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Currently, organizations must apply for funds through one of 18 regional agencies. Even state officials decry the system.

Housing Advocates Push to Free Public Funds

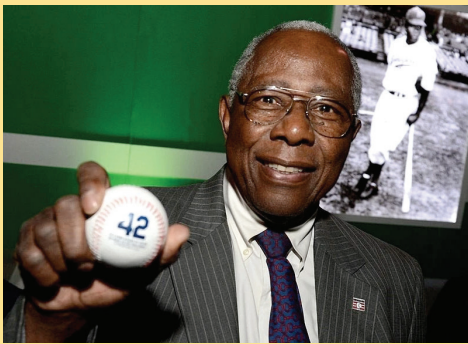
Critics call current state system ‘discriminatory,’ ‘antiquated’

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A bill moving through the Oregon Legislature confronts what many housing advocates view as discriminatory red tape around public funding for housing.

Currently, state statute bars organizations from applying directly for federal and state housing funding. Instead, 18 community action agencies (CAAs) throughout the state distribute

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In this image from video, former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin is taken into custody as his attorney Eric Nelson, left, watches, after his bail was revoked after he was found guilty on all three counts in his trial for the 2020 death of George Floyd, Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at the Hennepin County Courthouse in Minneapolis. (Court TV via AP, Pool)

Grim List of Deaths at Police Hands Grows Even After Verdict

By *Lindsay Whitehurst*
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Richer, Associated Press

Just as the guilty verdict was about to be read in the trial of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin, police in Ohio shot and killed a Black teenager in broad daylight during a confrontation.

The shooting of Ma’Khia Bryant, 16, who was swinging a knife during a fight with another person in Columbus, is in some ways more representative

of how Black and other people of color are killed during police encounters than the death of George Floyd, pinned to the ground by Chauvin and captured on video for all the world to see.

Unlike Chauvin’s case, many killings by police involve a decision to shoot in a heated moment and are notoriously difficult to prosecute even when they spark grief and outrage. Juries have tended to give officers the benefit of the doubt when they claim to have acted in a life-or-

death situation.

While Tuesday’s conviction was hailed as a sign of progress in the fight for equal justice, it still leaves unanswered difficult questions about law enforcement’s use of force and systemic racism in policing. The verdict in the Chauvin case might not be quickly repeated, even as the list of those killed at the hands of police grows.

“This was something unique. The world saw what happened,” said Salt Lake County District Attorney Sam Gill, who has

examined over 100 use-of-force cases there. To have video, witnesses, forensic evidence and multiple police officers testify against one of their own is unique and “demonstrates how high the bar has to be in order to actually have that kind of accountability,” he said.

Convictions like Chauvin’s are extraordinarily rare. Out of the thousands of deadly police shootings in the U.S. since 2005, fewer than 140 officers have been charged and just seven convicted of murder, according to data maintained by Phil Stinson, a criminologist at Bowling Green State University.

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Portland Renter Mediation in Effort to Avert Evictions

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty sounded a note of caution saying thousands of people would be headed to court when the moratorium expired

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - The City Council in Portland, Oregon, has approved funding for a pilot program to divert a small number of tenants and landlords from going to court over eviction filings.

Oregon Public Broadcasting re-

ports the council’s money, approved Wednesday, will pay for a mediator and, in some cases, provide rent assistance.

The Council unanimously approved a \$150,000 contract to Portland-based nonprofit Resolutions

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During its pilot phase, the landlord-tenant mediation program would provide somewhere between 70 and 100 mediations