



Portland Housing Bureau

Preference Policy Update

Updates on the rental and
homeownership waitlists

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Overview of Waiting List Applications

Since the launch of the program, we have seen significant interest, with a growing number of applicants. As of today:

Rental Housing Waitlist: There are currently **2,822 applications**.

Homeownership Waitlist: There are currently **1,057 applications**.

This reflects the community's ongoing demand for affordable housing opportunities.

Applications Submitted by Point Cohort

Rental Housing Waitlist

6-Point Cohort: **214**

5-Point Cohort: **126**

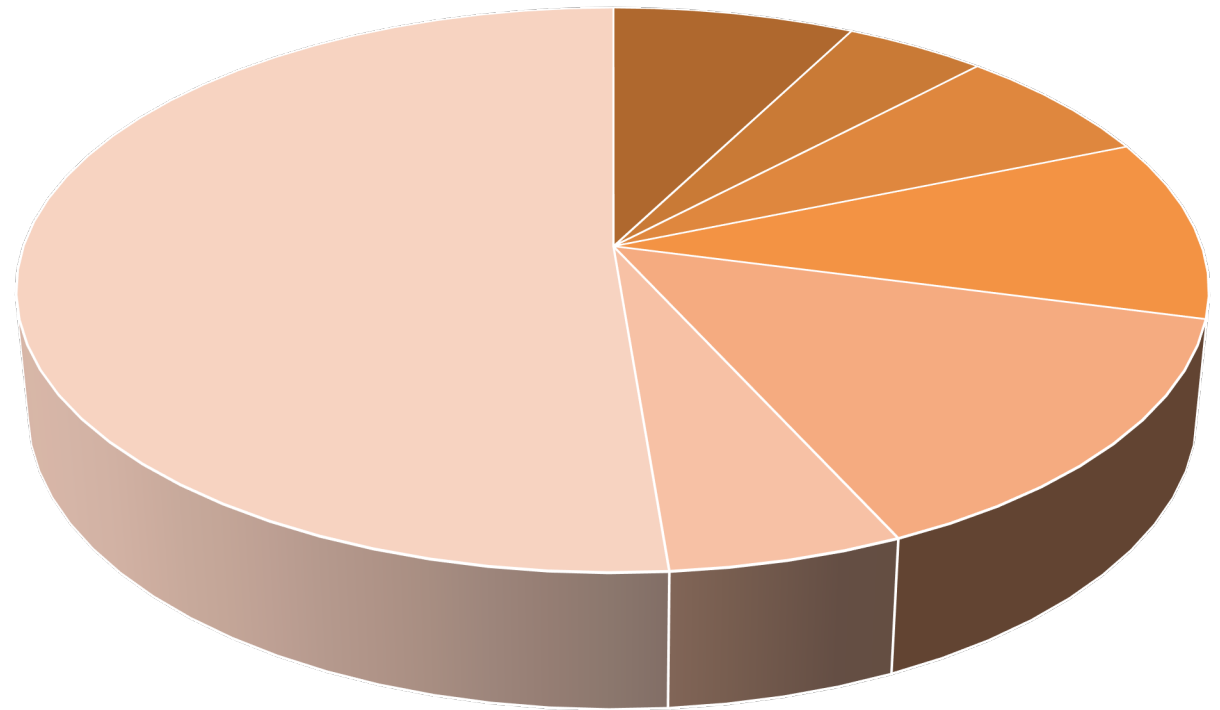
4-Point Cohort: **189**

3-Point Cohort: **292**

2-Point Cohort: **398**

1-Point Cohort: **156**

0-Point Cohort: **1447**



6-Point Cohort 5-Point Cohort 4-Point Cohort 3-Point Cohort
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Security Deposit Grant Assistance Pilot Program

Overview: The Security Deposit Grant Assistance Pilot Program is designed to support families moving into affordable housing by providing financial assistance for moving-related costs. This initiative aims to ease the financial burden of securing a new rental unit and improve housing stability for families with low-incomes.

Program Launch: January 2024

Program Coverage: The grants cover up to **\$1,000** in moving related expenses, including:

- Security deposits
- Childcare costs
- Cleaning services
- Past due utility bills
- Packing supplies and services
- Moving services or truck rental

Eligibility: Participants must be approved for a unit subject to the N/NE Preference Policy.

Application Process: Housing providers will submit a referral form on the behalf of the participant during the lease signing appointment.

