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RULE TITLE: Purpose and Objectives

NOTICE FILED DATE: 06/27/2025

RULE SUMMARY: Purpose and objectives statement describing the Youth Emergency Housing Assistance (YEHA) program.

RULE TEXT:
(1) The purpose of OAR chapter 813, division 262 of the administrative rules is to implement the Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) Youth Emergency Housing Assistance (YEHA) program.
(2) The purpose of YEHA is to provide housing-focused services to school-age children K-12 or their families at risk of or experiencing homelessness, to enhance family stability and school success.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 456.555

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 456.625, HB 5019 (2023)

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RULE TITLE: Definitions and General Provisions

NOTICE FILED DATE: 06/27/2025

RULE SUMMARY: Definitions for the YEHA program.

RULE TEXT:

Except as defined below, terms used throughout this division (OAR 813-262) are defined in Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) or in the OHCS General Definitions (OAR 813-005-0005):

(1) "Homeless" means an individual, family, or household that lacks a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence in accordance with OHCS categorical definitions. Categorical definitions are contained in the YEHA Program Guidance.

(2) "Homeless Management Information System" or "HMIS" is defined in 24 CFR 576.2.

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RULE TITLE: Program Guidance

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RULE SUMMARY: Referencing the YEHA program guidance.

RULE TEXT:

The YEHA Program Guidance, published on October 1, 2025 (the “Program Guidance”), is incorporated into and adopted as part of this division 262. The YEHA Program Guidance may be accessed online at the OHCS website.

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ADOPT: 813-262-0030

RULE TITLE: Administration

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RULE SUMMARY: Describing the administration of the YEHA program with grantees.

RULE TEXT:
(1) OHCS may enter into agreements with entities or organizations to provide eligible YEHA services (see OAR 813-262-0040) in such manner as to provide holistic coverage statewide without duplication or overlap of services.
(2) A designated portion of YEHA funds are reserved for recipients' administrative costs, up to a determined amount as authorized by OHCS and outlined in the funding agreement.

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RULE TITLE: Use of Funds

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RULE SUMMARY: Detailing the YEHA program allowed use of funds.

RULE TEXT:

(1) Use of YEHA funds must be in compliance with YEHA requirements as specified in the Program Guidance.

(2) To the extent of available funding, eligible YEHA expenses include, but are not limited to:

(a) Street outreach;

(b) Outreach and engagement activities;

(c) Training and technical assistance;

(d) Block (master) leasing;

(e) Emergency and transitional shelter;

(f) Hotel/motel stays;

(g) Homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing;

(h) Rental assistance;

(i) Moving expenses;

(j) Transportation;

(k) Case management;

(l) Direct support payments; and

(m) Data collection.

(3) YEHA funds may be used to supplement existing funds or to support existing programs or establish new programs. Organizations or entities receiving YEHA funds shall not use YEHA funds to replace funds currently being received from other sources or available or reasonably expected to be available.

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