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Everyone Village Secures \$2.465 Million Federal Investment to Deliver Deeply Affordable Housing and Workforce Innovation in Eugene

EUGENE, OR – Everyone Village has secured \$2.465 million in federal funding through the Community Initiated Projects process to support its MicroVillage Housing pilot. This federal investment will support the development of **new affordable housing units**, as phase 1 of an innovative, scalable neighborhood model designed to serve individuals transitioning out of homelessness. These units will house up to **115 low-income Lane County residents**.

This investment was championed by US Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, reflecting recognition of the project's innovation and potential for replication across Oregon and beyond.

This funding enables:

- Site infrastructure and utilities
- Housing unit construction
- Community spaces
- Project delivery at a scale that meaningfully demonstrates impact

The new MicroVillage units will be code-compliant, permanent housing, designed for long-term durability. Each will include plumbing, a private bathroom with a sink, toilet, and shower, and space for a microwave or hot plate. Units will range from approximately 300 to 600 square feet, with final configurations currently being finalized in collaboration with PIVOT Architecture to ensure zoning compliance, livability, and long-term sustainability.

Rather than relying solely on traditional construction delivery models, a portion of the units will be produced in partnership with Team Oregon Build, a statewide initiative that engages K–12 construction Career and Technical Education classrooms in hands-on housing production.

The project is designed to serve individuals earning up to 30 percent of Area Median Income, currently about \$19,250 annually for a one-person household, with the limit adjusted each year. MicroVillage Housing is designed not as a one-off project, but as a replicable housing solution for communities facing similar affordability challenges.

The housing units will be located on Everyone Village's existing program site in Eugene. The site currently includes 70 emergency shelter homes, 10 medical recuperation housing units in partnership with

PeaceHealth, workforce development programming, and on-site mental health services in partnership with CAFA. This integrated model allows residents to stabilize more quickly, rebuild their incomes and health, and reduce the likelihood of returning to homelessness.

Project partners include Everyone Village, PIVOT Architecture, Team Oregon Build, Lane Education Service District, Lane Workforce Partnership, PeaceHealth, Rexus, CAFA, and the City of Eugene. Together, these partners are aligning federal investment, regional workforce strategy, healthcare partnerships, and community-based services to deliver a model that can be replicated across Oregon.

Everyone Village is a Eugene-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to developing safe, community-centered housing solutions that cultivate stability, dignity, and belonging.

Press/Media Kit:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xNDRwqYXtmQ31-YsPsktu8A1bjRiln-h?usp=sharing>

More information about the statewide announcement is available here:

<https://www.merkley.senate.gov/merkley-wyden-announce-more-than-92-million-in-additional-funding-for-cr-itical-community-projects-across-oregon/>

Website: <https://everyonevillage.org/>

