

2016 CDBG/HOME Project Descriptions

CDBG STAFF ADMINISTRATION FUNDING

Grant administration is the general management and coordination of the CDBG/HOME programs, including federal regulation compliance, annual monitoring, citizen participation and development of other sources of funding for community development. 20% of our CDBG entitlement may be used for planning and administrative costs to deliver the CDBG program requirements. Those funds not being used for administration and planning purposes will be rolled into project use.

CDBG CITYWIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (ED) FUNDING

Kitsap Community Resources: Business Education Support and Training

Funds will be used to support 79 Bremerton and Kitsap County residents in creating small taxpaying businesses through the Business Education Support and Training (BE\$T) program. Specifically the total estimated number of Bremerton residents to be directly served by the BE\$T program. Specifically the total estimated number of Bremerton residents to be directly served by the BE\$T program as a participant in 2016 is 37. BE\$T is a microenterprise program that provides business training, ongoing business support, and facilitates access to capital to help clients with limited financial resources develop their business. In 2016 79 Bremerton and Kitsap County residents will be supported as they create small taxpaying businesses.

CDBG BLIGHT FUNDING

Sound West Group: 279 4th Street Building Upgrades

This project will help to address the blight conditions in the 279 4th street building which has been vacant since the 1980s. The work will address substantial code deficiencies by installing fire sprinklers to bring the building up to acceptable current building codes.

CDBG CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING

Sound West Group: 4th Street Facade Improvements

Funds will be used to conduct façade improvements for the remodeling and repositioning the properties to convert what is currently old, vacant commercial space into 30 modern, efficient apartments, with at least 20% of the units dedicated to affordable housing. The commercial use will be on the majority of the ground floor areas of the buildings with the exception of the Sears building, where the ground floor will be dedicated to "live work", i.e. it may serve either for commercial or retail.

Kitsap Community Resources-Weatherization and Minor Home Repair

Funds will be used to provide Weatherization and minor home repair to 6 income eligible homes within the City of Bremerton 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan target area. This will include installing measures which improve energy efficiency such as insulation, blower door testing to assess heat leakage, ductless heatpumps and combustion safety evaluation. It will also include minor home repairs that may include repair or replacement of a leaking roof. Improvements in rental properties will be allowed in limited cases for ADA improvements such as wheelchair ramps. Funds from this request will be used for labor and materials and improvements only.

City of Bremerton Parks and Recreation-ADA Improvements

Funds will go towards completing curb cuts and accessible sidewalks at the vehicular entrance to Evergreen Rotary Park.

New Life Community Development Agency-Marvin Williams/Birkenfield Economic Empowerment Centers (Not Recommended for Funding)

Funds will go towards the construction of the Marvin Williams/Birkenfield Economic Empowerment Center. This facility is a 20,000 square foot building with the two facilities that will be distinguished by wings. The Marvin Williams Center will occupy approximately 16,000 sf and the Birkenfield Economic Empowerment Center will occupy 4,000 sf.

HOME PROJECT FUNDING

Community Frameworks-Built in Bremerton 3

Funds will be used as Down Payment Assistance (DPA) for approximately 12 homebuyers participating in the Built in Bremerton homeownership program, and to pay administrative costs such as affirmatively marketing the program and processing homebuyer applications and closings. Built in Bremerton is a local homeownership program in which Community Frameworks purchases vacant foreclosed, or otherwise dilapidated homes within Bremerton City Limits. The homes are rehabilitated and made available for sale to low-income homebuyers who fall under the 80% Area Median Income limits.