

PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT – OLYMPIA CDBG PROGRAM YEAR 2021

Overview: Staff recommend a *Substantial Amendment* to the current Program Year 2021 (9/1/21 – 8/31/22) CDBG Annual Action Plan to **install solar panels at Quixote Village to low-income residents.**

Rental Rehabilitation: Community Development Block Grant funds will be awarded to Olympia Community Solar to install a 73 kW rooftop solar energy system at Quixote Village. The systems, engineered and installed by South Sound Solar, include SilFab modules, SolarEdge inverters and monitoring, and South Sound Solar has included a year's panel cleaning and inspection. The project will provide Quixote Village with long term stability from an estimated \$551,330 in energy savings over 40 years.

One hundred sixteen solar modules will be installed on the Villages' community building. The building houses the villages' kitchen, showers, and staff offices. Four solar modules will be installed on each of the thirty tiny homes, totaling 120 modules. The total cost of the project is \$159,000. All other funding is secured by outside funding. The installation is set to begin in spring 2022.

Quixote Communities' mission is to provide permanent supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness. They create and manage tiny home villages that foster community, encourage personal growth, and promote access to the care and services residents need. Quixote Communities' first village, Quixote Village in Olympia, houses 30 previously homeless adults whose income is at or below 30% AMI (area median income). Supportive staff at Quixote Village work one-on-one with residents to help them gain access to basic needs including care coordination for mental and physical health, substance use disorder, and education and employment. Residents live in individual tiny homes and are also part of a built in self-supporting community of peers.

Olympia Community Solar is a non-profit charity with the mission to steward an equitable and accessible transition to clean energy.

Proposed Substantial Amendment: This proposed Substantial Amendment must go through our "CDBG Citizen Participation Plan" with 30 days for public comment. This public process can run concurrent to the Program Year 2021 Annual Action Plan public process. This meets the definition of a Significant Amendment to the Annual Action Plan because of the following:

- A change in allocation priorities, which is considered a change of federal funds awarded to a project of greater than 30 percent or \$30,000, whichever is greater;
- A major change in the scope of an activity;
- The addition or deletion of a specific activity;
- A change in the beneficiaries of an activities; or

CDBG Eligibility: Rental Rehabilitation is eligible for CDBG funding and meets the national objective of Low-Moderate Housing Activity:

Energy Efficiency Improvements: Housing rehabilitation with the sole purpose of improving energy efficiency (e.g. weatherization, solar, etc) **HUD Code 14F**

DRAFT AMENDMENT OF PROGRAM YEAR 2021 CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Highlighted in yellow is the proposed amendment to the Olympia PY 2021 Plan, to be funded by re-allocated funds from prior CDBG years:

Recipient	Project	HUD Goal(s)	HUD Objectives	Proposed Funding
Olympia Community Solar	Housing	Rental Rehabilitation	LMH – Low/Moderate Housing	\$78,269.75
Rebuilding Together South Sound	Housing	Rental Rehabilitation	LMH – Low/Moderate Housing	\$100,000
Northwest Coop Development Center	Business Training and Technical Assistance	Economic Development	LMJ – Low/Moderate Jobs	\$50,000
Housing Authority Thurston Count	Housing	Rental Rehabilitation	LMH – Low/Moderate Housing	\$50,000
Homes First	Housing	Housing Administration	LMH – Low/Moderate Housing	\$50,000
City of Olympia	Olympia Downtown Ambassadors	Public Services	LMC – Low/Moderate Income – Limited Clientele	\$50,000
City of Olympia	Program Administration	N/A	N/A	\$91,548
		PY 2021	ALLOCATIONS	\$469,817.75

PUBLIC COMMENT

The 30-Day public comment period runs from **Oct 22, 2021 – 12:00pm, Nov 22, 2021**, offering the following options:

- **Written comments:** Olympia City Council, 601 4th Ave E, Olympia, WA 98501
- **Emails:** cdbg@ci.olympia.wa.us,
- **Phone calls:** 360-280-8951
- **Public hearing:** 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, Nov 9, 2021 at City Council via Zoom

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