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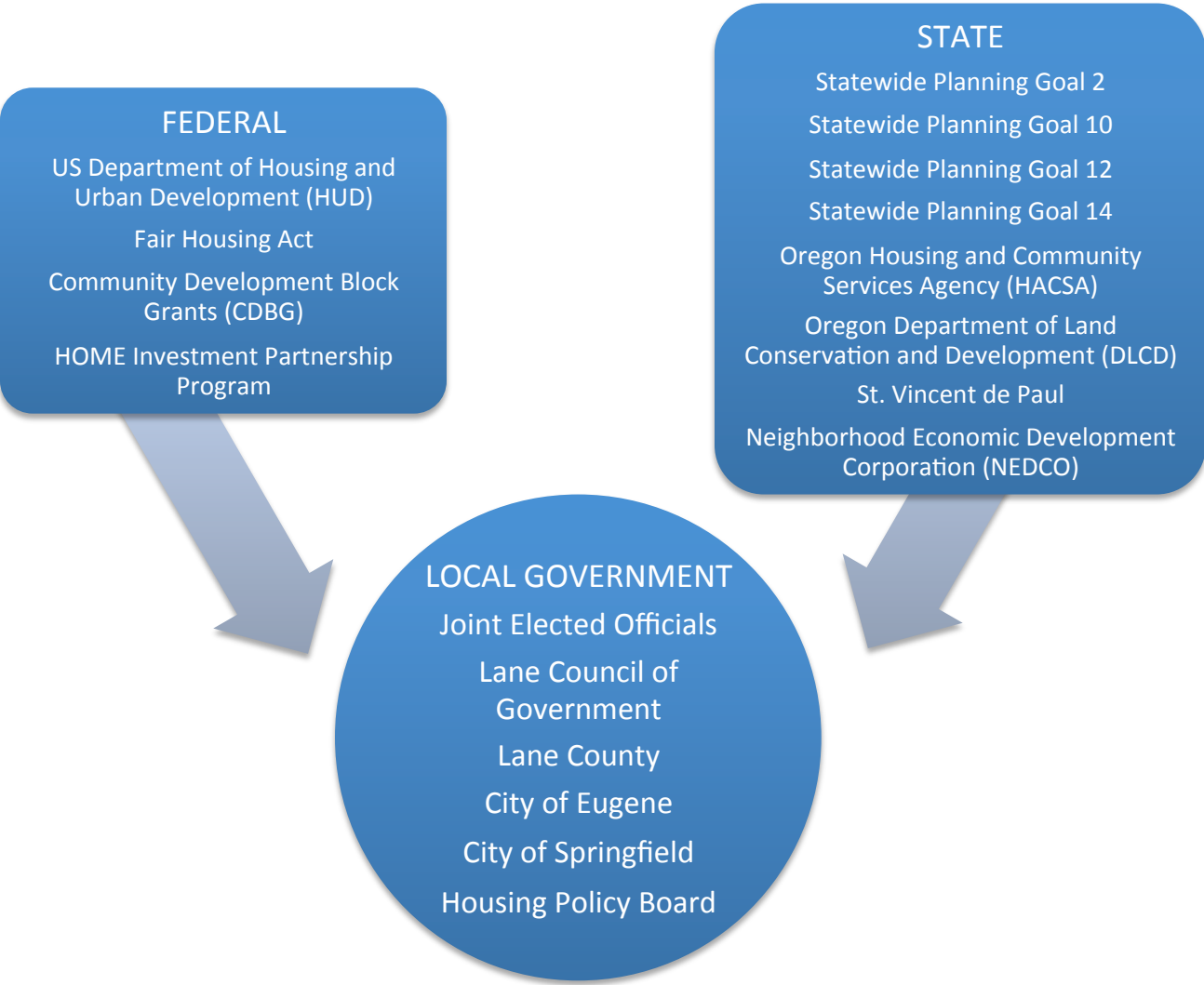
As part of the Lane Livability Consortium SMART Communities Project, Community Planning Workshop (CPW) conducted a baseline assessment of relevant planning documents in Lane County. This document summarizes the assessment of housing documents in Lane County.

The purpose of the four Core Area Reports (Economic Development, Housing, Community Health and Transportation) is to reveal shared planning elements within each of the core areas. The reports also reveal areas to improve the integration of regional planning components within planning policies and processes. Each core area report can be thought of as “vertical” components within the overall regional plan assessment effort because each report’s analysis focuses on the breadth of a single planning function ranging from a broad regional scale to local implementation strategies.

Plans with Housing Elements that Guide Policy in Lane County



Organizational Structure of Housing Policy Drivers and Funding Sources



Regional Housing Planning 101

The planning and regulatory environment for the development of housing is strongly influenced by the Oregon Statewide Planning Goals and Guidelines established in 1973. Specifically, Statewide Planning Goal 10 requires jurisdictions within regional Urban Growth Boundaries (UGB) to meet population housing needs at prices reflective of Oregonian household budgets, allow for flexibility in housing type and location, and encourage density in housing development.

A variety of programs using federal, state, and local funds strive to provide for the housing needs of low and moderate-income residents. These efforts are partially captured through the Eugene-Springfield Consolidated Plan and the Eugene-Springfield Fair Housing Plan. The primary purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to set goals for the use of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Program funds (HOME), and other funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Over time, these entities have worked together to develop affordable rental and homeownership units, provide rent and homebuyer assistance, and address the overall condition of low-income neighborhoods.