

ending homelessness

In 2005, Portland and Multnomah County launched the innovative and ambitious 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. The plan is based on long-term, cost-effective strategies that move people from homelessness to permanent housing.

During the first five years, we helped 7,000 people move from the streets into their own homes. But our work is not finished. On any given night, an estimated 2,500 people in Portland still experience homelessness.

The recession, job losses, and budget cuts at all levels of government have placed

more people at risk of becoming homeless. In response, we're building on established programs and collaborations, including rent assistance and eviction prevention funds, to help people find and keep permanent housing.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 5,885 individuals served in long-term and emergency services
- 1,667 permanent housing placements
- 1,315 households received rent assistance

BUD CLARK COMMONS



In November 2009, we broke ground on Bud Clark Commons, the centerpiece of our 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

When completed, Bud Clark Commons will combine—under one roof—130 apartments, 90 shelter beds, and a “day center” with storage units, showers and vital services to help people find jobs and housing.

HIGHLIGHTS

- An innovative partnership between the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP), Transition Projects, Multnomah County, and the Portland Housing Bureau
- Services and resources to help people move from homelessness to housing and self-sufficiency
- A beautiful LEED Platinum building

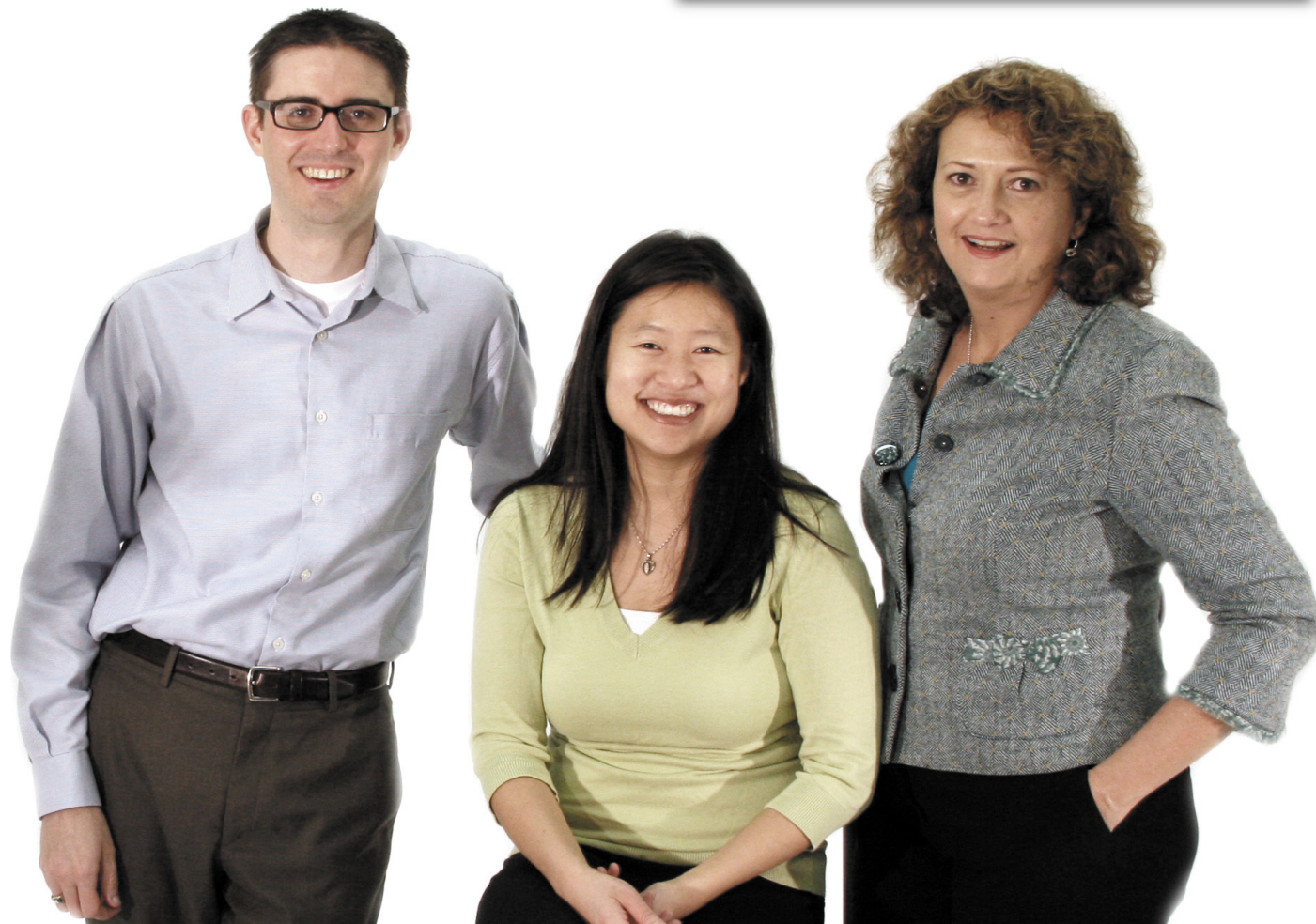
SHORT-TERM RENT ASSISTANCE

For people moving from homelessness into housing, small amounts of one-time help often make the difference between a life on the street and the stability of a home.

In late 2009, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded PHB \$4.2 million in stimulus funds to keep people from becoming homeless.

Through unique partnerships developed through our 10-Year Plan, we worked with HAP's Short-Term Rent Assistance Program and 19 community-based partner agencies to immediately begin connecting families with help.

Our partners throughout the county delivered more than \$2.1 million in assistance, and prevented or ended homelessness for more than 2,750 people in over 1,000 households.



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