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To: Potential applicants in the 2012 Consolidated Funding Cycle

From: Margaret S. Van Vliet, Director

Re: 2012 application now available

Oregon Housing and Community Services' 2012 Consolidated Funding Cycle (CFC) application is now available [online](#).

Each year competition is intense for the limited resources available. In a typical year, only 50 percent of applications receive funding. This year, we anticipate an even greater level of competition.

As with all public agencies, our funding continues to decline. Congress reduced 2012 HOME funds by 38 percent and we know more cuts are likely coming. And yet the need in the community and the number of applications continues to increase.

It is disheartening to see valuable resources and energy put into expensive due diligence and application preparation work when there is not enough funding to go around. In 2013, we will be making major changes to our processes. Our goal is that those changes will provide potential applicants more certainty about the likelihood of receiving an award of funds.

We will be doing significant outreach with partners in the next couple of months to help shape our new processes. While we won't have the opportunity to connect with every stakeholder, we are committed to getting meaningful input from all the different types of partners our policies and practices affect. Watch for regular updates from me as we move forward.

For this 2012 cycle, while we haven't made major process changes, we have streamlined the application, reducing it by about 100 pages and making it easier to follow and complete.

I look forward to working with you as we respond to growing needs in a time of shrinking resources. Together we will become more effective and efficient, and provide the greatest value to the people we serve.