

# UNDERSTANDING THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER

#### What is Source of Income Discrimination (SOID)?

SOID refers to the refusal to accept housing vouchers as a form of rent payment and other practices that disadvantage qualified voucher-holders. This can include additional references, screening criteria, requiring a larger security deposits, or fees, and penalties. Source of Income is a protected class in Oregon, and has been since 2014.

#### **Housing Choice Landlord Guarantee Program**

The 2013 House Bill 2639 created the source of income protection for Oregon and directed Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to develop and implement the Housing Choice Landlord Guarantee Program. This program offers up to \$5,000 for qualifying damages to landlords who rent to voucher holders. For more information reach out to OHCS directly.

Email: landlord.guarantee@oregon.gov Phone: 1-800-453-5511 (choose option 8)

## All Low Income Housing Tax Credit properties are required to accept vouchers as a source of income.

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) properties are expressly prohibited from discriminating against voucher holders. See <u>PIH Notice 2001-2</u> for more details.

### Questions about renting to a voucher holder in Lane County?

Please contact the Landlord and Community Relations Specialist from Homes for Good at landlordliaison@homesforgood.org or 541-682-2602.