

PY 2026 AGENCY CONSULTATIONS SUMMARY

Agency Name	Urgent needs or challenges facing clients	What would it take to address?	Developing/persistent needs	Client Barriers	\$ Sources:	Other Info	Ideas
Albany Helping Hands	permanent housing for older homeless low-income	70 units, staff, more \$, transitional hsg for low-income (LI)	more affordable housing for elderly and LI	Gaps in medical and mental health services, housing	Scharf Foundation, donors	Roof \$60k	
Albany Partnership	more affordable housing, rising operating and insurance costs	\$ to purchase existing housing	more mental health housing, LI independent senior housing	Struggle to pay low rents	Rent revenues	more housing	
Boys and Girls Club of Albany	Costs for b/4 after school care, capacity limits, need more staff	\$16k to reduce fees, \$825k staff living wages	more home-schooled kids, more social anxiety. Staff training	Transportation to facility and dental, language, affordability	fundraisers, donations, grants	scholarships	
Creating Housing Coalition and COAT	affordable housing	\$6m land and funding for another tiny home village	affordable housing, accessible housing	affordable housing, poor credit, eviction on record =passed over by landlords	COAT has IHN, CHC fundraisers, grants	\$ for staff outreach and supplies	
Jackson Street Youth Services	housing instability due to high cost/evictions; food insecurity; citizenship/immigration issues	\$ to add beds and staff, \$30k for food;	Services for immigrants, refugees, farmworkers; food instability; translation services	affordable housing, transportation, stigma associated with accessing services; translation services	Federal, state, local (CDBG), private grants, servie contracts, donations, gifts	Food security ; prevent youth homelessness; transitional for 18-24	community gardens, partner with restaurants to derease food waste
Family Connections - LBCC	lack of affordable quality child care	More \$ to support new and existing providers	More childcare providers	Business training, capital expenses to start; operating costs to sustain	OR Dept of Early Learning, local government	Childcare shortage has decreased since 2022	
Small Business Development Center -LBCC	Latines fear for safety; language barriers; not enough capital \$ to start	Grants to help small businesses, and more Spanish advisors	Latine struggle to afford rent, need financial assistance, program requiremetns	Transportation - can't get to resources or appointments; technology; Language	Small Business Admin and Business Oregon, LBCC funds		
Cumberland Church (1892 church by skate park)	Costs for b/4 after school care, capacity limits, need more staff		redible childcare; businesses to invest in area for services and jobs	transportation, events to encourage riding bus	fundraisers, donations, grants	appreciate public improvements, crosswalk, bus, bench, street lights	
Crossroads Communities (Comm Devel Corp for Linn, Benton, Marion, Polk co's)	uncertain social service environment; decreased fed \$; LI housing instability	Additional technical assistance \$ to support/partner with agencies; grant writing courses	influx of individualsneeding shelter coming from Corvallis to Albany and Linn co	transportation - for scoial services and events (mental well being); dental care, childcare; petcare	State \$, Oregon Health Authority, foundation grants, IHN-CCO, United Way, donations, service contracts		Funding to Crossroads to help agencies with capacity, grant writing, etc.
Young Roots (parent mentoring)	transitional housing for families; childcare access; independent transportation	Funding for childcare center (\$200k/yr); Childcare for infants (\$12k-\$20k per infant)	Adolescent families are undervalued and don't fit in	Transportation, chilcare, housing specific to young families	YRO and ODHS self sufficiency, foundations		

CDBG Agency Consultation Questions

Dear Agency Partners and Service providers – to help the Community Development Commission determine funding priorities for the 2026 CDBG program year, we are asking agencies and partners to complete this survey in lieu of coming in for in-person consultations prior to applications.

- 1) Please provide a brief overview of your agency's mission and the population(s) you serve.

Young Roots Oregon creatively empowers young families in Linn and Benton counties. Our multi-generational vision is to give pregnant and parenting adolescents through age 24 and their children equitable opportunities for growth through a collaborative approach of resource partnership and innovative services. Our location is based in Albany.

- 2) What types of programs or services does your agency currently provide?

Parent Mentoring provides resource connection and family resiliency, parenting and life skills classes, respite childcare, peer connection events, vehicle ownership program, childcare work experience program and IHN Health Related Social Needs (HRSN) service provider. Transportation is provided for all young families. Linguistic and cultural supports for Hispanic and Latin peoples is woven within the fabric of YRO.

Our Albany location also supports a KidCo Head Start classroom for infants and toddlers, along with providing physical space for other nonprofit groups like Jackson Street Youth Services and ANDARES.

- 3) a. What are the most urgent needs or challenges currently facing the clients or community you serve?

Family transitional housing. We have an amazing TLP with Jackson Street, that can accommodate adolescents with children, but it is not housing specific to those who are parenting, along with all family shelters only allowing single parents which separates a two-parent household.

Childcare access and independent transportation are the two other infrastructural needs for adolescent parents specifically as there is no opportunity to increase your education level or get to work to increase your economic status without this infrastructure.

- b. Is your agency able to address these needs?

Unfortunately, our transitional home for young families had to close in September 2025 due to insufficient funding to continue.

With funding received through the first round of the state's Child Care Infrastructure Grant, we have final plans in place to construct a childcare center within Periwinkle Plaza. This center will be able to serve up to 44 infants and toddlers at one time with extended and weekend hours. We are applying for construction funding this winter with round 3 of the Child Care Infrastructure Grant. For independent transportation, we have an IDA program in partnership with CASA of Oregon that provides matching funds for adolescent parents to utilize for purchasing a vehicle. We were notified last week that we received a grant from IHN Delivery System Transformation (DST) grant to support a program start up for drivers' education program in partnership with A's Driving School. Young Roots Oregon will provide the infrastructure support of childcare and transportation to young families for adolescents to gain their driver's license and experience.

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- c. If your agency could address these needs, how much money would it take?

For family housing for adolescent families, this would be a partnership with JSYS with staffing and program provisions up to \$200,000 per year. Childcare for infants and toddlers ranges from \$12,000-\$20,000 per year for each child. We will have to have subsidies to be able to sustain the childcare center. A grant to help support gaps in funding will be needed, and the sustainability will help increase the economic stability of young families, increasing funds for the city with more contributing peoples.

- 4) a. Have you observed any developing trends in need or persistent community needs facing Albany's underserved residents not being met? Or neighborhoods or populations that are under or unserved by existing services?

Adolescent families are an undervalued population group with unique characteristics that do not fit into the normal "youth" population group, not do they fit into the normal group of "families" under the umbrella of society.

- b. Is there an agency/entity that could address these needs?

Young Roots Oregon exists to advocate for this population group.

- c. Are there opportunities to partner and/or use existing resources or CDBG to leverage funding to address these needs?

Housing and work force development.

- 5) What barriers do your clients face in accessing needed services (e.g., transportation, language, affordability)?

Transportation, childcare, and family housing specific to young families.

- 6) What are your agency's current funding sources? Are there recent changes in funding that have affected the ability to provide these services?

Funding has been inaccessible in 2025 compared to the previous three years that YRO have been receiving grant funding. YRO has a contract with ODHS Self Sufficiency called Family Support & Connections, along with consistent support from the local Scharpf Family Foundation. This has been our consistent funding stream for the last three years, which isn't sustainable with the growing needs of the community needs.

- 7) Is there anything else you'd like us to know about your agency and needs or local needs or ideas on how to address needs?

Thank you for wanting to hear, to learn and to make better!