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Who We Are

Key Messages

- The People's Budget provides Oregon state legislators with a clear set of funding priorities that should be included in the 2023 state budget to advance racial, gender, and economic justice.
- The People's Budget lays out smart, community-led policies, investments, and workforce supports to address systemic inequities in Oregon and, ultimately, increase our shared prosperity statewide.

- Decisions made in our state budget can advance our vision for a more just Oregon – or they can set us back.
- Let's start our budgeting conversations by focusing on what our communities need, rather than how the current system limits our ability to realize our vision for racial, gender, and economic justice.
- To create a state budget that meets the needs of the people of Oregon today while building a healthy state economy for the long term, we must center the needs of those who have historically been left out of budget decisions in Salem including Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Color (BIPOC); women; immigrants; and/or LGBTQ+ people.
- When we prioritize the needs of those who have been historically left out of economic growth, we strengthen the overall economy and create lasting prosperity for everyone in Oregon.
- Investing in access to food, housing, and health care for our communities, and strengthening our workforce through fair wages, benefits, and protections, creates widespread economic opportunity for all.
- It is essential that we elevate the issues and solutions that we hear from our communities across the state and implement it in the state budget.
- We present the People's Budget together, in solidarity across our communities, as a unified call to action to our elected leaders. The policies and investments in the People's Budget are items that are necessary to advance gender, racial, and economic justice in Oregon.

Ways & Means / Rainy Day Fund - updated 4/14

- Key, community-led investments outlined in the People's Budget to advance immigrant justice, fix Oregon's broken public defense system, make childcare accessible and affordable, and many other important investments are not adequately funded under the Co-Chairs Budget Framework. The longer we ignore the challenges we face, the more it will cost to address them
- We are asking the Co-Chairs to support the Governor's strategic decision to use all available current resources to invest in key priorities. Oregon's reserves are already healthy and strong. Rather than saving more for a future Rainy Day, we need to make investments now.

- The legislature has been prudent and done an excellent job saving for a rainy day. We have historically high reserves with now more than \$2 billion saved to weather any storms that might come our way and that's something we should all be proud of. Oregonians need our state lawmakers to continue to be fiscally prudent and understand that the \$2 billion rainy day fund is adequate and now we need to invest in our community so we don't create worse storms in the future.
- Making Investments in our future today will create more resilient and financially stable communities before we are faced with the next economic crisis. Many Oregonians are still on the pathway to recovery after multiple crises, and we cannot leave them behind.
- Legislators can learn from harmful mistakes of the past. Disinvestments in communities of color perpetuate racial disparities in our state and slow Oregon's economic recovery.

Decades of disinvestments

- A legacy of exclusion and discrimination has created economic disparities in Oregon that persist today for Black people, Indigenous people, and People of Color, women, LGBTQ+ people, immigrants and working families.
- Without purposeful action by legislators, the racial disparities and wealth gaps in Oregon will continue to grow, regardless of whether the overall economy is "strong" or "weak."

Pandemic Investments/ARPA

- Many of the one-time investments that were part of the pandemic response at the state and federal level—child tax credits, rental assistance, unemployment support, expanded SNAP benefits, health care services—helped people weather acute financial hardship and stabilized the broader economy.
- Now is the time to prioritize investments in Oregonians' fundamental needs and ensure these investments remain a foundational part of our state budget.

Forecasting

- For several years, the state has severely underestimated revenues, which has reduced the ability of communities to address local challenges, fund essential services, or respond to crises.

- The state should collect and analyze data that shows the impacts of policy decisions and investments on Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, women, LGBTQ+ people in our state. We need to know the full picture in Oregon, for everyone.

Outsized Impact

- The investments in the People's Budget represent only a fraction of the state's total budget, yet have an outsized impact on Oregonians who are Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Color (BIPOC); women; immigrants; and/or LGBTQ+.

Issue Areas

An Oregon Where All Thrive

- All of our families should be able to meet their basic needs, including food, health care, housing, childcare, water and electricity, quality education, information and communications technology, and transportation. Without these essentials, people cannot work, let alone prosper. This must be the standard for every Oregonian, no matter which zip code you live in.

Immigrant Justice

- We're all Oregonians, no matter where we were born or how we came here. Every one of us has dignity and worth, and deserves equitable access so we can be a part of a thriving community. We must continue to address the impacts of our racialized immigration system to ensure that Oregonians are treated fairly and families are kept whole.

A Strong Workforce

- A safe and fairly-compensated workforce is essential to a thriving, resilient economy. We should build a state with investments in thriving wages, paid time off, healthcare, and protect the dignity and safety of all workers.

Community Safety

- We value Black lives and commit to dismantling Oregon's legacy of racism and ongoing injustices. Real safety for Oregonians means dramatically shrinking our systems of incarceration and criminalization and investing in a reimagined justice system that focuses on restoration and healing and prioritizes the needs of survivors of crime and people who have caused harm.

Caring for All of Our Families

- Oregonians deserve direct investments in a broad spectrum of family care resources, building and supporting the professional care workforce, helping families afford care, opening up more care facilities and care provider options, and better coordinating systems. Our current care system is failing workers and families—we must invest in our care infrastructure to achieve economic and gender justice.

Health and Wellbeing

- We all deserve to have good health and access to timely, quality, compassionate care when we're sick or injured and to manage chronic health conditions successfully. No one should have to skip needed healthcare or treatment because they worry about going into debt or lack access to services.
- The wellbeing of Oregonians, especially BIPOC communities, is dependent on the coordinated policy and funding support of housing; job and wealth creation; health care access, including reproductive health; and family and community support.

Economic Justice

- To build a resilient economy, we must create opportunities for everyone to build wealth and stability and overcome wealth gaps for Oregonians who identify as Black, Indigenous, and/or people of color, and Oregonians of all genders. All people deserve a fair return on work. We must stop devaluing the work of women and Black, Indigenous, and working people of color.

A Just Democracy

- Political equality supported by economic equality is the basis of a just democratic system. We must invest in and support political reforms to elections, voter access, redistricting, community governance, inclusive public

processes, campaign finance reform, and other systems that have systematically excluded BIPOC communities from equal access to and fair representation within our democracy.

Climate and Environmental Justice

- We must address climate change while centering BIPOC Oregonians and the frontline communities and workers who are disproportionately impacted by its effects. We must secure our clean energy future, invest in climate solutions, and build community resilience to weather the immediate impacts of the climate crisis.

Who We Are

Fair Shot for All is an economic justice coalition of grassroots organizations and labor unions working together to build power with our communities, to create opportunities for all working families to thrive, and to dismantle historic and systemic economic inequities for Oregonians who identify as Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Color; women; immigrants; and/or LGBTQ+.

Fair Shot's work centers racial and gender equity and seeks to address inequalities through organizing and concrete policy change. Our work as a coalition is centered on ideas and input from those both historically and currently bearing the burden of Oregon's broken systems.

Our Priority Policy Agenda for 2023

- Indigenous Language Justice —SB 612, SB 911
- Reproductive Health and Access to Care—HB 2002
- Stable Homes Homelessness Prevention Package—HB 5511, HB 2001, SB 611
- In Defense of Humanity—SB 413, SB 817