

City of Olympia CDBG Program Year 2026 Funding Recommendations:

City staff recommend the following allocations for Program Year 2026. The Program Year 2026 entitlement award is \$376,415 and the proposed reallocation of unspent revolving loan funds is \$35,176. Total available funding is \$411,591. Planning and administrative costs for the grant are capped at 20% of the Program Year 2026 award. Staff recommend splitting remaining funds equally between four programs.

Rebuilding Together Thurston County Critical Home Repair Program - \$84,077

Funding will support their critical home repair program. The estimated accomplishment for this project is between 6 and 9 homes rehabilitated. Funding supporting Rebuilding Together Thurston County's Critical Home Repair program serves low-income homeowners with the following eligibility criteria: homeowners must live in Olympia, must meet income requirements, must be unable to do the work on their own, and must either have a disability, be a senior citizen, military veteran, or a family with young children. Rebuilding Together Thurston County has received City of Olympia CDBG awards beginning in Program Year 2021.

Enterprise for Equity Microenterprise Assistance Program - \$84,077

Funding will support their Microbusiness Development Program. Enterprise for Equity is intending to provide specialized training for over 50 low- and moderate-income local entrepreneurs. City CDBG has supported Enterprise for Equity's programs consistently beginning in 2018.

South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity Critical Home Repair Program – \$84,077

Funding is recommended for the Critical Home Repair program. Examples of home repairs include mold remediation, roof repair or replacement, and bathroom accessibility improvements. An estimated 5 to 8 low- and moderate-income households will participate in the Home Repair program in the upcoming program year. South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity's Critical Home Repair Program is available for eligible low-income homeowners that meet program criteria, including a documented need, ability to contribute financially towards a small percentage of their repair costs, and willingness to partner with sweat equity requirements. Habitat's Critical Home Repair Program began receiving funding in Program Year 2023, and has increased capacity annually.

South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity Energize Thurston Program - \$84,077

Funding will go towards the fully subsidized installation of energy efficient heat pumps for low-income Olympia homeowners. The recommended funding for this project will install heat pumps in approximately 5 to 8 homes. Subsidized installations are managed

by subrecipient South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity. City CDBG funding has been used for Energize Olympia and Energize Thurston since Program Year 2022.

Planning and Administration Costs – \$75,283

Costs for City staff salary and benefits for administering the CDBG program. This is capped by HUD at 20% of the Program Year 2026 entitlement award.

Total recommended funding: \$411,591

Contingency Projects proposed for Program Year 2026 are critical home repair programs provided by subrecipients Rebuilding Together Thurston County and South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity and the Energize Thurston program. Funding is to be awarded to projects based on demonstrated need and availability.