



Proposed Use of

Supplemental Community Development Block Grant -
Coronavirus Funds

Snohomish County Urban County Consortium

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I. Public Comment and Contact Information

Snohomish County, as lead agency of the Snohomish County Urban County Consortium (Consortium), encourages all interested person, public agencies, organizations, local governments, and other parties to review the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV2) supplemental funds and attend a public hearing.

Background: The Snohomish County Consortia are partnerships between Snohomish County and the cities and towns in the county for the receipt of federal funds as an urban county, under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.

The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) awarded \$38M in supplemental CDBG Coronavirus (CDBG-CV2) funds to the state CDBG program at Commerce. \$10M of the CDBG-CV2 funds are allocated to urban CDBG entitlements to expand and extend CDBG-CV1 activities administered by urban CDBG entitlements to address COVID-19 and financial need.

All interested persons are encouraged to review and attend a public hearing on the proposal. Comments may be submitted via email or mail. **Written comments must be submitted no later than 4:00 pm on May 13, 2021.** Comments received will be taken into consideration before final action on the proposal. Comments may be submitted at:

1. **Public Hearing.** Snohomish County will hold a virtual public hearing to provide information on the proposal, to obtain resident views, and to respond to questions. Both oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearing:

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at 9:00 AM

Where: Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/91637951487?pwd=bzg2SGMvTmZ3Mk5PbVI4Zy9zT0VuUT09>

Call-in #: 1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 916 3795 1487

Passcode: 683565

2. **By Email or Mail.** Submit comments to:

Contact: Debra May

Email: debra.may@snoco.org

Mail: Snohomish County Human Services Department
Housing & Community Services Division – M/S 305
3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, WA, 98201

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II. Summary of Proposal

Snohomish County Urban County Consortium is conducting a public hearing on the proposed use of CDBG-CV2 funds to support activities to prepare for, respond to, or prevent the coronavirus.

III. Proposed Use of CDBG-CV2 Funds

The Consortium is eligible for \$956,671 in CDBG-CV2 funds and Snohomish County is in the process of preparing an application to Commerce for the funds. The Consortium received CDBG-CV1 funds directly from HUD and the proposed use of CDBG-CV2 is to extend and expand the CDBG-CV1 program already preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus.

Through the “Workforce Development Council Snohomish County dba Workforce Snohomish – COVID-19 Recovery Employment Training Project,” a total of \$908,838 in CDBG-CV2 funds will be used to provide comprehensive employment training services to assist households experiencing homelessness, and households with incomes at or below 80% of area median income experiencing housing instability.

Employment training assistance to increase self-sufficiency includes, but is not limited to, literacy, independent living skills, resume writing, job coaching, and “how to get and keep a job” training including subsidized employment and other work-based and classroom training. The COVID-19 Recovery Employment Training Project will focus specifically on providing paid work experiences for eligible individuals who will work in community organizations providing assistance in the Snohomish County recovery efforts while gaining the job skills to enter a permanent employment position in the community. Each will participate in job search assistance during and following the completion of training to ensure a successful transition into employment. Each, too, will receive support during the critical 90-day transition period following job placement to ensure they will be able to keep the job once placed. Financial supportive services will be individualized to support participation in work-based training, job search, job placement, and job retention.

A total of twenty-six (26) households are anticipated to be assisted by the program. Services will be delivered in-person and virtually throughout Snohomish County.

Administration and Planning

A total of \$47,833 in CDBG-CV2 funds will be used by Snohomish County to undertake required CDBG-CV2 grant administration and planning activities.