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Aloha Maui County Affordable Housing Committee,

I wanted to follow up on yesterday's presentation to share about the Metro Housing Bond in Oregon. https://www.oregonmetro.gov/news/report-housing-bond-halfway-goal-using-only-one-third-available-funding

This is a demonstration of what is possible if the county increases revenue into the Affordable Housing Fund and sells bonds to make investments in affordable housing for families who need it now. I believe Councilmember Lee had a question about other municipalities that have had success with affordable housing bonds. This is one that has had significant success in a very short time period.

In November 2018, greater Portland's voters took action to address the region's housing crisis, overwhelmingly passing the nation's first regional affordable housing bond with a goal of creating 3,900 affordable homes across the region; half (1,950) would be sized for families with two bedrooms or more and 1,600 would be affordable to households with very low incomes. Metro and partners are more than halfway to achieving the goal of 3,900 units with only one third of bond funds committed. As of December 2020, there were four projects under construction and 15 more in the pipeline, collectively representing 2,045 affordable homes.

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