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**Beaverton nets grant for affordable housing strategy**

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The city was awarded a \$100,000 grant to identify strategies and preserve unregulated affordable housing while developing new affordable housing

The City of Beaverton was awarded \$100,000 in funds from Metro, the regional government. The grant is aimed at identifying strategies to preserve currently unregulated affordable housing in Beaverton and opportunities for developing new affordable housing.

"The city is committed to providing all types of housing for our residents," said Mayor Denny Doyle. "Every person and family in Beaverton deserves to live comfortably and to not have to choose between food for the week or their rent. We're grateful for the opportunity to use these funds to develop affordable housing strategies."

As of 2013, nearly half of all renter households in Beaverton were paying more than 30 percent of their income for housing. With the grant, Beaverton plans to develop and expand upon strategies and incentives that will expand affordable housing in the region and to avoid displacement of low-income residents.

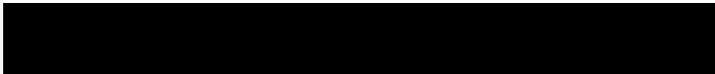
This includes inventorying property suitable for development; identifying all apartment complexes and mobile home parks with affordable rates; establishing new programs; and creating incentives for development of new affordable housing and rehabilitation.

"Coupled with the city's Five Year Housing Action Plan, the city hopes to make continued progress on adding to our current affordable housing units in Beaverton," said Cheryl Twete, community development director.

Metro is a regional government for the Portland area, with responsibilities that include population density, urban growth boundaries, solid waste and The Oregon Zoo.

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