

**FAIRSHOT** FOR ALL

# THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET

ROOTING OREGON'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN RACE & GENDER JUSTICE

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In response to the [Co-Chairs Budget Framework](#)

As the Co-Chairs work to develop their final budget framework, the Fair Shot for All Coalition urges you to consider the priorities outlined in *The People's Budget* below that will center Oregon's recovery in racial, gender, and economic justice. This budget was informed by our [COVID-19 Response Framework](#), which was sent to lawmakers at the beginning of the 2021 Legislative Session.

Investments support people in times of crisis. Now is not the time to cut budgets or save money. While we appreciate intentions to be fiscally prudent, we know from the last recession that [austerity measures only make economic recoveries longer and more painful](#). As our elected leaders, you have an opportunity to make meaningful investments that ensure Oregon emerges stronger than before and is ready to weather future storms.

We urge you to prioritize the \$6 billion in federal funding from the American Rescue Plan on *The People's Budget*. By adopting these principles and funding the highlighted policies, you will build an equity-based budget that gives every Oregonian a fair shot.

### Who We Are

Fair Shot for All is an economic justice coalition of grassroots organizations and labor unions working together to build power with our communities, to create opportunities

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for all working families to thrive, and to dismantle historic and systemic economic inequities for Oregonians who identify as Black, Indigenous, and/or people of color (BIPOC); women; immigrants; and/or LGBTQ+. Fair Shot's work centers racial and gender equity that seeks to address inequalities through organizing and concrete policy change.

Our work as a coalition is centered on ideas and input from those both historically and currently bearing the burden of Oregon's broken systems. Our ideas will work for the state as a whole because they work for those of us who are most impacted. The policies outlined below focus on mitigating impacts and improving lives for all by prioritizing Oregonians who identify as Black, Indigenous, and/or people of color (BIPOC); women; immigrants; and/or LGBTQ+.

### Our Priority Agenda for 2021

- Child Care for Oregon (HB 2503 + HB 3073)
- Just Enforcement Act (HB 2205)
- Universal Legal Representation (HB 3230)
- Sanctuary Promise Act (HB 3265)
- Transforming Justice (HB 2002)
- Healthy Homes (HB 2842)

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### 1) An Oregon Where All Can Thrive

All of our families should be able to meet their basic needs, including food, health care, housing, childcare, water and electricity, quality education, information and communications technology, and transportation. Without these essentials, people cannot work, let alone prosper. This must be the standard for every Oregonian throughout our state, rural and urban, no matter which zip code you live in.

One transition month of SNAP emergency allotments when federal COVID-specific increases to SNAP end with little notice	Budget request	\$45M
One year of emergency food purchases to address disruptions in the emergency food supply with possibility of partial FEMA reimbursement	Budget request	\$14M
Land Acquisition for Affordable Housing	HB 5011	\$250M
Fund the Oregon Housing Opportunity account	Budget request	\$20M
Expand broadband infrastructure and support low-income families	SB 615	TBD
School Support Fund	Budget request	\$9.6B
Higher Education Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$290 M for Oregon Opportunity Grant</li> <li>• \$702 M for Community Colleges</li> </ul>	SB 5528	\$992M
K-12 Education Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$14.4 million for the Black/African American Student Success Plan</li> <li>• \$4.1 million for the Latinx and Indigenous Student Success plan</li> <li>• \$8.4 million for the American Indian/Alaska Native Student Success Plan.</li> </ul>	SB 5513	\$25.2M
Early Childhood Equity Fund	Budget request	\$27.7M
Manufactured Home Purchase & Repair Fund	HB 5011	\$6M

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Wildfire Response Housing for BIPOC Communities	Budget request	TBD
Maintaining Existing Affordable Housing	Budget request	\$250M
<p>Real Investments in Housing &amp; Community Spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$275M for the creation of a statewide fund to create the future development of safe spaces for our community through land banking in underinvested or rapidly gentrifying neighborhoods</li> <li>\$100M for a state administered revolving fund for real estate development of cultural and community spaces partnered with affordable housing</li> </ul>	TBD	\$375M
Rental assistance for youth that are aging out of the foster care system or are experiencing unaccompanied homelessness	HB 2163	\$4.5M
Ensure equitable distribution of/access to rent assistance through community-based organizations and statewide outreach strategies	Budget request	\$20M
Strengthen Black food systems by directly supporting agricultural land access, community food programs, workforce development programming, and food systems infrastructure. The distribution of funds will help to strengthen regional food economies, foster job creation, bolster community-led mutual aid and increase Black participation in the green economy.	Budget request	\$5M

