



Department of Commerce

# 2021-2022 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
- Funded programs 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 2021-2022 is **\$62,168.00**
2. Counties develop the application in partnership with the local Community Action agency and invite public comment, then submit application to the Washington State Department of Commerce.
3. The 2021-2022 Public Services Grant Application is due May 27, 2021.
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



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# 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 25, 2021, to:

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