



Portland Housing Bureau

Preference Policy Update

Updates on the rental and
homeownership waitlists

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Overview of Application Submissions

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

Rental Housing Waitlist: 3,171 applications submitted

Homeownership Waitlist: 1,057 applications submitted, and 412 families verified for preference

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

Applications Submitted by Point Cohort

Rental Housing Waitlist

6-Point Cohort: **252**

5-Point Cohort: **145**

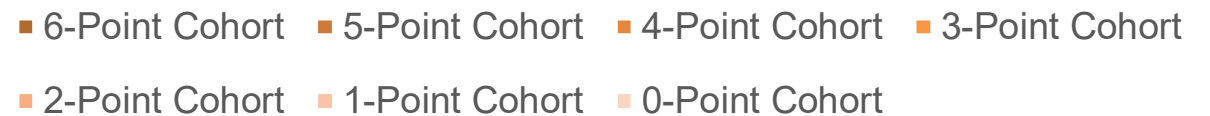
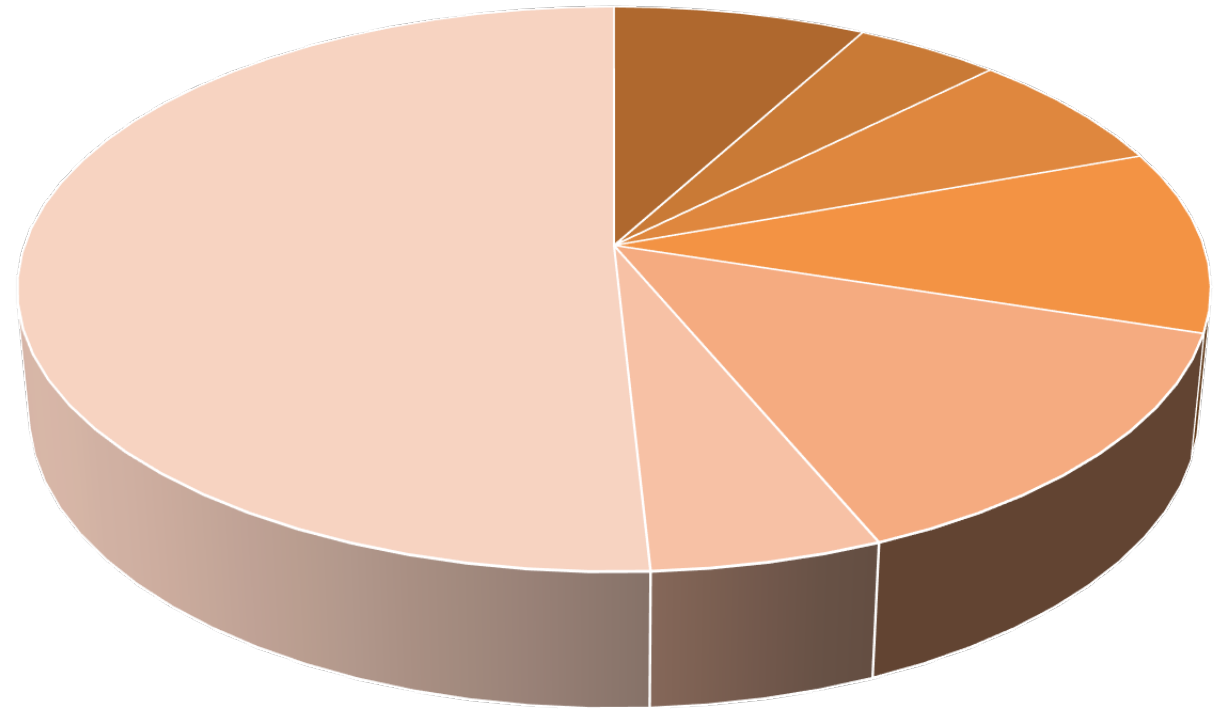
4-Point Cohort: **220**

3-Point Cohort: **332**

2-Point Cohort: **437**

1-Point Cohort: **173**

0-Point Cohort: **1612**



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 – Ongoing (until funding runs out)

How it Works: (1) The family is granted approval to lease (2) Housing providers submit an intent-to-lease and a referral form to United Way (3) United Way financially assists the family with up to \$1,000 for moving related expenses, which can include: security deposits, packing supplies and services, moving truck services or rentals, cleaning costs for previous rental, and overdue utility bills.

