



Neighborhood Economic
Development Corporation

Hardest Hit Funds Volunteer Program

Thank you so much for your interest in volunteering to help families apply for the Mortgage Payment Assistance Program! Because of the very rapid timeline set by the state, we don't have every detail of the Volunteer Program finalized. However, we will keep you updated throughout the process, and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact our office.

Steps to Register

- Call or email your regional NEDCO office to be added to our Hardest Hit Volunteer List:

Lane County:

desiree@nedcocdc.org
541-345-7106

Marion and Clackamas Counties:

Desiree Moore

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- We will send you a Volunteer Application. Please return the application to your regional office (fax, email, mail or drop in are all just fine; or you can bring it to the training)
- Attend the Hardest Hit Volunteer Training on December 9th (see below)
- Schedule your shifts with our Hardest Hit Volunteer Coordinator (to be hired soon!)

Volunteer Training

What: Training about the details of the Mortgage Payment Assistance Program, the information sessions we will conduct for applicants, the application process, etc. *This training is required for all volunteers.*

When: Thursday, December 9th, from 5:30 – 8:00 pm (all counties)

Lane County:

Marion

Clackamas Counties:

Where: NEDCO Offices

212 Main Street
Springfield, OR
97477

868 Commercial St. SE
Salem Or.
97302

1900 SE McLoughlin Blvd
Oregon City, Or.
973??

No RSVP is required. Light food and beverages will be provided.

Scheduling

On your application, we ask that you indicate your available dates and times. After you attend the training, our new Volunteer Coordinator will work with you to schedule specific shifts.

We ask that each volunteer commit to at least 2 shifts between Dec. 15 and Jan. 15, and shifts will range from 3-4 hours each.

As many of you know, the state of Oregon recently received \$220 million in Hardest Hit Funds to assist unemployed (and underemployed) families facing foreclosure.

The state has created five programs to help families in different ways, and the first – the Mortgage Payment Assistance (MPA) program – will be rolling out in December. This program will provide 4000 eligible families with 12 month or \$20,000 in full mortgage payments, to allow each family time to re-employ and get back on their feet. The state has asked Housing Counseling agencies around the state to be local administrative partners for this program.

NEDCO is gearing up (pending official approval this week from the state) to manage the program in Lane, Marion and Clackamas counties.

Because the state expects far more than 4000 families to apply, they have set up a one-month application window what will lead to a random selection drawing. Applications will be accepted by each local agency from Dec. 15th –Jan. 15th. Drawings will take place by county, and each county has a pre-designated number of MPA slots. We expect between 600-1000 families to apply in each county that NEDCO serves, and in order to serve that many families in a 30-day period, we will be hiring at least 7-10 temporary workers in each county, and we are hoping to recruit 20-30 community volunteers.

We're asking for your help to quickly spread the word to anyone who might be interested in helping us! Please feel free to forward this email, and don't hesitate to call or email if you have questions.

Volunteer Positions: We are hoping to recruit professional partners with experience related to financial analysis, loan/legal documentation, etc. to volunteer for a couple of 3-4 hour shifts over the month. We will provide training (see attached flier for details and contact info) and work with you to schedule convenient times. If you are (or someone you know is) a loan officer, CPA, tax preparer, real estate professional, financial planner, attorney, Bookkeeper, etc – we would love to hear from you!

Sincerely,

Desiree Moore
Volunteer Coordinator
541-345-7106