The mission of the Human Services Division is to provide resources and promote opportunities for the improvement of the quality of life and success of children, families and individuals. The diverse array of programs and services is made possible by local, state and federal funding sources in partnership with non-profit and government agencies. The divisions’ programs receive pooled support from Lane County and the cities of Eugene and Springfield to offer a safety net of services for the community, by providing basic needs, preventing and alleviating homelessness, protecting families from domestic violence and child abuse, maintaining independent living for seniors, disabled and veterans and preparing children and families for success. The Division is governed by the Human Services Commission (HSC), a seven member regional board comprised of Eugene, Springfield and Lane County elected and appointed public officials who determine the human service funding policy for the allocation of Federal, State and local resources within the Human Services Fund.

ORS 458.505 governs Federal and State anti-poverty funds used in conjunction with the pooled general funds. The pooled funding provides the community with access to State and Federal grants and leverages local resources. Funds are used to match the $3.5 million HUD Continuum of Care maintenance of effort and recipient match requirements – 24 CFR 583.120 - 583.150. The grant helps homeless families, youth and adults by providing supportive housing and services. A match of 25% of Lane County’s portion of the total grant is required. Other match requirements includes HUD Emergency Solutions Grant and SNAP Employment and Housing Assistance Program grant, both requiring 100% match. Most recently HSD was awarded a $400,000 a-year grant for 5-years from SAMSHA for our successful Frequent User Systems Engagement Project providing services and supportive housing for homeless individuals who have over utilized law enforcement, corrections and emergency health care. The continuation of non-SAMHSA funded FUSE services require local support.

The General Fund portion of this program leverages the following:

- $0 back to the Discretionary General Fund
- $15,544,787 into other non Discretionary County Funds
- $13,778,503 directly to community members (child support payments)