Security Deposit GAPP Outreach

We are excited to share the flyer for the Security Deposit Grant Assistance Pilot Program. This flyer is designed to inform families about the program and its benefits.

Key Points:

- This flyer is available for our partners to distribute to families to raise awareness.
- The flyer highlights how eligible families can access up to \$1,000 in assistance for moving-related expenses.
- We have also included program details in our current hand-off communications to ensure families receive this information throughout their application process.

SECURITY DEPOSIT ASSISTANCE

Have you been approved for a rental unit in a N/NE Preference Policy building?

If so, you are eligible for up to \$1,000 in assistance toward your security deposit or other moving-related costs.

Upon application approval and confirmed intent to lease a unit, your leasing agent or manager will submit a referral form. United Way will then contact you to provide the assistance that you need. A signed lease agreement is not required.

The Security Deposit Assistance Grant can be used for:

- Security deposits
- Packing costs
- Fees for professional movers
- Storage costs
- Moving supplies
- Packing and unpacking services
- Cleaning services
- Childcare during your move
- Past-due utility bills

Ask your leasing agent about this program upon approval!

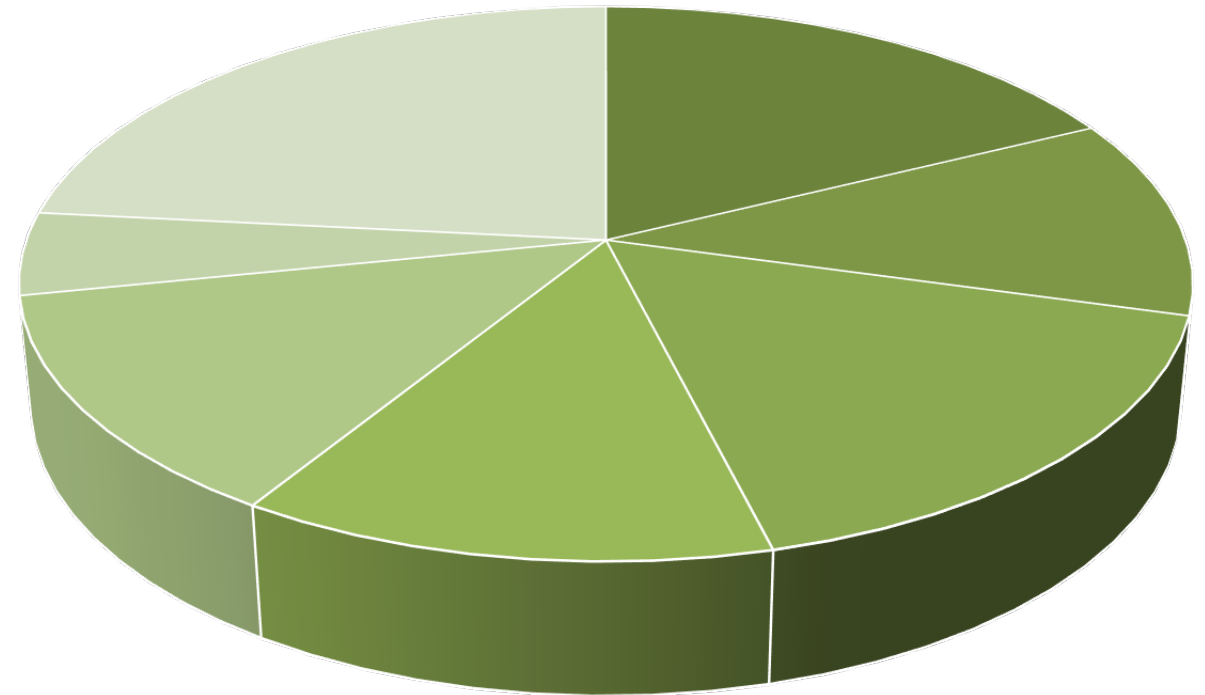
Questions? Contact us at
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503-823-4147



