



# ALL IN LANE COUNTY

Newsletter



**“I’VE HAD MANY CLIENTS  
BEFORE TELL ME THAT I’VE  
HELPED SAVE THEIR LIFE. “**

Robyn Matsumoto, CHW (she/they)  
Lead Street Outreach Specialist,  
Eugene

Welcome to the ALL IN Lane County newsletter! This publication is designed to give you a snapshot of the work being done and progress being made, as well as showcase the work of one of our service providers in each issue. Our website, [LaneCountyOR.GOV/ALLIN](https://LaneCountyOR.GOV/ALLIN) is a great place to get a more in-depth look at all things ALL IN.

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## REAL PROGRESS, REAL BARRIERS

If you've looked at the ALL IN Lane County dashboard lately you've likely noticed some real progress. We've exceeded the emergency shelter goals by 41 beds, allowing 271 new or improved places for community members to take refuge rather than spend the night on the street. 605 households, or 82% of the goal, have been stabilized in their housing situation, effectively preventing homelessness. Then we get to our rehousing goals and you'll notice we are just under 60% with less than a month to go on the Governor's timeline.

Complexity is a theme you'll see reiterated repeatedly in the narrative around the homelessness crisis and virtually no aspect of the work is more complex than rehousing. With less than a 2% vacancy rate and an exceedingly limited housing inventory, our service providers trying to move individuals from being unsheltered to houses couldn't be harder, with more barriers to navigate.

Yet, they find ways. Tangible progress has been achieved and though the numbers may likely be short of the goal, the future looks bright. 395 households have been enrolled, meaning when housing is available those individuals, will be on their way to a place to call home.

The foundation of collaboration and partnership that has been built through this effort is something that will continue to reap rewards long after the formal campaign winds to a close.



## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: HIV ALLIANCE

Robyn Matsumoto, HIV Alliances Lead Outreach Specialist, and manager of the community partners referral program, operates a 20-person caseload, balancing her time as a community health worker and certified recovery mentor. She cites her lived experience as the catalyst for her work. HIV Alliance, founded in Eugene, Oregon, in 1994, offers low-barrier services such as a complete medical clinic and medical outreach, among other services, to people living with HIV or AIDS, hepatitis C, and those most at risk of contracting communicable diseases like individuals from groups that are socially and economically marginalized including people experiencing homelessness.

Like the litany of services and support the HIV Alliance provides, Matsumoto and the rest of the HIV Alliance's dynamic staff fill many roles. She states, "We serve as mentors, advocates, housing navigators, and medical case managers; we need to be a one-stop shop for everyone we serve."

In 2022, before Governor Kotek's declaration and the announcement of the ALL IN campaign, HIV Alliance served over 480 people with a variety of services, including housing relocation and, in some instances, they were able to help clients transition into permanent housing, but financial constraints and other "brick walls" prevented them from doing more. Matsumoto states that with the ALL-IN funding, "We can now expand our ability to provide support to our clients 100%. In the past, we couldn't afford to pay double deposits, first month's rent, pet deposits, none of this would be possible without this funding. But folks should know, that we would do this work even if the funding didn't exist, but we are so grateful that it does."

In the ALL IN effort, HIV Alliance's outreach team helps clients navigate the program offerings first by meeting clients where they're at, emphasizing harm reduction and a no-wrong-door approach to accessing services. Unfortunately, Yamato points to a series of barriers that HIV Alliance faces when trying to provide services to their client base, namely client admissions of experiencing prejudice and bias and the spotlight that is placed on them for just being unhoused.

When asked to elaborate on the misunderstanding about the people who are experiencing homelessness, she comments, “Unhoused people is a polarizing topic even though many people are just one paycheck away from having nowhere to go themselves, these folks are just trying to survive and find support, and because of it, they are potentially vulnerable to violence, just because they want to be housed.”

Compassion, empathy, community support, and allyship, among other things, are the antidotes that Matsumoto suggests we should use to raise awareness about the experiences of unhoused individuals and could be the remedy to the homelessness issue entirely. Considering the complexity of the issue, the ALL IN effort and its programs are the first steps to addressing the crisis. But through the collaboration of all of the organizations involved, the sum of their efforts will be more effective at preventing homelessness than doing the work alone.

When asked about the future of this work, Matsumoto said in closing, “It's my dream that more people are called to do this line of work because it does feel like we're trying to change the world, and I might not be around to see that happen, but I really hope that the effort we're putting forth today, sets the groundwork for future generations to create a more compassionate society that always extends a hand when someone is in need, instead of asking why first.”

The logo for HIV Alliance features the letters "HIV" in a large, bold, red sans-serif font. Below "HIV", the word "Alliance" is written in a bold, black sans-serif font. A small red dot is positioned above the letter "i" in "Alliance".

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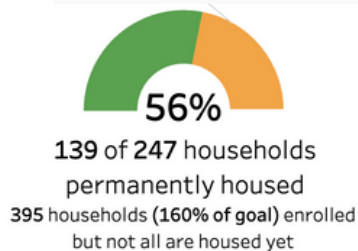
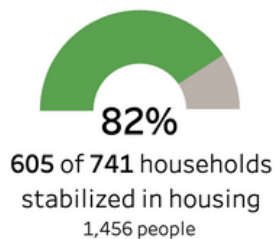
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Progress towards overall goals

Homelessness Prevention Programs	Rehousing Programs	Emergency Shelter Beds
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Households enrolled but not yet housed.  
(Only included up to 100% of goal)



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