## **OREGON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

# Hearing Officer's Report to Agency on Rulemaking Hearing

Date (of report):	June 1, 2025
To:	OHCS
From:	Jaci Davis
Subject:	Hearing Officer's Report on Rulemaking Hearing
Hearing Date:	April 24, 2025
Hearing Location:	Teams Online Meeting
Rule Number:	813-100-0006, 813-100-0011, 813-100-0016, 813-100-
	0021, 813-100-0026, 813-100-0031, 813-100-0036,
	813-100-0041, 813-100-0045, 813-100-0046, 813-100-
	0051, 813-100-0056, 813-100-0061, 813-100-0066,
	813-100-0071, 813-100-0076
Rule Title:	OHCS's ReOregon Disaster Recovery Programs

The rulemaking hearing on the proposed rules was convened at 10:30am PST and ended at 11:00am PST.

## **Summary of Oral and Written Comments:**

No one signed up to present oral comments and no one submitted any written comments.

#### **ATTACHMENT A: Script from Rules Public Hearing**

My name is Jaci Davis, and I will be serving as OHCS's hearing officer. The purpose of this hearing is to take public comment on the rules proposed for adoption & amendment of Oregon Administrative Rule 813-100-0006, 0011, 0016, 0021, 0026, 0031,0036, 0041, 0045, 0046, 0051, 0056, 0061, 0066, 0071, and 0076 by OHCS regarding efforts took place during the Substantial Action Plan Amendment for the 2020 Wildfires and Straight-line Winds recovery efforts. No responses to questions will be made during the hearing.

The agency will review issues raised during the public comment period, and the hearing officer's report will contain responses. In addition to the opportunity to present oral comments at this hearing, anyone may submit written comments until 4:00 PM on April 30<sup>th</sup> which is the close of the public comment period. Comments received after that time will not be reviewed or considered by OHCS unless the agency decides to extend the public comment period for everyone.

Each person wishing to comment orally at this hearing should indicate by raising your virtual hand or unmuting yourself.

When I call your name, please state your name and who you represent. You may then present your comments. If you have written material to enter into the record, please say so, summarize it for the record, and submit it to the hearing officer.

I will begin the hearing in about five minutes to give you an opportunity to type your name, organization and if you would like to provide public comment into the chat, if you are able to do so. Also consider adjusting your displayed name because this rules public hearing will be recorded for administrative purposes. Are there any questions on how the hearing will be conducted?

#### **Opening Statement**

This hearing is now in session and is being digitally recorded to maintain a permanent record. My name is Jaci Davis and I am the hearing officer. Today is April 24<sup>th</sup> 2025 and the time is 10:39AM.

The purpose of this hearing is to take public comment on the rules proposed for adoption & amendment of Oregon Administrative Rule 813-100-0006, 0011, 0016, 0021, 0026, 0031,0036, 0041, 0045, 0046, 0051, 0056, 0061, 0066, 0071, and 0076 by OHCS regarding efforts took place during the Substantial Action Plan Amendment of the HUD Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery resources for the 2020 Wildfires and Straight-line Winds recovery efforts.

The ReOregon Disaster Recovery Programs rules include:

- 1. Establishing programmatic definitions
- 2. Describing funding allocations as approved by HUD within the CBDG-DR award
- 3. Requirements for grants
- 4. Clarifying the Action Plan Amendments with the department intent
- 5. Describing program guidance for the HARP program
  - a. HARP Homeowner Assistance and Reconstruction Program
- 6. Describing program information for the PIER program
  - a. Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Revitalization
- 7. Describing program guidance for the Housing and Recovery Services Program
- 8. Including rules about the DRR appeal process
- Adopting new rule that describes the program guidance for the Affordable Housing Development Program
- Adopting new rule that describes program guidance for the Intermediate
   Housing Assistance Program
- 11. Adopting new rule that describes program guidance for the Down Payment Assistance Program
- 12. Adopting new rule that describes the Housing Counseling Program
- 13. Adopting new rule that describes program guidance for the Legal Services

  Program

14. Adopting new rule that describes program guidance for the Resilience Planning Program

OHCS invites comments about these proposed rules and whether other options should be considered for achieving the rules' goals while reducing potential negative impacts that may derive from the rules as currently proposed.

In addition to presenting oral comments at this hearing, written comments may be submitted until 4:00 PM on 4/30, which is the close of the public comment period. Please submit comments to me at Jaci.Davis@hcs.oregon.gov. Comments received after 4:00 PM on 4/30 will not be reviewed or considered by OHCS unless the agency decides to extend the public comment period for everyone.

OHCS will not respond to questions during this hearing. All comments received during open period will be post on the OHCS Rules webpage: <a href="Oregon Housing and Community">Oregon Housing and Community</a> Services: Administrative Rules: Get Involved: State of Oregon

After the close of the public comment period, I will prepare a report to OHCS capturing all comments and responses and that will also be posted to our website.

I will begin taking comments now.

As no one has indicated that they would like to provide oral comment, I will stop recording. Should anyone come wishing to provide oral comment, I will restart the recording. Thank you for coming! It is now 11:00AM PST and the hearing is adjourned. I will stop the recording at this time.