Online Dashboard Offers New Affordable Housing Resources

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A new Housing Dashboard online resource provides easy-to-find information on affordable housing in Clatsop County.

"We've heard the concerns of Clatsop County residents and businesses in finding affordable housing. We are partnering with cities to assist them in meeting this critical need," said Mark Kujala, Clatsop County Board of Commissioners chair.

The Dashboard, available on the Clatsop County website, offers two web apps:

- Affordable Housing Web App – shows all known affordable housing in both incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County.
- Housing Development Web App – shows all known housing development projects (market rate, workforce and affordable) within the cities and unincorporated County.

The Affordable Housing Web App offers a tool for people looking for housing options and displays the locations of a range of housing from emergency shelters to transitional housing to permanent housing.

The Housing Development Web App is a simple real-time tool for the public to use to find out about housing developments in their regions. It also gives cities and the County a way to monitor efforts to generate more residential housing units, as recommended in a 2019 regional housing study.

The Housing Dashboard also offers links to multiple studies and reports on the region's housing situation, as well as information on housing assistance programs.

Although cities work with builders to create new housing, Clatsop County is committed to being a resource and partner with cities.

The local housing crisis emerged as a key topic during a May meeting of city and County elected leaders. It resulted in the formation of the Clatsop Regional Housing Taskforce which represents Clatsop County, the cities of Astoria, Cannon Beach, Gearhart, Seaside and Warrenton, as well as Columbia Memorial Hospital, Providence Seaside Hospital and Seaside

School District.

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