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### 2) Immigrant Justice

We're all Oregonians, no matter where we were born or how we came here. Every one of us has dignity and worth, and deserves equitable access so we can be a part of a thriving community. This means no one is left out of receiving help based on their immigration status, and Oregon is committed to stepping up where the federal government is failing to treat our residents fairly and keeping families together and safe.

*Universal Legal Representation for Immigrant Oregonians	HB 3230	\$15M
*Sanctuary Promise Act	HB 3265	TBD
Welcoming Immigrants Act	SB 778	\$1.4M

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### 3) A Strong Workforce

While helping folks stay afloat with unemployment assistance is now essential, we also must maintain and rebuild an economy with safe and fairly-compensated employment. We should build a state with investments in family wage jobs, paid time for workers to care for their families and their own health, more support for part-time and gig work, protection from being misclassified as an independent contractor, safe working conditions, employment protections, protection from wage theft, dignity and freedom from discrimination, the ability to join together in union, just recognition of essential workers, and more.

Essential Worker Pay / Stimulus Checks	Budget request	\$500M
Overtime Pay for Farmworkers	HB 2358	TBD
Fully Fund the Oregon Worker Relief Fund		\$600M
Health Care Interpreter Modernization Act	HB 2359	\$4M
Registered Firefighter Apprenticeship Program to diversify the workforce	HB 2373	\$6M

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### 4) Community Safety

We value Black lives and commit to dismantling Oregon’s legacy of racism and ongoing injustices. Real safety for Oregonians means dramatically shrinking our systems of incarceration and criminalization and investing in a reimagined justice system that focuses on restoration and healing and prioritizes the needs of survivors of crime and people who have caused harm. To address Oregon’s historic legacy of racism and our engagement in mass incarceration and mass criminalization we must reduce the number of people in prison and on supervision, end the school-to-prison pipeline, the criminalization of poverty through civil fines and penalties, and invest in culturally specific services for Oregonians who identify as Black, Indigenous, and/or people of color that repair harm and meet needs without requirement of engaging in the formal criminal justice process that is rooted in structural racism and causes increased harm.

We must address the devastation that these policies have caused Oregonians and entire communities, and, in this moment of the pandemic, we also must urgently prioritize the safety of those in prison or detention and of those who are detained or jailed who can be safely transitioned to the community.

*Transforming Justice	HB 2002	\$27.4M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$10M to Culturally Specific Services</li> <li>• \$5-\$7M to abolish supervision fees (backfill lost revenue to counties)</li> <li>• \$1.4M to Reimagine Oregon Fund</li> <li>• \$10M for Restorative Justice (formerly HB 2169)</li> </ul>		
Public Defense Reform	HB 5030	\$20M
Cahoot Pilot Projects	HB 2417	\$10M
Measure 110 Implementation	SB 755	\$160 - \$228M
Healthcare Navigator Pilot Program at Coffee Creek	HB 3035	TBD
Legal Assistance Re-Entry Program at Coffee Creek	HB 2912	\$800K
Family Preservation Project	SB 720	\$650K
Study on Women in Custody	HB 3096	TBD

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Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Shelter and Transitional Housing Infrastructure Grants via CVSSD in DoJ	Budget request	\$15M
Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Emergency Housing Assistance and Navigators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding to Oregon Tribal Nations, culturally specific and community based DVSA programs for the provision of trauma-informed housing counseling and emergency financial assistance for housing stability for survivors</li> </ul>	HB 3327 & SB 271-1	\$5M
Funding for the development of a statewide hotline that provides culturally and linguistically responsive resources for anyone who has experienced race or gender-based violence	Budget request	\$4M
Funding for hate crime tracking and data analysis with the goal of identifying policy outcomes to address root causes of trends in hate violence, including hate speech at the Oregon Department of Justice Civil Rights Division	Budget request	\$1M

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### 5) Caring for All of Our Families

Family comes first. Oregonians deserve direct investments in a broad spectrum of family care resources, building and supporting the professional care workforce, helping families afford care, opening up more care facilities and care provider options, and better coordinating systems.

