

# Oregonians can apply for assistance online

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All Oregonians can apply for food, cash and child care assistance provided through the Oregon Department of Human Services from home without having to visit an office in person.

Visit [govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-benefits](http://govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-benefits) for information on how to apply for assistance using the ODHS online application, email, mail, telephone or application drop off.

Oregonians who need urgent

and ongoing food assistance can visit [needfood.oregon.gov](http://needfood.oregon.gov).

Older adults or people with disabilities who need additional information about resources available to help can call 1-855-ORE-ADRC (1-855-673-2372) or visit [adrcoforegon.org](http://adrcoforegon.org).

Information on how to apply for domestic violence assistance can also be found at [govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-benefits](http://govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-benefits).

For more ways to connect or to find other types of assistance, contact 211 info by dialing 2-1-1 from any phone.

# Program available for first-time veteran homebuyers

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Community Connection is seeking first-time veteran homebuyers in Baker, Grant, Union, and Wallowa counties for the Veteran's Down Payment Assistance Loan Program,

funded by Oregon Housing and Community Services. The program can pay up to \$15,000 in down payment and closing costs. For more information about eligibility, call Debbie or Susy at 541-963-3186 or visit [ccno.org](http://ccno.org).

# Mortgage support for homeowners in financial distress due to COVID-19

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The Oregon Homeownership Stabilization Initiative has launched a mortgage relief program to help homeowners at risk of losing their homes due to COVID-related financial hardship. The COVID-19 Mortgage Relief program provides assistance to homeowners who have experienced a financial hardship to help them avoid foreclosure. The program provides a one-time payment directly to mortgage servicers to bring delinquent first-lien

mortgage accounts current. The program eligibility criteria include:

- Became past due on mortgage payments after Jan. 1, 2020.
- Experienced a financial hardship such as job loss, reduced income, high medical costs, disability, death in the family or divorce.
- Mortgage payment is no more than 45% of household monthly income.

More eligibility requirements, as well as the application portal, are available at [oregonhomeownerhelp.org](http://oregonhomeownerhelp.org).

# Mt. Vernon fire department holding raffle fundraiser for food baskets

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The Mt. Vernon fire department will be holding its annual food basket fundraiser differently this year.

Instead of bazaars and bake sales, a Model 110 Savage .22-250 with a Vortex

Crossfire 4x12x44 scope will be raffled. All proceeds go toward food baskets given out at Christmas.

The drawing will be held at 3 p.m. Jan. 20. Call 541-571-3284 to purchase raffle tickets or call 541-932-4688 for donation information.

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The staff and residents would like to wish everyone happy holidays. It is with great sadness that the Blue Mountain Care Center will not be hosting their annual Christmas party. The staff and residents are working on a plan to make their Christmas the best it can be. We would like to thank the families for their graciousness and understanding as we navigate through these difficult and unprecedented times. We would also like to thank the following people for their thoughts and contributions to the care center and residents:

- Grace Chapel Women's Ministries
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The Carrie Young Memorial auction will be on December 4th @ 6pm. KJDY stations: 94.5, 93.7, AM 1400 or listen online @ <https://elkhornmediagroup.com/Kjdy/>. Go to [carrieyoungmemorial.weebly.com](http://carrieyoungmemorial.weebly.com) to view the auction items.

The phone numbers to bid on auction items are:

- 541-620-2098
- 541-620-0233
- 541-620-2958
- 541-620-2534
- 541-620-0220

We hope everyone is able to join and support this wonderful cause.