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**



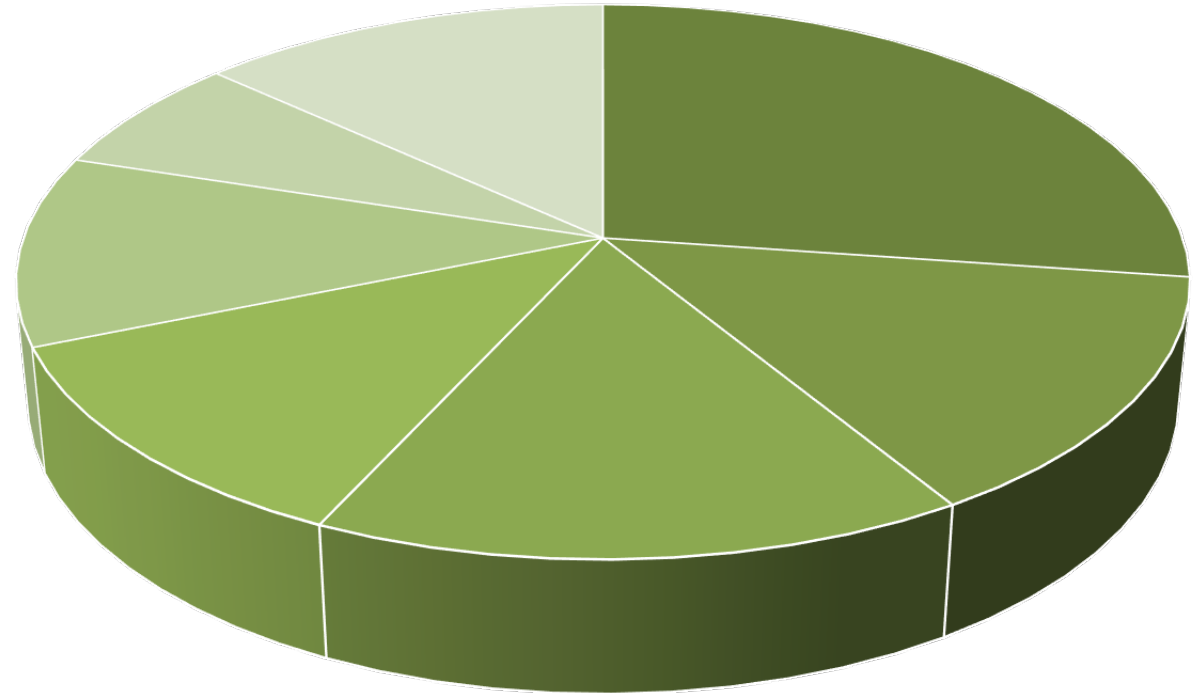
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Priority Status Cohort: 137

Applications Verified by Point Cohort

Homeownership Waitlist

- 6-Point Cohort: **103**
- 5-Point Cohort: **53**
- 4-Point Cohort: **59**
- 3-Point Cohort: **45**
- 2-Point Cohort: **42**
- 1-Point Cohort: **26**
- 0-Point Cohort: **50**



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Priority Status Cohort: 34

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:

First Round of Appeals - *Completed*

Status Updates to Families (Inactive / Active) - *Sent*

Referrals to Neighborhood Housing Partnerships (NHP)
Team / Portland Housing Center – *Ongoing*

Upcoming Actions:

Second Round Appeals - *In Process*



Thank You
Questions and Feedback.