The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated Oregon’s child care crisis and highlighted the acute needs of families, the workforce, and providers. As the coronavirus threatens our health, safety, and economic stability, it is also threatening the vulnerable child care industry. There is not a single county in Oregon that is not a child care desert for at least one age group.

The pandemic has also devastated long-term care industry workers, who like child care workers, are disproportionately women of color. These workers, who have always been essential, have never been treated as such and the issues they face (including low wages, little access to healthcare, inconsistent training, and facility owners cutting corners in order to maximize profit at the expense of long-term care residents and workers) have reached a crisis point.

Oregon’s care infrastructure is a policy choice. We must invest in our care infrastructure, because without caregivers, there will not be an economic recovery.

*Child Care for Oregon Reforms to Employment-Related Daycare (ERDC) Program and Governance	HB 3073	\$70-85M
Increased funding and expansion of the COVID Temporary Leave Program	Budget request	\$50M
Long-Term Care Plan	Budget request	\$158M

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### 6) Systems That Work for Oregonians

Our public systems belong to all of us and should be designed around the people who will be using them. Requiring Oregonians to apply through multiple agencies and systems to meet their basic needs delays them from getting essential help, or leaves them out entirely. It's time to streamline our public assistance programs so they are easy to navigate. Our public assistance and social services must accommodate a diversity of communication needs, delivered with cultural competency, and supported in multiple languages.

These systems are a public good. We must prevent misusing tax dollars by privatizing these systems, which only results in corporations profiting off of our community's hardships.

We call on the Legislature to enforce and implement laws already passed, adequately fund agency enforcement, and improve agency systems and technologies.

Statewide Case Management System for Aging and People with Disabilities (ADP)	Budget request	\$7-10M
Outreach for signing up for P-EBT benefits (for children not automatically enrolled)	Budget request	\$250K
Public Health Modernization	Budget request	\$69M
Labor Education Research Center (at U of O)	Budget request	\$1.3M

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### 7) Health and Well-being

We all deserve to have good health and access to timely, quality, compassionate care when we're sick or injured and to manage chronic health conditions successfully. No one should have to skip needed healthcare or treatment because they worry about going into debt or lack access to services.

In the midst of a pandemic, our individual health depends more than ever on the health of our neighbors and whole community but not every community has been impacted by this health crisis in the same way. The racial disparities in who is getting sick and who is able to recover make clear that our state's long-term underinvestment in public health structures is disproportionately harming Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). Our state must finally invest in a public health system that is organized, empowered, well-resourced, comprehensive, and equitable because investments in public health raise the opportunity for every Oregonian to be healthy.

Social determinants of health—the conditions in which we live out our lives—must be central to our policy work. Health is about much more than seeing a doctor or affording medication. The overall wellbeing of Oregonians, especially BIPOC communities, is dependent on the coordinated policy and funding support of housing; job and wealth creation; health care access, including reproductive health; and family and community ways of healing initiatives.

Cover All People	HB 3352	\$350M
Mental Health Workforce Expansion to Support BIPOC Oregonians	HB 2949	\$100M
LGBTQ2SIA+ Student Success Plan	SB 52	\$2.2M
Health Care for Part-Time College Faculty	SB 551/HB 3007	\$12.9M
Enforcing Safe Nurse Hospital Staffing	HB 3011	\$1.3M
Child Abuse Prevention Instructional Program	HB 2828	\$220K
Menstrual Dignity Act	HB 3294	TBD

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Fully fund the Oregon Health Authority Budget, including the Reproductive Health Program housed within the Public Health Division

Budget request

TBD

Housing and support for BIPOC pregnant individuals who are also houseless

Budget request

\$10M

Expand Medicaid coverage for individuals who have given birth up to 12 months postpartum

Budget request

TBD

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### 8) Economic Justice

As we work to revive our economy, we must reimagine how we create opportunities for everyone to build wealth and stability and overcome wealth gaps for Oregonians who identify as Black, Indigenous, and/or people of color, and Oregonians of all genders. All people deserve a fair return on work. We must stop devaluing the work of women and Black, Indigenous, and working people of color.

