

Tenant Outreach Fund

Glossary

Term	Definition
Communities of Color	<p>Per the Coalition of Communities of Color, four communities are traditionally recognized as being of color – Native American, African American, Asian, and Latino. To these four groups, the Coalition of Communities of Color recognizes and includes two additional communities: Slavic and African immigrants/refugees.</p> <p>Note that there is some tension in whether Latinos are a racial or an ethnic group. Most databases define them as a separate ethnic group, as opposed to a racial group.</p> <p>In Multnomah county, we define Latinos as a community of color and primarily understand the Latino experience (independent of race) as one significantly impacted by racism.</p>
Community-Based Organization	<p>Generally a nonprofit. Organization aimed at making desired improvements to a community's social health, well-being, and overall functioning.</p>
Culturally Specific Services and Programs	<p>Programs and interventions designed by members of a specific cultural community served by the program. Services reflect the values, beliefs, practices and worldviews of the community served, and are provided in the preferred language and minding the cultural norms of the community served.</p> <p>In a culturally specific organization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Majority of members and/or clients must be from a particular community of color• Organizational environment is culturally focused and the community being served recognizes it as a culturally-specific organization• Staff must be majority from the community being served, and the leadership (defined to collectively include Board members and management positions) must be majority from the community being served• Organization has a track record of successful community engagement and involvement with the community being served

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community being served recognizes the organization as advancing the best interests of the community and engaging in policy advocacy on behalf of the community being served
Fiscal Sponsor	A fiscal sponsor is a nonprofit organization that provides fiduciary oversight, financial management, and other administrative services to generally smaller “projects” that are not tax exempt under the IRS Code Section 501(c)(3).
Linguistically Specific Services or Programs (including ASL)	<p>Providing services or programs in a language other than English that is in the beneficiary’s native language.</p> <p>Please note that merely providing language translation or interpretation to a population that does not speak that language is not considered linguistically specific.</p>
Manufactured dwelling parks	Per ORS 446.003(20)(a) , “Manufactured dwelling park” means a place where four or more manufactured dwellings are located, the primary purpose of which is to rent space or keep space for rent to any person for a charge or fee.
Publicly supported housing	<p>Per ORS 456.250(6), “Publicly supported housing” means a multifamily rental housing development of five or more units that receives or benefits from government assistance under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) (A) A contract for rent assistance from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the United States Department of Agriculture or the Housing and Community Services Department that contains an affordability restriction; or (B) A contract that is for any other type of government assistance or subsidy that includes an affordability restriction and that is identified in rules adopted by the Housing and Community Services Department. (b) “Publicly supported housing” does not include a multifamily rental housing development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) For which the development or developer receives only a construction excise tax waiver, a system development charge waiver, a fee waiver or a property tax abatement; (B) That is part of an inclusionary housing program as defined by local government and authorized under ORS 197A.465; (C) That receives tenant-based federal rent subsidy payments under the Housing Choice Voucher Program authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1437f;

	<p>(D) That receives project-based rental assistance vouchers administered by a housing authority under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f (o)(13)); or</p> <p>(E) That receives tenant vouchers from the United States Department of Agriculture under section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1471).</p>
Rural Community/Area	<p>Per the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department, rural areas are defined as communities with population 15,000 or fewer outside of the Portland Urban Growth Boundary in counties within Metropolitan Statistical Areas and communities with 40,000 population or less in the balance of the state.</p> <p>Metropolitan Statistical Areas are: Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Deschutes, Jackson, Josephine, Linn, Lane, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington, and Yamhill Counties.</p> <p>Any unincorporated areas are considered rural.</p> <p>Here's a handy table to download (Excel)</p>
Tribal Government or Entity	<p>The term “tribal government” means any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (85 Stat. 688 ; 43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their special status as Indians.</p> <p>“Tribal entity” means any entity, nonprofit, or for-profit corporation, that is owned by, or whose members are part of a Tribal Nation or Government.</p>

Any other terms we should add? Let us know! tenants@seedingjustice.org.