Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments Housing Implementation Toolkit

General Recommendations

Action	Description
Identify High-Priority Infrastructure Projects	Identify areas of high priority for improving infrastructure to support new residential development, focusing on opportunities for new development in higher density zones. Particularly in areas with vacant land zoned for housing.
Modify System Development Charge Fee Schedules	Create SDC fee schedule that is tied to dwelling unit size. Consider per square foot fees rather than per dwelling.
Develop Partnerships with Nonprofits	Partnering with housing non-profits. A partnership with a housing nonprofit can be established to acquire naturally occurring affordable housing such as foreclosures and expansion of a city's vacant property registration program for housing rehabilitation or purchase. Host a "speed dating" event to network with housing nonprofits and developers.
Community Outreach	Conduct public meetings and develop materials to provide information about local housing needs and discuss strategies to encourage new development.
Education for Property Owners/ Developers	Ensure that property owners and developers understand the development process and possible incentives. Provide information and FAQs to local developers and property owners to help them understand how to navigate the land use permitting process.
Monitor Residential Land Supply and Housing Inventory	Develop and implement a system to monitor the supply of residential land every two years. This includes monitoring residential development (through permits) and land consumption (e.g., development on vacant or redevelopable lands).
Coordinate Regional Housing Studies	Coordinate regional housing needs analyses, buildable land inventories and housing production strategies so cities in the region can coordinate and play to their strengths.







