

Olympia's Program Year 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report Community Summary

Introduction

The **Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report** (CAPER) is the City of Olympia's annual report on the **Community Development Block Grant** (CDBG) Program. This report provides information on the activities funded for the Program Year 2020 (PY 2020) Action Plan (9/1/20 – 8/31/21), the third year of the City of Olympia's Five-year Consolidated Plan.

Report Format

The full CDBG annual report known as the CAPER is submitted online to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in a digital format. A copy of the full CAPER is available upon request and at City of Olympia CDBG webpage. The **Community Summary** is to provide key information in a user-friendly format to ensure Olympia residents understand how CDBG funds are used and prioritized each program year.

Availability

The draft CAPER will be available for public comment as follows:

- **Public Comment Period:** 30 Day period running from **Friday, October 22, 2021 to Monday November 22, 2021**
- **Public Hearing:** 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 9, 2021
- **Collecting Public Comments:** All public comments and corrections will be included in the final CAPER
- **Submittal:** Final CAPER submitted to HUD on or before **November 30, 2021**
- **Available Online:** The CAPER will be available on the City's website located at [Olympiawa.gov/CDBG](https://olympiawa.gov/CDBG)

CDBG Strategic Goals

The City identified five goals to pursue with CDBG funding during the current five-year **CDBG Consolidated Plan** period (PY 2018 – PY 2022). This strategic plan can be viewed at:

https://cms7files.revize.com/olympia/Document_center/Community/Housing%20&%20Homelessness/CDBG%20Program/Con%20Plan%20Full%202018%20-%202022.pdf

and is summarized as follows:

- **Housing Rehabilitation (*Highest priority*)**
- **Public Services (*Highest Priority*)**
- **Economic Development**
- **Land Acquisition**
- **Public Facilities**



CDBG was used to fund several community development goals to improve the urban hub – including small business training, micro-enterprise training and downtown safety loans.

Program Year 2020 Proposed and Actual CDBG Expenditures

The following table represents the current and prior year projects that had fiscal activity during Program Year 2020:

Recipient	Project	Outcomes	HUD Goal(s)	HUD Objectives	Proposed Funding	Actual Funding
1st Christian Church/Interfaith Works Shelter	Shelter Repairs	Shelter Capacity Retained	Public Facilities	LMC – Low/Moderate Income – Limited Clientele	\$80,000	\$64,089
Enterprise for Equity	Micro Business Training & Technical Assistance	Assistance for up to 12 businesses with fewer than 4 employees	Micro Enterprise	LMI – Low/Moderate Income	\$61,665	\$61,665
Thurston Economic Development Council	Small Business Training & Technical Assistance	Assistance for up to 40 businesses with more than 4 employees	Economic Development	LMJ – Low/Moderate Income Jobs	\$73,750	\$73,750
Homes First	Housing	Rehabilitation to 2 homes for low-income renters	Rental Rehabilitation	LMH – Low/Moderate Housing	\$65,820	\$35,771
City of Olympia	Olympia Downtown Ambassadors	Outreach for up to 150 street dependent people daily	Public Services	LMC – Low/Moderate Income – Limited Clientele	\$110,902	\$110,902
Thurston Asset Building Coalition	Micro Business Training & Technical Assistance	Assistance for up to 35 businesses with more than 4 employees	Economic Development	LMJ – Low/Moderate Income Jobs	\$50,000	\$50,000
City of Olympia	Program Administration	Planning & administrative for a compliant CDBG Program	N/A	N/A	\$90,000	\$88,404
		TOTAL	PY 2020	ALLOCATIONS	\$532,137	\$484,581

Program Year 2020 Accomplishments

Following are a couple of highlights from the **Program Year 2020 Action Plan**:

Downtown Ambassador Program

The City funded the Downtown Ambassador Program, first through the Capital Recovery Center, then bringing the program in-house. This team provides services and referrals on 1,100 occasions for street dependent people in Olympia's urban hub. This program is paired with the City-funded Downtown Clean Team that provides downtown clean-up services. The Ambassadors also provided support and resources to business owners and residents in the urban core over 700 times. Due to the Coronavirus and a greater need placed on public services, HUD lifted their small cap placed on public service allocations for the 2020 program year. The City allocated and expended the full amount of \$110,902 in CDBG funds to help grow and support the Downtown Ambassador Program.

Micro Enterprise Training and Technical Assistance

The City worked with **Enterprise for Equity** to provide Micro Enterprise training and technical assistance for 19 entrepreneurs. This program fosters economic opportunities by helping low and moderate income entrepreneurs develop and launch sound business plans. The **Thurston Asset Building Coalition** was also funded to support this economic development effort and provided training to 41 low and moderate income residents.

Small Business Training and Technical Assistance

The City worked with **Center for Business & Innovation** (CBI - a partner of Thurston Economic Development Council) and provided business training & technical assistance for Olympia-based businesses. This training, called the "Scale-up/Tune-Up" Business Training supported 202 low-income attendees in their business growth endeavors. **CBI "Scale-Up" business training sessions are tailored to strengthen small businesses which in turn create/retain jobs.**

Rental Rehabilitation

The city awarded **Homes First** funds to support the rehabilitation to two of the organizations rental properties supporting 4 extremely low-income families. The funding was awarded late in the program year due to an expiring grant and Homes First was not able to complete the project before the end of the contract. Timeliness of the work was impacted by a shortage of contractors and the additional requirements needed to receive CDBG funds. The City will continue the partnership with Homes First in to the next program year.