



Department of Commerce

2020-2021 Public Services Application Community Development Block Grant

Public Hearing

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CDBG Public Services Grants

- Available to 17 non-entitlement counties in Washington State
 - Funds can only be used to serve residents of non-entitlement communities
 - Entitlement communities in Skagit County:
 - Mount Vernon
 - Anacortes
- Support partnerships with Community Action Programs to fund new services, expand existing services, implement innovative service delivery, and target new clients
 - Grantees can only sub-grant funds to Community Action agencies
- Address root causes of poverty and help low-income families and individuals regain or retain self-sufficiency.



Application Process

1. Annual award amounts are allocated by a formula based on service area population, poverty rate, and the amount available from the state's annual award from HUD. Skagit's award for 2019 is **\$62,168**
2. Counties develop application in partnership with Community Action agency and invite public comment, then submit application to the Washington State Department of Commerce.
3. The 2020-2021 Public Services Grant Application is due May 27, 2020.
4. CDBG staff review the application for eligibility and completeness, and execute grant contracts on July 1.



Proposed Services in Application

Staff at the East County Resource Center in Concrete will provide:

- Information and Resource Assistance
 - Intake, assistance and resource referral to stabilize resources
 - Navigation to services for education, employment and financial capability skill development
 - CDBG funds 65.1% of this service for a cost of \$25,628
 - Community Action estimates 1,103 people will be served
- Homeless Services
 - Intake and resource referral to Skagit County Coordinated Entry for people experiencing homelessness
 - CDBG funds 87.5% of this service for a cost of \$36,496
 - Community Action estimates 92 people will be served
- Remaining \$3,500 will be retained by the County to cover administration costs



Questions or comments?

If you have questions or would like to provide comments on the proposed use of funds, submit them by 4:30pm on May 20, 2020, to:

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