Leave No Worker Behind	HB 2819	\$115M
Taxpayer Assistance	HB 3373	TBD
Oregon Individual Development Accounts	HB 2251/SB 82	\$7M
*Just Enforcement Act (enforcement of our workplace policies)	HB 2205	TBD

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### 9) A Just Democracy

Political equality supported by economic equality is the basis of a just democratic system. We must invest in and support political reforms to elections, voter access, redistricting, community governance, inclusive public processes, campaign finance reform, and other systems that have systematically excluded BIPOC communities from equal access to and fair representation within our democracy.

Restoration of Voting Rights Act	SB 571	\$407K
17 Year Olds Voting in the Primary if 18 by the General Election	HB 2745	TBD
Data Equity & Voter Access Act & Voters Pamphlet Statement Language Access Act	HB 2745 & HB 3021	\$3.2M

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### 10) Environmental Justice and Climate Change Action

We must address climate change immediately and with particular focus on centering Oregonians who identify as BIPOC and the frontline communities and workers who are disproportionately impacted. We must reduce emissions that are harming our communities and invest in, and advance, clean energy and other climate solutions, all while ensuring basic human rights such as access to food, clean water and air, housing and not being displaced, transportation, and living wages, job security, and economic opportunity for all. This transition must prioritize workers whose livelihoods are impacted by policy choices and ensure a just transition, including bridges to retirement and quality labor standards for the new jobs created. We must make targeted investments in communities that are at the heart of climate change to ensure these rights are universal.

Community-based renewable energy that includes family-wage jobs and benefits	HB 2842, 2475, 2021	\$50M
*Healthy Homes Program	HB 2842	\$20M
Dedicated funding in OHCS for green job creation		TBD
Extreme Weather Relief Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Money for wildfire and snow survivors in Oregon</li> <li>• Fund for small business loans for burned businesses</li> <li>• Debt forgiveness for utility and rental payments missed during the pandemic</li> </ul>	Budget request	\$100M
Just Recovery Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Septic tanks program for burned and rural communities</li> <li>• Wildfire mobile home/home rebuilds with home electrification</li> <li>• Well and water testing</li> </ul>	Budget request	\$150M
Locate, build and stock emergency relief centers across the state, one center per county, prioritizing high-risk communities. Wildfire, earthquake, and potentially air pollution emergency shelter: clean energy and energy storage for communities to gather when natural	OEM/OHA/County budget requests	\$150M

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disasters hit (provides basic resources such as food, shelter, supplies, medical equipment, disseminate information including warning systems)

Investments in green infrastructure: parks, trails, and green spaces for BIPOC/frontline communities (with labor standards and Minority and Women Owned Businesses)

Budget request

\$150M

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### Conclusion

This is an unprecedented crisis. But it also provides an unprecedented opportunity to reconsider the way we make decisions. Instead of leaning on old ways of thinking and doing — ways that were never serving most of us — we have an opportunity to set inclusive tables, to make different choices, to prioritize the voices and needs of those most impacted by this crisis, to restructure our systems, to design simpler and more inclusive programs, and to think bigger about what will make us safer and more resilient the next time this happens. Because it will. This is our opportunity to break the cycle.

### Our Coalition and Partners:

ACLU of Oregon	Oregon Food Bank
AFT Oregon	Oregon Just Transition Alliance
APANO	Oregon Student Association
Basic Rights Oregon	Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon
Causa Oregon	Partnership for Safety and Justice
Coalition of Communities of Color	PCUN
Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT)	Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon
Family Forward Oregon	Portland Jobs with Justice
Forward Together Action Fund	Rural Organizing Project
Health Care for All Oregon	Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Latino Network	United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW 555)
NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon	Unite Oregon
Next Up Action Fund	Urban League of Portland
Northwest Workers' Justice Project	
Oregon AFL-CIO	
Oregon AFSCME	
Oregon Alliance to End Violence Against Women	
Oregon Center for Public Policy	
Oregon Education Association	