating sufficient resources, preserving shared revenue agreements, and ensuring adequate community engagement. Successful legislation will enhance the county's ability to deliver effective, reliable, and responsive public services. Legislation should not impose unfunded or underfunded mandates, preempt local tax sources, or restrict local government authority.