Security Deposit GAP Program Update

Program Utilization:

- **Referrals:** A total of 27 referrals have been made to United Way from housing partners.
- **Current Status:** The program has been largely underutilized to date.

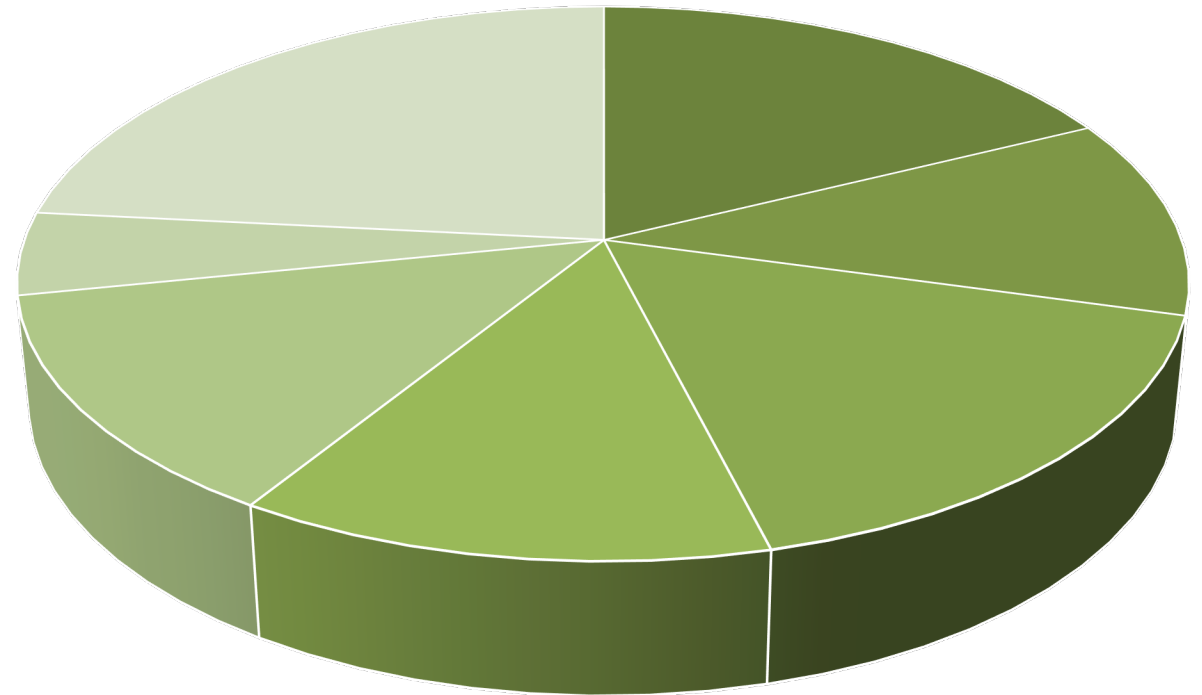
Next Steps:

- **Increased Outreach:** Intensify outreach efforts to the community, housing partners and community organizations to boost program awareness.
- **Review Process:** Evaluate the current process to identify and address any barriers to participation.

Applications Submitted by Point Cohort

Homeownership Waitlist

- 6-Point Cohort: **187**
- 5-Point Cohort: **123**
- 4-Point Cohort: **177**
- 3-Point Cohort: **135**
- 2-Point Cohort: **137**
- 1-Point Cohort: **51**
- 0-Point Cohort: **247**



■ 6-Point Cohort ■ 5-Point Cohort ■ 4-Point Cohort ■ 3-Point Cohort
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Priority Status Cohort: 137

Homeownership Waitlist Phases



Application Phase

Families fill out and an application online, by mail, or in-person for the homeownership waiting list.



Verification Phase

Families are asked to provide supporting documents to verify their eligibility for preference points. These documents include, government-issued photo identification, proof of addresses, and other relevant documentation.



Preparation Phase

Verified families are then referred to Portland Housing Center. A homebuying specialist assists them in preparing for the homebuying process, providing necessary guidance and support.

Homeownership Waitlist Update:

Current Phase: Preparation

Actions Completed:

- Processed incoming verification documents.
- Sent confirmation of receipt to all applicants.

Upcoming Actions:

- Appeals processing.
- Sending notices to all families (active/inactive).
- Transferring to the NHP team.





Questions and Answers